

Diwali: The Festival of Light

Learning objective: To demonstrate understanding of the story of Rama and Sita and the significance of Diwali.

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions below. Use full sentences where appropriate.

Diwali is known as the Festival of Light. It is a special celebration that reminds people that light will always overcome darkness, and good will always triumph over evil. The story of Diwali tells of Prince Rama and his wife, Princess Sita. They were sent away from their home in the city of Ayodhya for many years. When they finally returned, the people of the city were overjoyed. To help Rama and Sita find their way home in the dark night, the villagers placed rows of small clay oil lamps, called diyas, outside their houses. Today, families celebrate by lighting diyas, decorating their homes with colourful Rangoli patterns, and sharing delicious sweets with friends and family.

Word bank: Diwali · Rama · Sita · Diyas · Ayodhya · Victory · Good · Evil · Rangoli

1. Why is Diwali often called the Festival of Light? (2 marks)

2. Who are the two main characters in this traditional story? (2 marks)

3. Why did the villagers of Ayodhya place diyas outside their homes? (3 marks)

4. List two ways that modern families celebrate Diwali today. (2 marks)

5. Max the monkey wants to buy 3 boxes of Diwali sweets for his friends. Each box costs £4. How much money does he spend in total? (2 marks)

6. Explain how the message of the story of Rama and Sita is still important in the world today. Give a reason for your answer. (4 marks)

7. Imagine you are helping Pip the bookworm write a short story about a new Diwali celebration. Write a paragraph (4-5 sentences) describing how you would decorate your house to welcome Rama and Sita home, including the use of lights and colours. (10 marks)

Draw: Draw a beautiful Rangoli pattern using geometric shapes like triangles, squares, and circles. Add small glowing diyas around the edge of your design.



Extension challenge: Total: /25