Do the preparation task first. Then read the article and do the exercises to check your understanding.

Preparation
Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–e next to the numbers 1–5.

1…….. a new moon a. rockets that shoot up into the sky and explode with bright lights
2…….. fireworks b. something that holds oil or gas and burns, giving out light
3…….. a lamp c. a beautiful flower that grows on water; the national flower of India
4…….. a henna tattoo d. the moon when it is totally in the sun's shadow
5…….. a lotus flower e. a design drawn on the body with black dye

1. Check your understanding: true or false
Circle True or False for these sentences.

1. Diwali is one of the most important celebrations in India. True False
2. People celebrate Diwali in different places in Britain. True False
3. The Festival of Light is another name for Diwali. True False
4. A ‘diya’ is a small oil lamp used for decoration during Diwali. True False
5. Diwali is celebrated in November every year. True False
6. Christmas, Eid and Diwali are all celebrated at the same time of year in London. True False
7. London has the largest Diwali celebration outside of India. True False
8. The Golden Mile is a street in Leicester. True False
2. Check your vocabulary: gap fill
Complete the sentences with words from the box.

patterns  electric  Trafalgar Square  tattoos
lamps  shops  firework  moon

1. People celebrate Diwali with __________ displays.
2. __________ are drawn on the floor during Diwali.
4. The exact date of Diwali depends on the __________.
5. People paint henna __________ on their hands.
6. There is Bhangra dancing in __________ at Diwali.
7. __________ stay open late in Leicester at Diwali.
8. Many people in Britain use __________ fairy lights instead of old-fashioned oil lamps.

3. Check your grammar: multiple choice – prepositions
Circle the correct preposition to complete the sentences.

1. Diwali is one of / at / in the biggest events in the Indian calendar.
2. The word Diwali comes of / from / by the Sanskrit language.
3. Diwali is celebrated every year on the darkest night of the month at / on / in October or November.
4. London is a multicultural city where people at / of / for different ethnic groups and religions live.
5. You can join in with / to / by celebrations for Diwali in London’s Trafalgar Square.
6. Leicester has one of the largest Diwali celebrations outside at / from / of India.
7. There is a display of thousands of lights along / to / under Belgrave Road.
8. Instead in / at / of traditional gold and silver gifts, sometimes people give money.

Discussion
Do people celebrate Diwali where you live?