

Diwali: The Festival of Lights with Max and Zara

Learning objective: To understand the meaning and traditions of Diwali, the Hindu festival of light.

Read each question carefully. Use the word bank to help you write your answers. Follow the sentence starters to help you write your ideas.

Max the monkey and Zara the zebra are learning about Diwali. Diwali is a special festival celebrated by Hindus, Sikhs, and Jains. It is known as the Festival of Lights. Families clean their homes, wear new clothes, and share sweets. People light small oil lamps called diyas to show the victory of light over darkness, or good over evil.

Word bank: Diwali · Light · Diyas · Rangoli · Good · Evil

1. Max asks: 'What is another name for the festival of Diwali?' Start your answer with: The other name for Diwali is... (1 mark)

2. Zara asks: 'Why do people light diyas?' Start your answer with: People light diyas to show... (2 marks)

3. Name one thing that families do to get ready for Diwali. Start your answer with: Families get ready by... (1 mark)

4. What do the lights represent in the story of Diwali? Start your answer with: The lights represent the victory of... (2 marks)

Draw: Zara loves patterns! Draw a colourful Rangoli pattern inside the square below. Use bright colours like yellow, orange, and red.



Extension challenge: Think of a kind act you can do for a friend or family member to help 'spread light' in your community. Write one sentence about what you would do.