

# The Festival of Lights: A Diwali Story

*Learning objective: To understand the significance of Diwali and identify key themes in the story of Rama and Sita.*

Read the passage about the Festival of Lights. Then, colour the scene below to show how you imagine the celebration. Finally, answer the questions to test your knowledge.

Diwali is known as the Festival of Lights. It is a special time celebrated by millions of people around the world. The story tells of Prince Rama and his wife Sita returning home after a long time away. To help them find their way in the dark, the people of the city lit rows of clay lamps called diyas. These small, flickering lights glowed everywhere, showing that goodness and light are stronger than darkness. Today, families clean their homes, wear colourful new clothes, and create beautiful patterns on the floor called rangoli. It is a time for joy, sharing delicious sweets, and spending time with loved ones.

*Word bank: Diwali · Diyas · Rangoli · Celebration · Tradition · Victory*

**1. Why did the people of the city light the clay lamps (diyas) in the story? (2 marks)**

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**2. Based on the text, what does the lighting of the lamps represent? (2 marks)**

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**3. List two things that families do to prepare for or celebrate Diwali. (2 marks)**

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**4. Why do you think the festival is called the 'Festival of Lights'? (2 marks)**

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**5. If you were buying 4 packs of decorative candles for a Diwali party at £2.50 each, how much would you spend in total? (2 marks)**

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**Draw:** A beautiful night scene featuring a row of glowing diyas on a doorstep, with a colourful, intricate rangoli pattern on the floor and a bright, starry sky above. Add Nova the owl watching the lights from a nearby tree branch.



*Extension challenge: Write a short poem of four lines about the warmth and happiness that light brings to a dark room, just like the diyas during Diwali.*