

Exploring Hindu Beliefs with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To understand key concepts within Hinduism, including Brahman, deities, and the significance of dharma and karma.

Ellie the Elephant has been learning about the diversity of Hinduism. Help her organize these key concepts by sorting the statements into the correct categories: 'Concepts and Beliefs' or 'Deities and Avatars'. Then, answer the questions to show your understanding.

Word bank: Brahman · Dharma · Karma · Ganesha · Lakshmi · Saraswati · Atman

1. Sort the following terms into the correct category: Brahman, Ganesha, Dharma, Lakshmi, Karma, Saraswati, Atman. (4 marks)

2. Explain in your own words what 'Karma' means to a Hindu believer. (2 marks)

3. Why do many Hindus believe it is important to follow their 'Dharma' or duty in life? (2 marks)

4. Ganesha is often called the 'Remover of Obstacles'. Why might someone pray to Ganesha before starting a new project or task? (2 marks)

5. Describe the relationship between the individual soul (Atman) and the ultimate reality (Brahman) according to Hindu philosophy. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Ganesha, including at least two symbolic items often associated with him, such as a lotus flower or a sweet treat.



Extension challenge: Research the festival of Diwali. Write a short paragraph explaining how the story of Rama and Sita teaches Hindus about the victory of light over darkness and good over evil.