

Diwali: The Festival of Lights with Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To understand the meaning of Diwali and how it is celebrated by Hindus, Sikhs, and Jains.

Max the Monkey loves solving puzzles! Use the word bank to help you answer these questions about Diwali. Read each question carefully and write your answers in the spaces provided.

Diwali is a special festival celebrated by many people. It is known as the Festival of Light. People light small oil lamps called diyas to show that light wins over darkness. Families clean their homes and make beautiful patterns on the floor called rangoli. They share sweets and spend time with their loved ones to celebrate goodness.

Word bank: Diwali · Light · Diyas · Rangoli · Family · Goodness

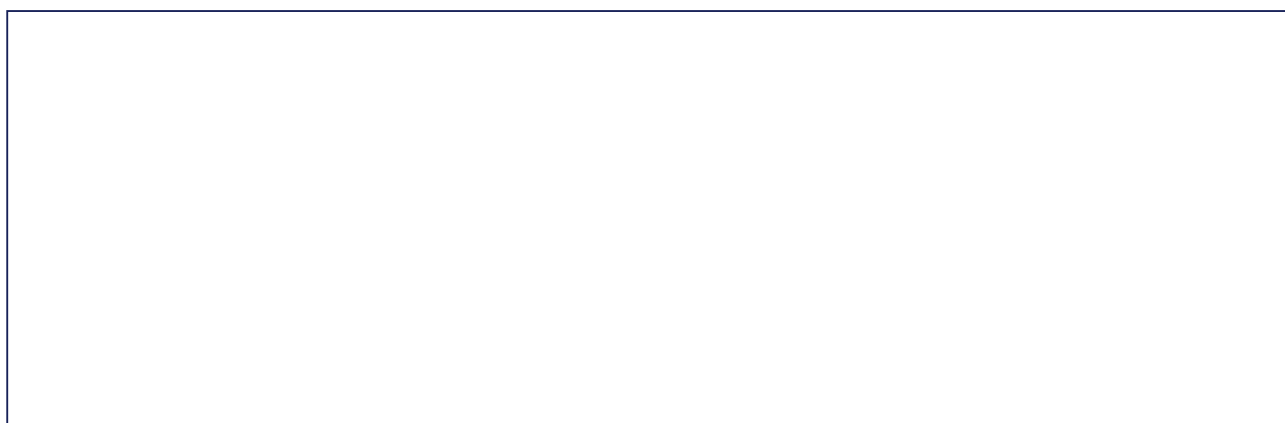
1. 1. What is another name for Diwali? (Hint: Think about what it celebrates!) (1 mark)

2. 2. What are the small oil lamps used during Diwali called? (1 mark)

3. 3. What do people use to make colourful patterns on the floor? (1 mark)

4. 4. Why do you think people celebrate Diwali with their family? Use the word bank to help you start your sentence: 'People celebrate with their _____ because...' (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a bright, glowing diya lamp. Add some colourful patterns around it like a rangoli design.



Extension challenge: Max the Monkey wants to know: If you were giving a gift to a friend for Diwali, what would you give them and why?