

Learn**English** Teens Read UK: Diwali – exercises

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

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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.						
3.	Diwali means 'row of' in Sanskrit.						
4.	The exact date of Diwali depends on the						
5.	People paint henna	a on	their hands.				
6.	There is Bhangra o	dancing in	at Diwali.				
7.		stay open late in Leice	ster at Diwali.				
8.	Many people in Bri	itain use	fairy lights instead of old-fasl	hioned oil lamps.			
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