

The Story of Diwali: A Writing Frame

Learning objective: To write a clear and coherent narrative retelling the story of Diwali using appropriate sentence structure and descriptive language.

Use the prompts below to help you retell the story of Rama and Sita. Think about the setting, the feelings of the characters, and why the lamps were lit. Remember to use your word bank to make your writing flow.

Long ago, in a kingdom filled with light and happiness, Prince Rama and Princess Sita prepared for a long journey.

Word bank: meanwhile · suddenly · eventually · bravely · brightly · as soon as · because · in the distance · golden · joyfully

1. The Journey: Describe where Rama and Sita went and how they felt leaving their home. You could start with: 'The journey was long, but they remained hopeful because...' (2 marks)

2. The Challenge: Explain what happened when they faced the shadows. Think about who helped them or what they had to overcome. Start with: 'Suddenly, a difficult challenge appeared when...' (2 marks)

3. The Return Home: Describe the moment the people of the city knew they were coming back. Start with: 'To guide them home safely, the villagers decided to...' (2 marks)

4. The Meaning of Light: Why did they light the clay lamps (diyas)? Start with: 'The glowing lamps were important because they represented...' (2 marks)

5. The Celebration: How did the kingdom change once the lights were lit? Start with: 'As the city sparkled with light, everyone felt...' (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are a villager waiting for Rama and Sita to return. Write three sentences in your diary about how you decorated your home and why you felt excited to light your lamp.