

Diwali Information Sheet

Diwali

Diwali is a 5 day festival of lights celebrated by Hindus, Jains and Sikhs.

Diwali is the most important date in the Hindu calendar; it celebrates Rama's defeat of the spirit Ravana - representing light taking over darkness. This year it takes place on Monday 20th October.

How is Diwali celebrated?



- Religious rituals are practiced and traditional stories told.
- People update their homes and wardrobes.
- Parties and feasts are enjoyed and gifts are given.
- Many businesses see it as a great time to start new ventures as it is also the start of Hindu New Year.
- Families get together.

Lots of delicious dishes are eaten at Diwali including; samosas, bhajis, tikka masala, dhals. As well as sweet meats and deserts like barfi - a type of fudge.

The 5 days of Diwali:

Day 1: Two days before Diwali it is lucky to buy a new metal kitchen utensil or appliance.

Day 2: The day before, "little Diwali" is a day of preparations.

Day 3: Diwali celebrations take place!

Day 4: Activities on the day after vary, many worship tools of work.

Day 5: Sisters pray for their brothers' wellbeing and receive gifts.

Diwali Wordsearch!

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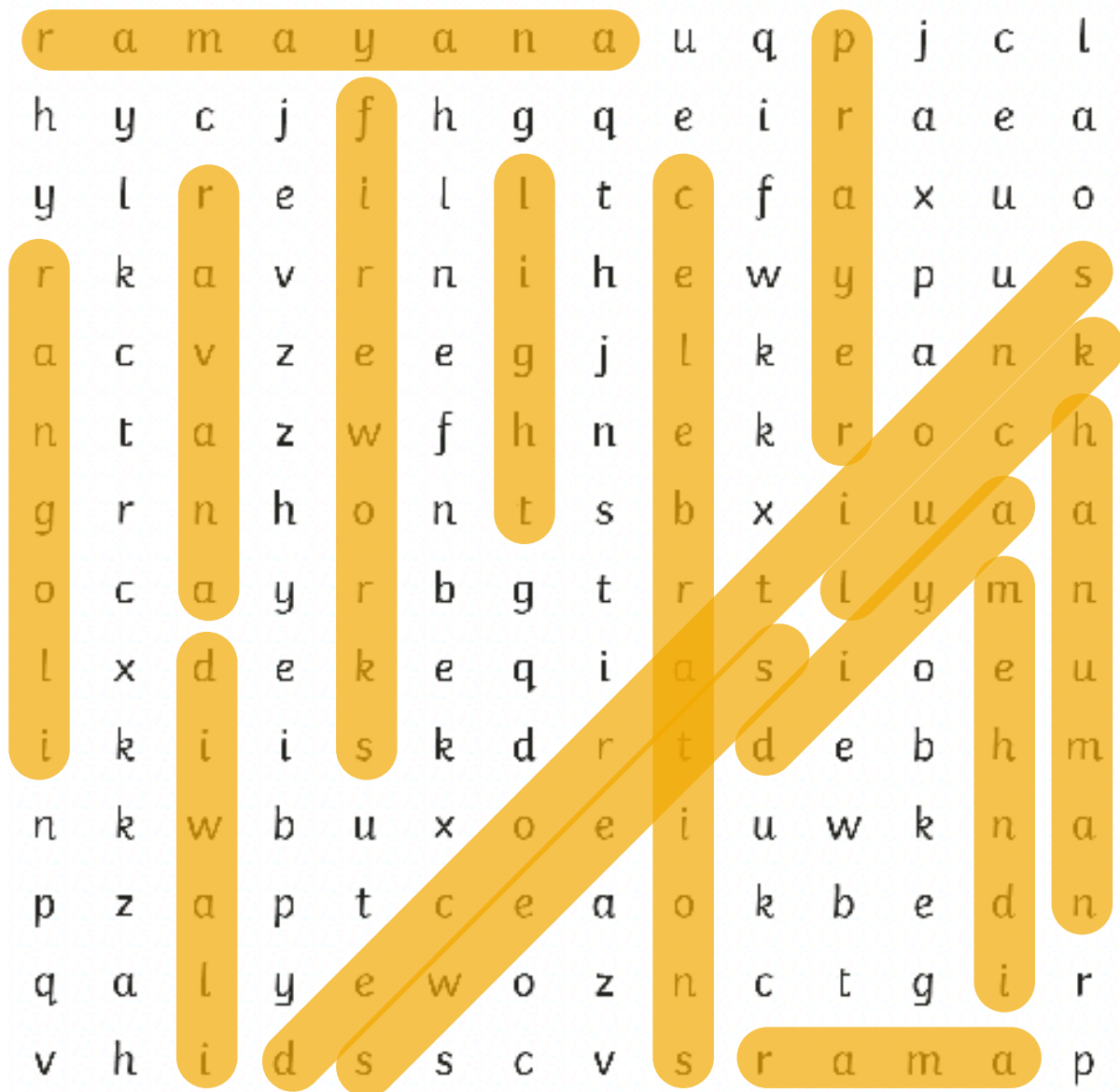
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