

The Festival of Lights: A Diwali Quiz with Pip

Learning objective: To demonstrate understanding of the Diwali story, including key characters, themes, and traditions.

Read the story summary below and help Pip the bookworm answer these 10 questions about the festival of Diwali.

Diwali is known as the Festival of Lights. It celebrates the story of Prince Rama and his wife, Sita, returning home after a long exile. The people of their kingdom were so happy to see them that they lit rows of small clay oil lamps, called diyas, to guide them home in the darkness. Diwali represents the victory of light over darkness and good over evil. Today, families clean their homes, wear new clothes, and create beautiful patterns on the floor called rangoli using coloured sand or flower petals.

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

1. 1. What is another name for Diwali? A) The Festival of Colour B) The Festival of Lights* C) The Summer Festival D) The Winter Party (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Diwali celebrates the story of a Prince and his wife returning home. (True/False) (1 mark)

3. 3. What are the small clay oil lamps called? (1 word) (1 mark)

4. 4. Why were the lamps lit in the story? A) To cook food B) To keep the house warm C) To guide the Prince and Sita home* D) To read books (1 mark)

5. 5. Diwali symbolises the victory of light over what? (1 word) (1 mark)

6. 6. True or False: People decorate their floors with patterns called rangoli. (True/False) (1 mark)

7. 7. What do families often do to their homes before the festival? A) Paint them blue B) Clean them* C) Move to a new house D) Lock the doors (1 mark)

8. 8. What are rangoli patterns often made from? A) Plastic and metal B) Coloured sand or flower petals* C) Sticky tape D) Paper and glue (1 mark)

9. 9. True or False: Diwali represents the victory of evil over good. (True/False) (1 mark)

10. 10. Who is the main Prince in the story? (1 word) (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a beautiful diya lamp glowing in the dark, surrounded by colourful patterns like a rangoli design.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are inviting a friend to a Diwali party. Write a short invitation (3-4 sentences) explaining one thing you will do to celebrate, such as lighting lamps or sharing sweets.