

Max's Brilliant Diwali Maths and Facts Quiz

Learning objective: To identify and describe the key features and significance of the festival of Diwali for Hindus, Sikhs, and Jains.

Join Max the monkey as he explores the festival of lights! Read the facts carefully and answer all 10 questions to earn your Diwali expert badge.

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.True, 3.Diyas, 4.True, 5.False, 6.B, 7.True, 8.Lakshmi, 9.A, 10.Light. Diwali celebrates the victory of light over darkness and good over evil.

Word bank: Diwali · Diyas · Rangoli · Lamps · Lakshmi · New Year · Sikhism · Hinduism · Jainism · Light

1. 1. What is the main theme of Diwali? A) The harvest B) A birthday C) The victory of light over darkness* D) The winter solstice (1 mark)

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

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

4. 4. True or False: Families often decorate their floors with colourful patterns made from sand or powder, called Rangoli. (True/False) (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: Diwali is only celebrated by people in Europe. (True/False) (1 mark)

6. 6. Which goddess is often worshipped during Diwali to bring prosperity? A) Saraswati B) Lakshmi* C) Durga D) Parvati (1 mark)

7. 7. True or False: For many, Diwali marks the start of a new business year. (True/False) (1 mark)

8. 8. Max bought 5 clay lamps for £2.00 each. How much did he spend in total? (1 mark)

9. 9. Which three religions celebrate Diwali? A) Hinduism, Sikhism, and Jainism* B) Christianity, Islam, and Buddhism C) Judaism, Hinduism, and Taoism D) Sikhism, Baha'i, and Shinto (1 mark)

10. 10. What does the word 'Deepavali' mean in Sanskrit? (Hint: It relates to the lamps used). (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a beautiful Rangoli pattern using symmetrical geometric shapes. Add five bright clay lamps (diyas) around the edge of your design.



Extension challenge: Research why Sikhs celebrate 'Bandi Chhor Divas' at the same time as Diwali. Write a short paragraph explaining the difference.