

Diwali: The Festival of Lights with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To understand the key elements and sequence of the Diwali story, focusing on the triumph of light over darkness.

Ellie the Elephant has been reading about the story of Diwali, but her notes have got mixed up! Read the event cards below and put them in the correct chronological order from 1 to 6. Once you have sequenced them, answer the questions to explain why these moments are important.

Word bank: Rama · Sita · Diwali · Diyas · Exile · Ayodhya · Victory

1. 1. Prince Rama and his wife Sita are sent away from their home for fourteen years (the exile).
2. 2. They return home to the city of Ayodhya after a long journey.
3. 3. The people light small oil lamps called diyas to guide them home.
4. 4. Rama and Sita face many challenges and show great courage.
5. 5. People celebrate the victory of light over darkness and good over evil.
6. 6. Families clean their homes and decorate them with bright colours.

Write the numbers 1-6 in the correct order of the story: (2 marks)

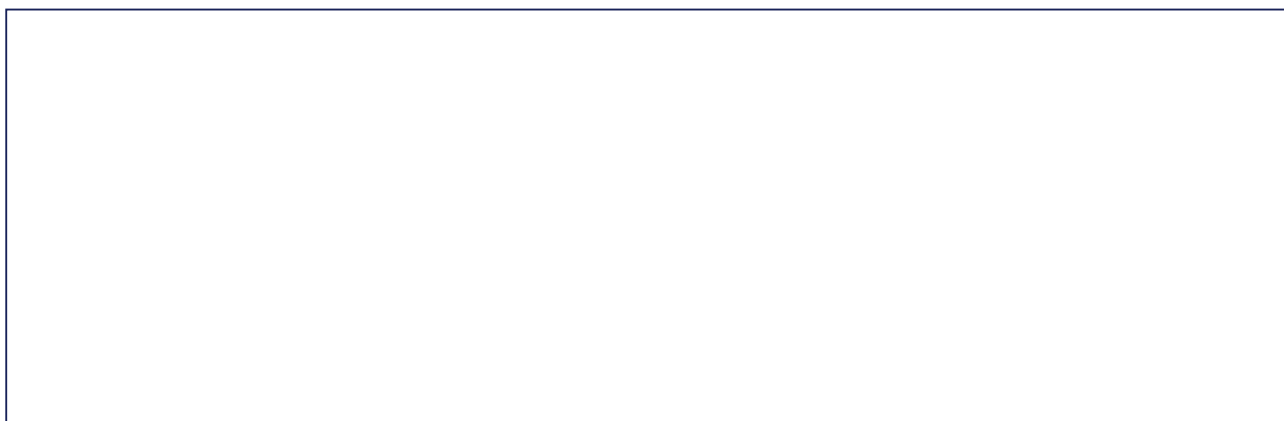
2. Why do you think the people of Ayodhya lit lamps to welcome Rama and Sita back home? (2 marks)

3. What does the word 'victory' mean in the context of the Diwali story? (2 marks)

4. If you were helping to prepare for Diwali, what colours or patterns would you use to decorate your home? (1 mark)

5. How does the story of Diwali make people feel hopeful? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a beautiful diya lamp decorated with patterns. Add some glowing light coming from the flame to show how it brightens the darkness.



Extension challenge: Write a short poem of four lines about the festival of Diwali. Think about words like 'glow', 'shine', 'lamp', and 'friendship' to include in your poem.