

The Story of Diwali with Pip

Learning objective: To understand the key events in the story of Diwali and use descriptive language.

Read the story below. Use the word bank to help you answer the questions. You can use the sentence starters to help you write your answers.

Pip the caterpillar loves to read stories about light and kindness. One of Pip's favourite stories is about Diwali. Long ago, a prince named Rama and his wife Sita had to go away from their home. They were away for a very long time. The people in their city missed them very much. When Rama and Sita finally returned home, the people were so happy. They wanted to show the way home in the dark. They lit hundreds of small clay lamps. The light from the lamps shone brightly in the night. This is why Diwali is called the Festival of Light. It is a time to celebrate goodness and victory over darkness.

Word bank: Diwali · light · Rama · Sita · victory · lamps · kindness

1. Who are the two main people in this story? (2 marks)

2. Why did the people light the lamps? (2 marks)

3. What is another name for Diwali? (1 mark)

4. How do you think the people felt when Rama and Sita came home? Use the sentence starter: I think they felt... (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of the bright clay lamps lighting up the dark night.



Extension challenge: Write a short sentence about why light is important to you.