The Festival of Lights: Hanukkah Celebration

1. Menorah (1 mark)

Working: The clue describes a nine-branched candelabra.

Accept 'Menorah'.

2. Dreidel (1 mark)

Working: The clue describes a four-sided spinning top.

Accept 'Dreidel'.

3. Latkes (1 mark)

Working: The clue describes a crispy potato pancake.

Accept 'Latkes'.

4. Oil (1 mark)

Working: The clue refers to the fuel that burned for eight days.

Accept 'Oil'.

5. Gelt (1 mark)

Working: The clue describes chocolate coins given as gifts.

Accept 'Gelt'.

6. 44 candles (2 marks)

Working: 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 + 6 + 7 + 8 = 36. Plus the 8 'helper' candles (shamash) usually lit each night = 44.

Accept 36 if the child only counts the main candles, or 44 if they include the shamash.

What a secure answer looks like

A secure answer correctly identifies all five symbols from the word bank and demonstrates basic addition skills for the extension task.

If your child is stuck

Encourage the child to look at the word bank again and match the key words to the descriptions. For the maths task, suggest drawing the candles out night by night.

Common mistakes to watch for

Children often confuse the Menorah with other types of candle holders, or they may forget to include the 'shamash' (helper candle) when calculating the total number of candles.