

Exploring Hinduism with Pip and Ellie

Learning objective: To understand key beliefs and symbols in Hinduism.

Read the questions carefully. Use the word bank to help you write your answers. Pip the caterpillar and Ellie the elephant are here to help you learn!

In Hinduism, people believe in one supreme power called Brahman. Hindus often visit a place of worship called a Mandir. Many families also have a small, special place in their home for prayer called a shrine. The symbol 'Aum' is very important in Hinduism. The festival of Diwali is known as the festival of lights.

Word bank: Brahman · Aum · Mandir · Diwali · Shrine

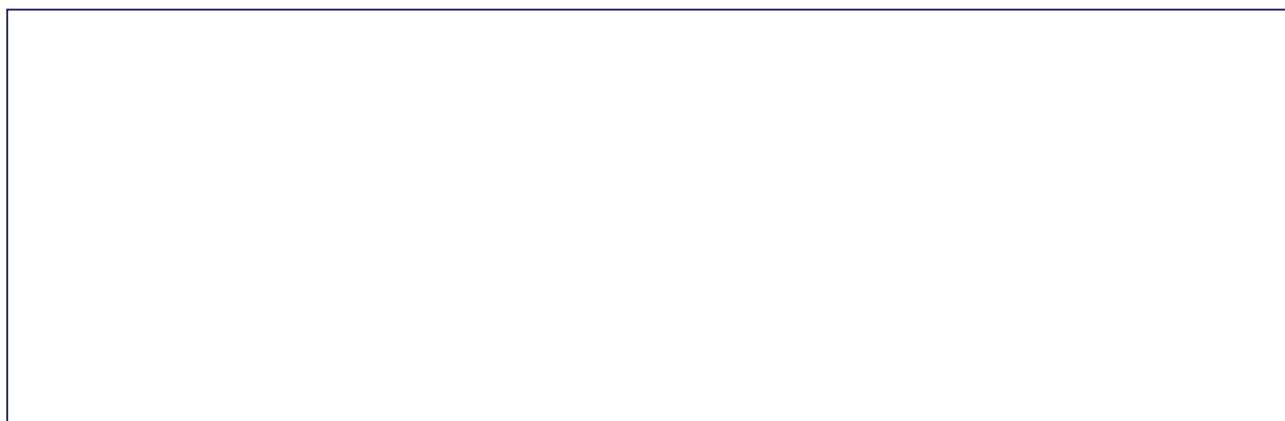
1. What is the name of the place where Hindus go to worship? (1 mark)

2. What is the name of the festival of lights? (1 mark)

3. Look at the symbol 'Aum'. Why do you think symbols are important in a religion? (2 marks)

4. Ellie has a special place in her home to pray. What do we call this special place? (1 mark)

Draw: Draw the symbol 'Aum' in the centre of a circle. Around the outside, draw some small, bright candles to celebrate Diwali.



Extension challenge: Write one sentence about why lights are used during the festival of Diwali.