

The Festival of Lights: A Diwali Quiz with Ellie

Learning objective: To understand the significance, traditions, and symbolism of Diwali, the Hindu festival of light.

Join Ellie the elephant as she explores the history and traditions of Diwali. Read the questions carefully and use your best memory to solve these puzzles!

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.True, 3.False, 4.Diyas, 5.B, 6.Rangoli, 7.True, 8.A, 9.Lakshmi, 10.False. Diwali is the Hindu festival of light which celebrates the victory of light over darkness and good over evil.

Word bank: Diwali · Diyas · Rangoli · Lakshmi · Light · Victory · New Year · Goodness

1. 1. What does the word 'Diwali' represent? A) A feast of winter, B) A dance of spring, C) A row of lights*, D) A rainy season. (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Diwali is celebrated to mark the victory of good over evil. (True/False) (1 mark)

3. 3. True or False: Diwali is only celebrated by people living in London. (True/False) (1 mark)

4. 4. What are the small clay lamps used to decorate homes during Diwali called? (1 mark)

5. 5. Which of these is a common tradition during Diwali? A) Planting trees, B) Making colourful patterns on the floor*, C) Swimming in the sea, D) Building snowmen. (1 mark)

6. 6. What is the name of the beautiful, colourful patterns created on the floor using coloured sand or powder? (1 mark)

7. 7. True or False: New clothes are often worn to celebrate the start of the Diwali festival. (True/False) (1 mark)

8. 8. Which of these is a popular food item during Diwali celebrations? A) Sweets and treats*, B) Frozen fish, C) Plain boiled rice, D) Bitter herbs. (1 mark)

9. 9. Which goddess is often welcomed into homes during Diwali to bring prosperity? (1 mark)

10. 10. True or False: Diwali is a festival that lasts for exactly one hour. (True/False) (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a beautiful Rangoli pattern using geometric shapes like squares, triangles, and circles. Make sure it is bright and colourful!



Extension challenge: 1. Explain why light is such an important symbol in the story of Diwali. 2. Compare and contrast how Diwali is celebrated in a home today versus how it might have been celebrated long ago. 3. Justify your answer: Why do you think sharing sweets is an important part of community celebrations? 4. What might happen if people did not decorate their homes with lamps during the festival? 5. If you were planning a Diwali feast, what three traditional snacks would you include and why? 6. Design a 'modern' diya lamp that uses an eco-friendly light source; describe how it works.