

A Story of Light: Writing about Diwali

Learning objective: To write a short story about the festival of Diwali using a clear structure.

Use this writing frame to help you tell the story of Diwali. Use the word bank to make your sentences interesting. Write neatly and remember to use capital letters and full stops.

Long ago, in a kingdom far away, the people prepared for a very special festival of light.

Word bank: long ago · brightly · suddenly · however · because · the next day · festival · celebrate · lamps · kindness

1. The Beginning: Who lived in the kingdom and what were they getting ready for? Start with: In the golden city, the people were busy because... (2 marks)

2. The Problem: What happened to make the people sad or worried? Start with: One day, everything changed when... (2 marks)

3. The Solution: How did the people bring the light back? Start with: To help the light return, the clever people decided to... (2 marks)

4. The Ending: How do people celebrate Diwali today? Start with: Now, every year, families celebrate by... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Can you add a sentence using the word 'sparkling' to describe the rows of oil lamps (diyas)?