

Diwali: The Festival of Light with Pip the Caterpillar

Learning objective: To recall key facts about the story of Diwali and understand why it is celebrated.

Read the story summary below. Then, answer the questions. Use the Word Bank if you need help. You can do this!

Diwali is the Festival of Light. It is a special time for many families. The story tells of Prince Rama and his wife, Sita. They had been away for a long time. They were finally traveling back to their kingdom. The people were very happy they were returning. To help them find their way in the dark, the people lit many small clay lamps called diyas. They placed them in rows to show the path. It was a victory of good over evil. Today, people celebrate by sharing food, wearing new clothes, and lighting diyas to welcome goodness into their homes.

Word bank: Diwali · Rama · Sita · Light · Diyas · Ravana · Home · Victory

1. 1. What is the name of the festival? A) Christmas B) Diwali* C) Easter D) Eid (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Diwali is known as the Festival of Dark. (1 mark)

3. 3. Who was the Prince in the story? (One word answer) (1 mark)

4. 4. What did the people use to light the way? A) Torches B) Candles C) Diyas* D) Bulbs (1 mark)

5. 5. Who was the wife of Prince Rama? (One word answer) (1 mark)

6. 6. True or False: The people were happy that Rama and Sita were returning. (1 mark)

7. 7. What were the lamps made of? A) Plastic B) Metal C) Clay* D) Wood (1 mark)

8. 8. Where did the people place the lamps? (One word answer: _____) (1 mark)

9. 9. Diwali celebrates the victory of: A) Good* B) Greed C) Rain D) Speed (1 mark)

10. 10. True or False: People wear new clothes for Diwali. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a beautiful diya lamp with a bright flame. Add some colorful patterns around it like Zara the Zebra would do!



Extension challenge: Write one sentence about a time you celebrated with your family. Use this sentence starter: 'I felt happy when...'