

# Diwali: The Festival of Lights with Nova the Owl

*Learning objective: To understand that Diwali is a special festival celebrated by Hindus, Sikhs, and Jains, and to identify the importance of light during the celebration.*

Hello! I am Nova. I love learning about how people celebrate around the world. Look at the words in the box to help you answer these questions. Use the sentence starters to help you write.

Diwali is a famous festival. It is called the Festival of Lights. People celebrate by cleaning their homes and making them look beautiful. They light small clay lamps called diyas. They also make colourful patterns on the floor called rangoli. It is a time to be with family and friends and to be happy.

*Word bank: Diwali · Light · Diyas · Happy · Family · Rangoli*

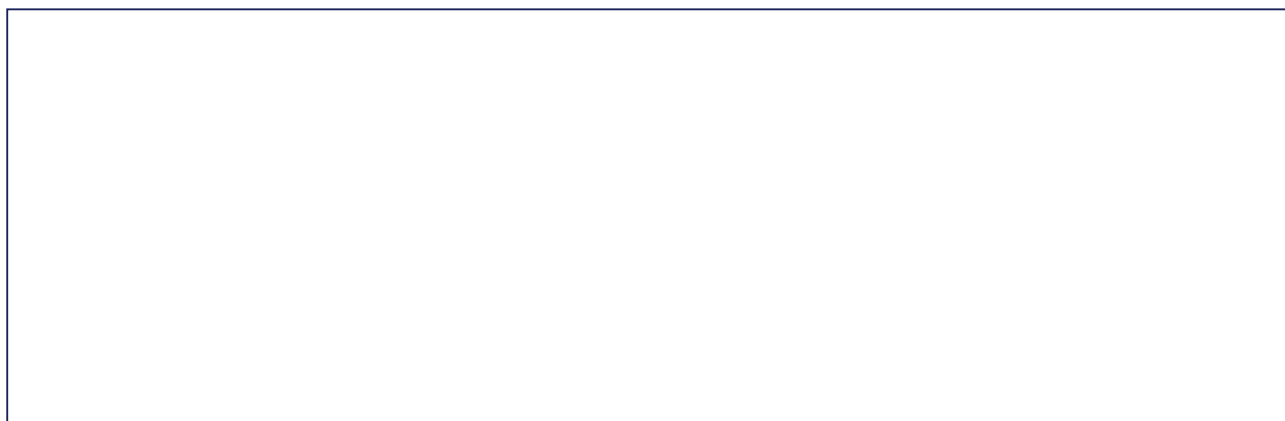
**1. 1. What is the name of the festival that celebrates light? (1 mark)**

**2. 2. Complete the sentence: People light small clay lamps called \_\_\_\_\_ to decorate their homes. (1 mark)**

**3. 3. What are the colourful patterns on the floor called? (1 mark)**

**4. 4. Why do you think people share gifts and food with their family during Diwali? (2 marks)**

**Draw: Draw a bright diya lamp and a pretty rangoli pattern on the floor below.**



*Extension challenge: Nova wants to know: If you were celebrating a festival, what special food would you share with your friends?*