

Diwali: The Festival of Light with Ellie

Learning objective: To understand the key traditions and meaning of Diwali as a Hindu festival.

Hello! I am Ellie the Elephant. I love learning about celebrations. Read these questions about Diwali and use the word bank to help you. Fill in the boxes with your answers.

Answer Key: 1. A (Diwali), 2. True, 3. False, 4. Lamps, 5. True, 6. Rangoli, 7. A (Family), 8. True, 9. New, 10. Light. [Note to teacher: Diwali is known as the Festival of Light. It is a time for cleaning homes, wearing new clothes, and spending time with family.]

Word bank: Diwali · Light · Lamps · Rangoli · New · Family

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

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

3. 3. True or False: Diwali is celebrated in the winter. (1 mark)

4. 4. People light small clay _____ to welcome goodness. (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: People draw colourful patterns on the floor. (1 mark)

6. 6. What is the name of the colourful patterns on the floor? (Hint: Starts with R) (1 mark)

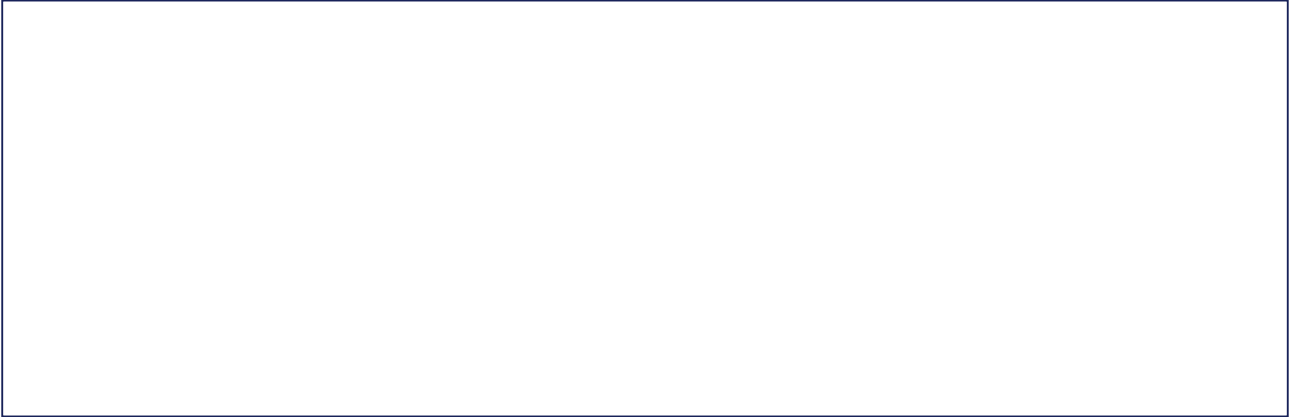
7. 7. Who do people visit during the festival? A) Family*, B) Strangers, C) Robots (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: Many people wear new clothes for Diwali. (1 mark)

9. 9. People like to buy _____ clothes for the celebration. (1 mark)

10. 10. Diwali celebrates the victory of _____ over darkness. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a small clay lamp called a Diya. Colour it bright yellow and orange to show the light.



Extension challenge: Write one sentence about a time you celebrated with your family.