

The Trail of Diya Lamps

Day One

Diwali had begun. Hanita saw a diya lamp in the hallway. She went into the kitchen to make bright Rangoli patterns. Jay was helping their dad to put up the lights.

Hanita saw two diya lamps in the hallway.

Day Two

Everyone made some food for the party. Hanita's mum had henna patterns on her hands. "Please can you paint my hands?" she asked.

Hanita saw seven diya lamps in the hallway.

Day Three

Hanita's mum was given a silk scarf. They lit the diya lamps and they sent some sailing down the river. Hanita enjoyed the party. Their dad opened the windows and doors to welcome Lakshmi into their home.

Hanita saw nine diya lamps in the hallway.

Day Four

Hanita's parents went out for lunch. Hanita's dad gave her mum a sparkly necklace.

Hanita saw ten diya lamps in the hallway.

Day Five

Hanita saw 20 diya lamps in the hallway.

She followed them and found her brother. He gave her a shiny bracelet.



Questions

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- ☐ Diwali
- ☐ diya lamp

2. What did everyone make for the party? Tick one.

- ☐ food
- ☐ gifts
- ☐ patterns

3. What did Hanita's mum have on her hands? Tick one.

- ☐ henna patterns
- ☐ Rangoli
- ☐ lights

4. Where were some diya lamps sent? Tick one.

- ☐ in the kitchen
- ☐ down the river
- ☐ out for lunch

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She found her mum and sister and they started to make bright, colourful Rangoli patterns.

Her brother was helping her dad to put up the festival lights. Hanita spotted another few diya lamps near her bedroom that night.



Day Two

Hanita and Leela made some tasty food for the party. Hanita was looking at her mum's hands and they had henna patterns on them.

"Please can you paint my hands with henna patterns, too?" Hanita asked.



Day Three

All of Hanita's family arrived and the children gave out presents. Hanita's mum was given a pretty silk scarf. They lit the diya lamps and Jay sent some of them sailing down the river.

Hanita enjoyed the party. There were sweets, food and fireworks. Their dad opened the windows and doors to welcome Lakshmi into their home. Hanita was too tired to count the new diya lamps.

Day Four

Hanita's mum and dad went out to have lunch together. Hanita's dad had given her mum a sparkly, purple necklace. Hanita spotted even more diya lamps in the hallway.

Day Five

Hanita woke up late and she slowly walked out of her bedroom. She was surprised to see 20 diya lamps along the hallway. She followed them and found her brother holding a beautiful bracelet for her.

"Thanks, Jay!" Hanita squeaked.

Questions

1. How many days is the story set over? Tick one.

- ☐ one
☐ four
☐ five

2. Number the events from 1-4 to show the order in which they happen in the story. The first one has been done for you.

- ☐ Their dad opened the windows and doors.
☒ **1** They started to make bright, colourful Rangoli patterns.
☐ Hanita was looking at her mum's hands.
☐ Hanita's mum and dad went out to have lunch together.

3. Who sent some diya lamps down the river? Tick one.

- ☐ Leela
☐ Jay
☐ Hanita

4. Find and copy one word that means the same as 'yummy'.

5. Fill in the missing word.

She followed them and found her brother holding a _____
bracelet for her.

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☒ **Jay**
☐ Hanita

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tasty

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She followed them and found her brother holding a **beautiful** bracelet for her.

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Diwali had arrived. Hanita jumped out of bed and zoomed into the hallway. She noticed a new diya lamp. 'How strange,' thought Hanita.

She found her mum and sister and they started to make Rangoli patterns. Hanita loved creating the bright, colourful patterns. Her brother was helping her dad to put up the festival lights.

Day Two

Hanita and Leela finished their Rangoli patterns. They made some delicious food and sweets for the party. Hanita was looking at her mum's hands and they had henna patterns on them. She could smell the beautiful perfume that her mum had just bathed in.

"Please can you paint my hands with henna patterns, too?" Hanita asked. Her mum smiled and patted the chair next to her.

Hanita spotted another few diya lamps near her bedroom as she was going to bed.



Day Three

All of Hanita's family arrived and the children gave presents to their mums. Hanita's mum was given a pretty silk scarf with sequins on it. They lit the diya lamps as their parents watched and Jay sent some of them sailing down the river.

Everyone prayed to Lakshmi before the party. There were sweets, food and fireworks! Their dad opened the windows and doors to welcome Lakshmi into their home. Hanita was too tired to count the new diya lamps but she thought that there might be at least ten.

Day Four

Hanita's mum and dad went out to have lunch together. Hanita's dad had given her mum a sparkly, purple necklace. Later, Hanita crept to bed and she spotted even more diya lamps in the hallway.

Day Five

Hanita woke up late, rubbed her eyes and slowly walked out of her bedroom. She was surprised to see 20 little diya lamps. They were along the hallway, down the stairs and in the kitchen.

She followed them and she found her brother holding a beautiful, sparkling bracelet for her.

"It was you who left the diya lamps! Thanks, Jay!" Hanita squeaked.

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- ☐ Christmas
☐ Hanukkah
☐ Diwali

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3. What did Hanita think was strange on the first day of Diwali?

4. Find and copy one word that means the same as 'floating'.

5. Fill in the missing word.

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sparkling bracelet for her.

6. Which part of the celebrations do you think Hanita liked the most? How do you know?

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sailing

5. Fill in the missing word.

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6. Which part of the celebrations do you think Hanita liked the most? How do you know?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that Hanita enjoyed creating the Rangoli patterns the most because it says that Hanita loved creating the bright, colourful patterns.