

Diwali: The Festival of Lights with Ellie

Learning objective: To write a short recount about the traditions and meaning of Diwali.

Read the opening sentence. Use the questions below to help you write your own sentences about Diwali. Use the word bank to help you.

Diwali is a wonderful festival of lights that many people celebrate with joy.

Word bank: Diwali · festival · lights · celebrate · family · bright · special · because · firstly · also · finally

1. What do families do to get their homes ready for Diwali? (Think about cleaning or decorations): Firstly, families... (2 marks)

2. Why do people light small lamps called diyas? (Think about the meaning of light): People light the lamps because... (2 marks)

3. What kind of special food or clothes do people enjoy during the festival? Also, people like to... (2 marks)

4. How do you feel when you think about this happy festival? Finally, I think Diwali is... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Can you write one sentence about a festival you enjoy? Use one of the words from the word bank.