

Diwali: The Festival of Lights

Learning objective: To write a descriptive and informative report about the significance and celebrations of Diwali.

Use this writing frame to structure your report. Remember to use formal, descriptive language and ensure your paragraphs follow a logical order. Think about the cultural importance of the festival and how people prepare for it.

Diwali, often known as the Festival of Lights, is a significant celebration observed by millions of people across the world, symbolising the spiritual victory of light over darkness and good over evil.

Word bank: significance · tradition · illuminated · symbolise · furthermore · consequently · vibrant · celebration · community · traditionally

1. Introduction: What is Diwali, and why is it celebrated? Start by saying: 'Diwali is a major festival that is celebrated by...' (2 marks)

2. Preparations: How do families prepare their homes for the festival? Start by saying: 'In the days leading up to Diwali, houses are...' (2 marks)

3. Traditions: Describe the importance of the diya lamps and rangoli patterns. Start by saying: 'A central part of the celebrations involves...' (3 marks)

4. Community and Food: How do people share the festival with friends and family? Start by saying: 'During this special time, families often come together to...' (2 marks)

5. Conclusion: What is the main message of Diwali for people today? Start by saying: 'In conclusion, the festival of Diwali is a time for...' (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are explaining Diwali to someone who has never heard of it before. Write a short paragraph explaining why the lighting of lamps (diyas) is the most important part of the celebration.