



A Row of Lamps on the Darkest Night

Read the story. 英文を読もう。

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① On one very dark night in autumn, millions of tiny lamps light up India. This is Diwali, the festival of lights. The name comes from an old word, Deepavali. It means a row of lamps. People in many other countries celebrate it too.



② Diwali usually comes in October or November, on a night with no moon. The festival lasts five

days, and Hindus, Jains, and Sikhs all celebrate it. Before it starts, families clean their homes from top to bottom. They buy new clothes and make sweets for friends and neighbors.

③ There are many stories behind Diwali. In the north of India, people remember Prince Rama. He came home after 14 years away and a long fight with an evil king. The night was dark, so people lit lamps to show him the way. In the south, many people remember how the god Krishna beat a demon.

④ On the main night, families pray to Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth and good luck. They put small clay lamps called diyas by their doors and windows. People believe the goddess visits bright and clean homes. In front of the door, they make rangoli, big colorful pictures of colored powder, rice, or flowers.

⑤ Diwali is also a time for sharing. People visit each other and give boxes of sweets. Many families enjoy fireworks, but some cities now limit them because of air pollution. In 2025, people in Ayodhya, Rama's home city, lit more than 2.6 million lamps in one night. It was a new world record for the festival of lights.

Words 単語

festival 祭り

lamp ランプ、灯り

row 列

clay 粘土

goddess 女神

wealth 富、財産

demon 悪魔、鬼

evil 悪い、邪悪な

pray 祈る

neighbor 近所の人

pollution 汚染

record 記録



Reading Check

Choose the best answer. 正しいものを選ぼう。

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1. What is the main idea of the story?

- (A) How to make fireworks safely
- (B) A school trip to India in autumn
- (C) Why the moon is dark in November
- (D) A festival of lights and its stories

2. What does the word Deepavali mean?

- (A) A row of lamps
- (B) A dark night
- (C) A new year
- (D) A sweet cake

3. How long does the festival last?

- (A) One night
- (B) Three days
- (C) Five days
- (D) Fourteen years

4. Why did people light lamps for Prince Rama?

- (A) To cook food for him
- (B) To show him the way on a dark night
- (C) To scare the evil king
- (D) To win a world record

5. In paragraph 4, what is "rangoli"?

- (A) A kind of sweet
- (B) A song for the goddess
- (C) A small clay lamp
- (D) A colorful picture on the ground

6. Which sentence is true about the story?

- (A) Diwali is always in the same week.
- (B) Families clean their homes before Diwali.
- (C) Lakshmi is the goddess of the sea.
- (D) No one uses fireworks now.

7. Why do some cities limit fireworks during Diwali?

- (A) Because the air becomes dirty
- (B) Because fireworks are too expensive
- (C) Because the goddess does not like noise
- (D) Because there is no moon

8. In the dialogue, what does Priya give Kenta?

- (A) A clay lamp
- (B) Some laddoo
- (C) A picture of Kisshoten
- (D) New clothes

True or False? 正しいければ T、ちがえば F に○

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|---|-------|
| Diwali is called the festival of lights. | T / F |
| Diwali is always on the same date every year. | T / F |
| People put small clay lamps by their doors and windows. | T / F |
| Lakshmi is the goddess of wealth and good luck. | T / F |
| Diwali is a spring festival with colored water. | T / F |
| Only Hindus celebrate Diwali. | T / F |



Word Work

Words & phrases. 単語のれんしゅう。

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① Match the pictures and the words. 絵と単語を線で結ぼう。



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● flower



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● lotus



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● dog



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● lamp



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● gift



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● candy



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● coin



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● fireworks

② Unscramble the words. 文字を並べ替えて単語にしよう。

1. A P L M

2. S S O E D D G

3. S S T E E W

4. L H G I T

5. R P A Y

6. R L O I N G A

③ Fill in the blanks. 語群から選んで () に入れよう。

rangoli

gift

lights

Diwali

snowman

dark

lamps

sweets

goddess

pumpkin

beach

night

clean

Asha's Diwali Night

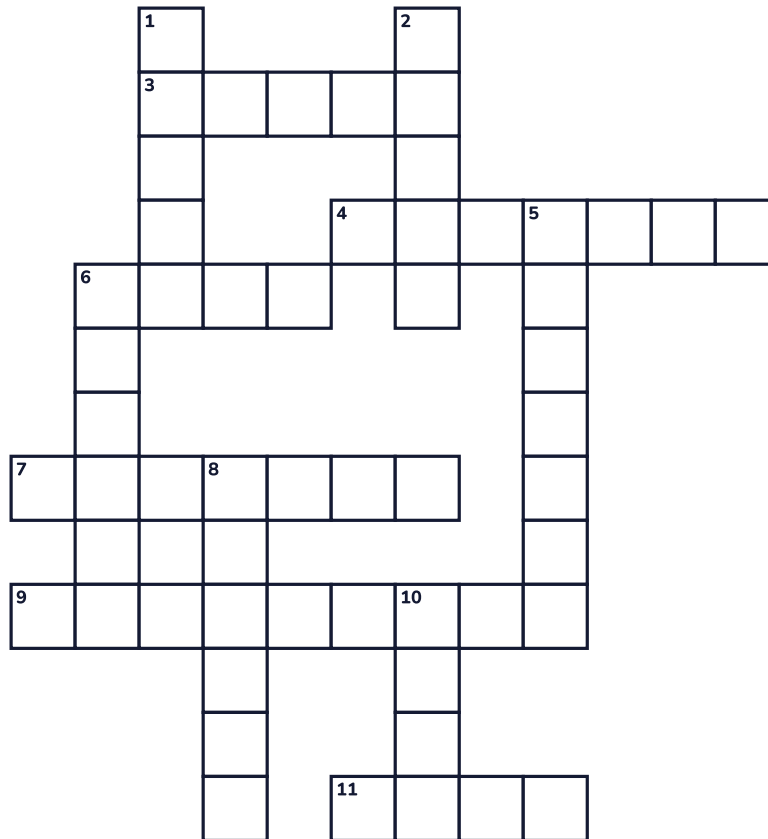
Asha lives in Delhi. Today is (1) _____. In the morning, she helps her mother (2) _____ the house. In the afternoon, she makes a big (3) _____ with red and yellow powder at the door. When the sky gets (4) _____, her family lights small clay (5) _____. They pray to the (6) _____ Lakshmi. Then Asha's uncle comes with a box of (7) _____. Asha gives him a (8) _____ too. After dinner, the family watches the bright (9) _____ in the street. "This is the best (10) _____ of the year!" Asha says.



Crossword Puzzle

Read the clues and fill in the puzzle. ヒントを読んで、クロスワードを完成させよう。

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Across →

- 3 In this country, people thank dogs during the festival. (5)
- 4 A colorful picture made with powder in front of a house. (7)
- 6 A night with no moon is very _____. (4)
- 7 The goddess of wealth and good luck. (7)
- 9 They make big colorful flowers in the night sky. (9)
- 11 A small light. People put many by the door on this night. (4)

Down ↓

- 1 The country where this festival is biggest. (5)
- 2 Families do this to their homes before the festival. (5)
- 5 A female god. (7)
- 6 The festival of lights in India. (6)
- 8 People give boxes of these to friends. (6)
- 10 A prince who came home after 14 years. (4)



Word Search

Find the hidden words. かくれた単語を探そう (→ ↓ ↘ ↗)。

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B	S	P	U	W	J	L	O	T	G	I	F	T
D	I	W	A	L	I	R	A	N	G	O	L	I
J	P	T	F	I	N	D	I	A	C	S	D	R
C	O	Y	D	I	Y	A	H	L	Y	E	A	A
A	L	N	K	M	W	V	E	L	N	O	O	M
K	L	E	V	O	L	F	A	M	I	L	Y	A
S	N	P	A	O	H	L	I	G	H	T	R	H
W	Y	A	I	N	D	L	K	N	V	T	E	N
E	C	L	I	G	R	S	R	Y	P	V	Y	L
E	I	M	J	L	A	K	S	H	M	I	S	A
T	B	I	O	K	I	S	K	W	O	W	K	M
S	K	S	G	W	Y	P	D	A	L	H	J	P

Find these words! 14

- ☐ CLEAN
- ☐ DIWALI
- ☐ DIYA
- ☐ FAMILY
- ☐ GIFT
- ☐ INDIA
- ☐ LAKSHMI
- ☐ LAMP
- ☐ LIGHT
- ☐ MOON
- ☐ NEPAL
- ☐ RAMA
- ☐ RANGOLI
- ☐ SWEETS

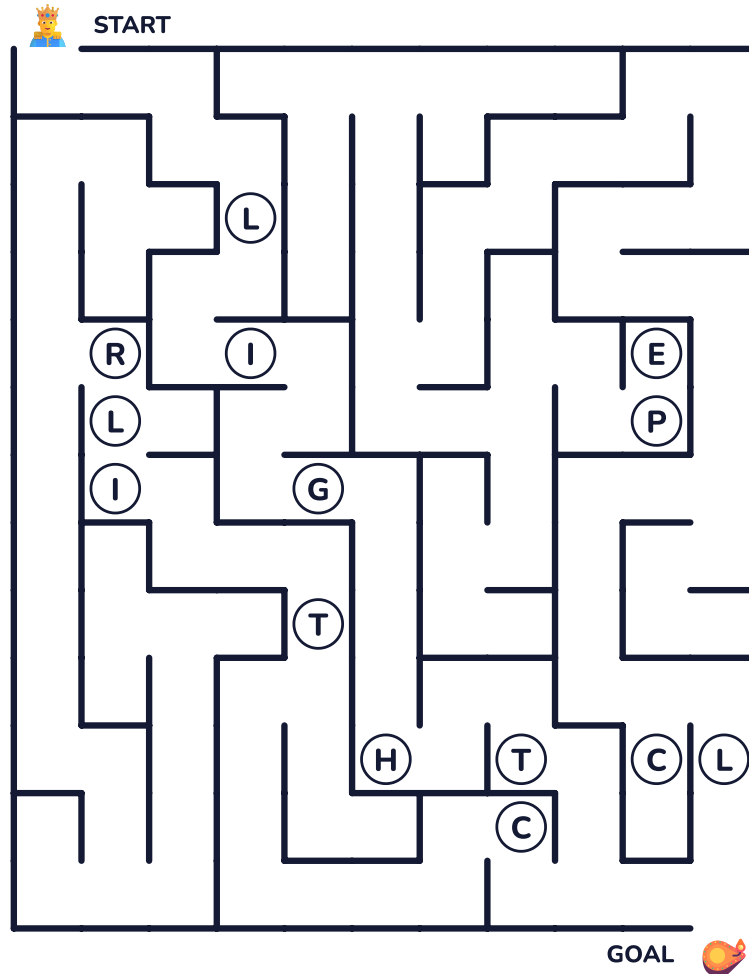
Secret Code 暗号を解こう！記号を文字に直すと、メッセージが出てくるよ。





Help Prince Rama find his way home!

Collect the letters on the right path. What is the secret word? 正しい道の文字を集めると、ひみつの言葉になるよ。



Secret word: _ _ _ _ _

Put the words in order. 並べ替えて正しい文にしよう。

1. festival / lights / the / of / is / Diwali .

2. their / Diwali / homes / clean / before / Families .

3. at / small / People / night / lamps / light .

4. boxes / of / They / give / to / sweets / friends .

5. prince / after / home / came / fourteen / The / years .



Find Someone Who... クラスで聞いて回ろう！ Ask: "Do you ...?" / "Have you ...?"

Find someone who ...	Name
... has eaten Indian food	
... likes fireworks	
... can draw a flower pattern	
... has cleaned the whole house	
... knows the name of a goddess	
... has seen Kisshoten or Enma at a temple	
... likes sweet snacks	
... has given a gift to a neighbor	

Let's Write! 英語で書いてみよう。

If I celebrated Diwali, I would put lamps _____ and make a rangoli of _____.

One thing that brings light to my life is _____ because _____.

Diwali and Obon are similar because _____. But they are different because _____.



Trace & Color

Trace the words. Then color the picture! なぞって書こう。絵に色を塗ろう。

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tamp



fireworks



lotus



candy

