

Diwali: The Festival of Lights with Pip and Ellie

Learning objective: To understand the key traditions, symbols, and the significance of Diwali within Hinduism, Sikhism, and Jainism.

Read the information passage carefully, then answer the 10 questions below to test your knowledge!

Diwali is a wonderful festival celebrated by millions of people around the world. It is known as the Festival of Lights. People celebrate by cleaning their homes, wearing new clothes, and sharing delicious sweets with friends and family. A special part of Diwali is lighting small oil lamps called 'diyas' to place around the home. Many families also create beautiful, colourful patterns on the floor near their front doors called 'rangoli' to welcome guests and bring good luck. The festival celebrates the victory of light over darkness and good over evil. Answer Key: 1.C, 2.True, 3.Diyas, 4.B, 5.True, 6.Rangoli, 7.A, 8.False, 9.Light, 10.True.

Word bank: Diwali · Diyas · Rangoli · Light · Celebration · Family

1. 1. What is another name for Diwali? A) The Festival of Flowers B) The Winter Fair C) The Festival of Lights* D) The Bright Day (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Families often clean their homes before Diwali starts. (1 mark)

3. 3. What are the small oil lamps used during Diwali called? (1 mark)

4. 4. What is a 'rangoli'? A) A type of sweet snack B) A colourful pattern on the floor* C) A traditional song D) A bright piece of clothing (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: Diwali is a time for sharing food with family and friends. (1 mark)

6. 6. Which word describes the patterns made on the floor to welcome guests? (1 mark)

7. 7. What does Diwali represent? A) Light winning over darkness* B) Going to sleep early C) Counting money D) Planting trees (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: Diwali is celebrated in total darkness with no lamps allowed. (1 mark)

9. 9. Fill in the blank: People light diyas to represent the triumph of _____ over darkness. (1 mark)

10. 10. True or False: Many people wear new clothes to celebrate Diwali. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a beautiful rangoli pattern on the ground using bright colours and add a few glowing diyas around the edges.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are inviting a friend to a Diwali party. Write a short invitation card explaining two things you will do to celebrate, such as eating sweets or lighting lamps.