

The Festival of Lights: Writing About Diwali

Learning objective: To write a short recount of the story of Rama and Sita, using capital letters and full stops.

Read the story of Diwali with Ellie the elephant. Use this frame to write your own version of the story. Remember to use your best handwriting and check your capital letters and full stops.

Long ago, a brave prince named Rama and his kind wife Sita went on a very long journey.

Word bank: Rama · Sita · Diwali · festival · lights · bright · lamps · home · journey · happy · and · but · so

1. The Journey: Why did Rama and Sita have to leave their home? Start your sentence with: They had to leave because... (2 marks)

2. The Return: How did the people feel when Rama and Sita finally came back? Start your sentence with: The people were happy because... (2 marks)

3. The Lights: What did the people light to help Rama and Sita find their way? Start your sentence with: To show the way, they lit... (2 marks)

4. The Celebration: What do people do to celebrate Diwali today? Start your sentence with: Today, families celebrate by... (2 marks)

5. My Favorite Part: What is your favorite part of the Diwali story and why? Start your sentence with: My favorite part is... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Write one sentence about how you would decorate your house if you were celebrating the festival of lights.