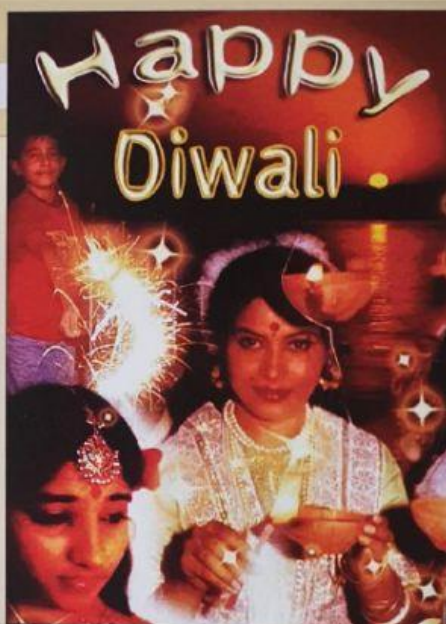


## DIWALI

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Hi, my name's Leila and I live in London. My favourite festival is Diwali – the 'Festival of Lights'. It's an autumn festival and celebrates the Hindu New Year and the victory of good over bad. People celebrate Diwali all over the world: in Canada, Asia, Britain and Africa. The celebrations last for five days. During Diwali I always get up very early but I don't go to school. On the first day, we clean the house. Then, we decorate the house and the garden with lots of lights. We wear new clothes and go and visit our friends and family and give them presents. After that, we prepare the food and drinks for the big party. At the party we don't eat meat and we don't drink alcohol. We have vegetarian food. It's delicious. People dance and there are fireworks, lights and lots of sweets for the children. It's a beautiful celebration.



#### 1- Read Leila's description and answer TRUE or FALSE

- Leila lives in England
- Diwali is a summer festival
- People celebrate Diwali in many countries
- Leila gets up at 11.00 during Diwali
- She wears old clothes
- She stays at home during Diwali
- They have a big party
- They eat meat

#### 2- Complete the sentences with words from the text

- Another name for Diwali is \_\_\_\_\_
- During Diwali Leila doesn't go to \_\_\_\_\_
- People decorate the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_
- They visit \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
- They eat \_\_\_\_\_ food
- There are \_\_\_\_\_ for the children