

A Diary Entry for Diwali: A Celebration of Light

Learning objective: To write a diary entry from the perspective of a character celebrating Diwali, using descriptive language and chronological order.

Imagine you are celebrating the festival of Diwali with your family. Use this diary template to record the events of the day. Remember to use your best handwriting, include adjectives to describe the sights and sounds, and write in the first person (using 'I'). Think about what Pip and Zara might see during the festival!

Word bank: diya · rangoli · celebration · festive · sparkling · traditional · delicious · festival of light · joyful

1. The Morning Preparations: Describe how you helped prepare for the festival. Did you help create a colourful rangoli pattern or clean the house? (3 marks)

2. The Festive Meal: Write about the delicious food you ate. What were the flavours and textures like? (2 marks)

3. Lighting the Diyas: Explain how the house looked once the sun went down and the oil lamps were lit. (3 marks)

4. A Special Moment: Tell me about your favourite part of the day. Why did this moment make you feel happy? (2 marks)

5. Reflecting on the Day: How did the festival bring your family together? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Write a short poem about the flickering light of a diya to share with your friends, just like Leo the lion would write!