

Diwali: A Story of Light

Learning objective: To recount the story of Diwali and describe the significance of the festival using a diary entry format.

Imagine you are celebrating Diwali with your friends. Read the story prompt provided by Ellie the Elephant. Use the diary entry template below to describe how the festival of light is celebrated. Use the word bank to help you with your sentences.

Word bank: Diwali · festival · light · diya · lamp · celebrate · family · rangoli · joy · kindness

1. The Date: Write today's date and how the celebration began. (Sentence starter: Today is a special day because...) (2 marks)

2. The Lights: Describe the diyas. How do they make the house look? (Sentence starter: I lit the small clay lamps and they...) (2 marks)

3. The Decorations: Describe the colourful rangoli patterns you see on the floor. (Sentence starter: On the floor, there is a beautiful pattern made of...) (2 marks)

4. The Feeling: How does it feel to celebrate with family? (Sentence starter: I feel very happy because...) (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Write one sentence about a gift or a special meal you might share with your family during Diwali.