

Diwali: The Festival of Lights with Ellie

Learning objective: To sequence the main events of the Diwali story and understand why it is celebrated as a festival of light over darkness.

Ellie the elephant has been reading about the story of Diwali, the festival of light. Below are five parts of the story, but they have got mixed up! Read the sentences carefully and number them from 1 to 5 to show the correct order of events.

Word bank: Rama · Sita · Diwali · Lamps · Light · Home · Return

1. 1. People light small clay lamps called diyas to show the way home. (Order number) (1 mark)

2. 2. Prince Rama and his wife Sita have to leave their kingdom for many years. (Order number) (1 mark)

3. 3. Everyone is very happy that the Prince and Sita have come back. (Order number) (1 mark)

4. 4. The people of the kingdom light up the streets to celebrate the victory of light over darkness. (Order number) (1 mark)

5. 5. Finally, the long journey ends and Rama and Sita return home. (Order number) (1 mark)

6. Why do you think the people lit lamps to welcome them home? (Explain your thoughts) (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a bright, glowing diya lamp to help light the way for Rama and Sita. Make sure to add patterns around your lamp to show it shining!



Extension challenge: Write one sentence about a time you have celebrated a special festival with your friends or family. Tell us what made you feel happy.