

The Festival of Lights: A Diwali Story

Learning objective: To understand the themes and traditions of Diwali by reading a narrative and using descriptive vocabulary.

Read the passage about the Diwali celebrations. Use the word bank to help you answer the questions below in full sentences.

Diwali is known as the Festival of Lights. It is a time when families clean their homes to welcome prosperity and goodness. Zara the zebra loves visiting her friends during this time. Everywhere she looks, she sees vibrant Rangoli patterns made of coloured sand decorating the doorsteps. As the sun sets, everyone lights small clay lamps called Diyas. These lamps represent the victory of light over darkness and knowledge over ignorance. Families share delicious sweets, exchange gifts, and enjoy the bright illumination that fills the streets, reminding everyone of the importance of kindness and unity.

Word bank: Diwali · Festival of Lights · Diyas · Rangoli · Prosperity · Victory · Illumination · Tradition · Celebration · Kindness

1. Why do families clean their homes at the start of Diwali? (2 marks)

2. What are Rangoli patterns made from and where are they usually placed? (2 marks)

3. Explain what the lighting of Diyas represents according to the text. (2 marks)

4. Find and copy two adjectives from the text that describe the decorations or the atmosphere. (2 marks)

5. Why do you think Diwali is called the 'Festival of Lights'? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a beautiful Rangoli pattern using geometric shapes like circles, triangles, and squares. Remember to use bright colours!



Extension challenge: Write a short poem or a descriptive paragraph about how you would celebrate a festival of light with your friends, using at least three words from the word bank.