

# The Festival of Lights: Writing Your Diwali Story

*Learning objective: To write a narrative based on the festival of Diwali, using descriptive language and fronted adverbials.*

Use the word bank and the structure below to write your own story about a family celebrating Diwali. Start by describing the preparations, then explain the significance of the lamps (diyas), and finish with a reflection on the joy of the festival.

Diwali is known as the Festival of Lights. It is a time when families clean their homes, decorate their doorsteps with colourful rangoli patterns made of sand or petals, and light small clay lamps called diyas. The glowing light symbolises the victory of light over darkness and knowledge over ignorance. For many, it is a time to share delicious sweets with neighbours, exchange gifts, and enjoy fireworks as the night sky comes alive with colour.

*Word bank: glistening · vibrant · celebration · tradition · illuminated · rangoli · festivities · kindness · twinkling · peaceful*

**1. Using your own words, describe why people light diyas during Diwali. How does this make the home look? (2 marks)**

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**2. Write a sentence describing the rangoli patterns using at least one adjective from the word bank. (2 marks)**

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**3. Identify two things people do to prepare for the festival, according to the text. (2 marks)**

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**4. If you were celebrating Diwali, what is one kind gesture you could do for a friend or neighbour? (2 marks)**

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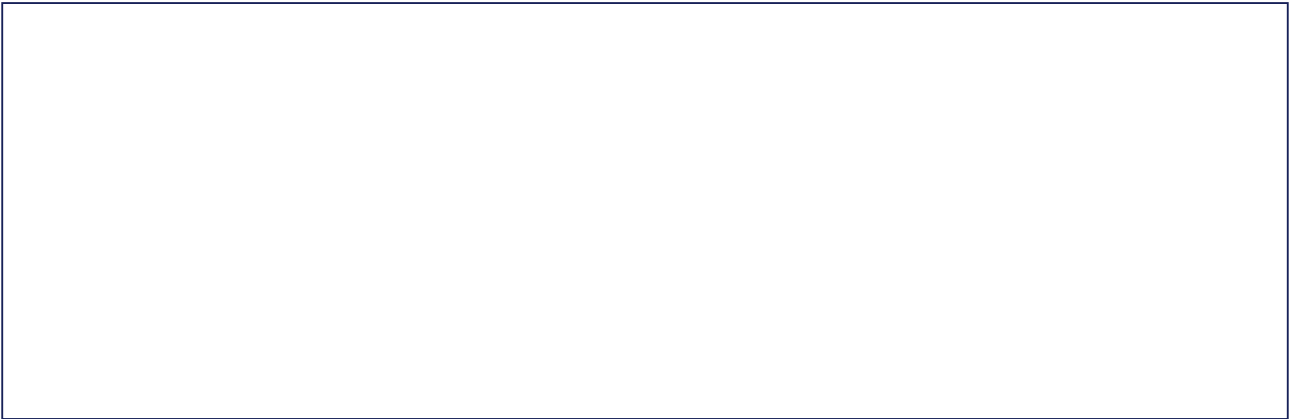
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5. Add a fronted adverbial to the start of this sentence: '\_\_\_\_\_, the family gathered together to watch the fireworks light up the dark sky.' (2 marks)

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**Draw:** Draw a picture of a house decorated for Diwali. Include a vibrant rangoli pattern on the doorstep and show the warm glow of the diyas.



*Extension challenge: Write a short poem about the light of the diyas using the 'ABCB' rhyme scheme, imagining you are sitting with Pip the bookworm caterpillar as he watches the celebrations.*