

Hinduism: A Journey of Discovery with Ellie

Learning objective: To demonstrate knowledge and understanding of key beliefs, practices, and traditions within Hinduism.

Join Ellie the elephant on a journey through history and culture! Use your memory and knowledge of Hinduism to answer these 10 questions. Read each question carefully before you decide on your answer.

Answer Key: 1. A (Brahman), 2. True, 3. Diwali, 4. C (Mandir), 5. True, 6. Karma, 7. B (Aum), 8. False, 9. Dharma, 10. False. Note: Hinduism is one of the world's oldest religions and is noted for its diversity of beliefs and practices.

Word bank: Brahman · Dharma · Karma · Diwali · Mandir · Aum · Puja · Moksha

1. 1. In Hinduism, the supreme cosmic spirit that is present in all things is known as: A) Brahman*, B) Vishnu, C) Shiva, D) Ganesha (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Hinduism is considered one of the oldest religions in the world. (1 mark)

3. 3. Which festival of lights is celebrated by Hindus to symbolise the victory of light over darkness? (1 mark)

4. 4. Where do Hindus go to worship and offer prayers? A) Church, B) Mosque, C) Mandir*, D) Synagogue (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: The word 'Aum' (or Om) is considered a sacred sound and symbol in Hinduism. (1 mark)

6. 6. What is the name for the concept that every action has a consequence that influences a person's future? (1 mark)

7. 7. Which of these is a popular Hindu deity often associated with wisdom and new beginnings? A) Rama, B) Ganesha*, C) Krishna, D) Saraswati (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: All Hindus believe in exactly the same way and have only one holy book. (1 mark)

9. 9. What term refers to the 'duty' or 'right way of living' that a person should follow? (1 mark)

10. 10. True or False: The river Ganges is considered an ordinary river with no spiritual significance. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a beautiful 'Rangoli' pattern that you might see outside a home during Diwali, using colourful geometric shapes and symmetry.



Extension challenge: 1. Explain why the festival of Diwali is significant to Hindus in terms of the story of Rama and Sita. 2. Compare and contrast the concept of 'Karma' with the idea of 'consequences' in your own life. 3. Justify why symbols like 'Aum' are important for religious identity. 4. What might happen if a community did not have a shared space like a Mandir to gather? 5. Research and describe the significance of the River Ganges. 6. If you were designing a display about Hinduism, which three aspects would you choose to highlight to best explain the religion to a friend, and why?