

Ways with words

1. Match the following words with their meanings:

[A]

(a) ancient

(b) festivities

(c) devotee

(d) ceremony

(e) atheist

[B]

(i) belonging to the past

(ii) disciple, follower, supporter

(iii) a formal religious or public occasion

(iv) disbeliever in god

(v) enthusiastic, passionate, eager

(vi) the activities while celebrating a special event

Tika Khadka

2. Put the following sentences in their right order on the basis of the text above.

(a) Holika was killed in a fire.

(b) People forget their worldly anxieties and enjoy fine things at Holi.

(c) Krishna killed a female demon named Putna.

(d) Families and friends celebrate Holi with a lot of merry making.

(e) People throw water balloons to the passers-by.

(f) People in Terai observe Holi a day later than the people in the hills.

(g) Holi falls in late February or in early March.

1. Read the text again and answer the following questions.

(a) In which Nepali month does Holi mostly fall?

(b) What do people do with colours at Holi?

(c) Who was Hiranyakasyapu?

(d) What blessing had Holika received from Lord Bramha?

(e) How does Holi bring people of different castes and religions into harmony and fraternity?