

The Trail of Diwali Lamps

As Hanita closed her eyes the night before the five days of Diwali celebrations started, she thought she heard someone tiptoeing down the hallway. On the first day of Diwali, Hanita sprung out of her soft, comfy bed and got dressed. As she zoomed into the hallway, she noticed a new little Diva lamp that wasn't there before. After breakfast, she made Rangoli patterns with her sister Leela! When she went outside, she waved at her brother, Jay, who was helping their dad with the lights. When she went to bed, she saw more Diva lamps in the hall.

On the second day of Diwali, the Rangoli patterns were finished. Then they made some delicious sweets and food ready for the party. Hanita also got her hands painted with henna designs. When the third day came, the main day of Diwali, the rest of the family all came to join in. Hanita, Leela and Jay gave their mum a gorgeous jewellery box and yellow, silky scarf.



The whole family said their prayers to Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth and left the windows and doors open to welcome her in. They had a big party with sweets, food, sparklers and fireworks and lit Diva lamps. On her way to bed, she thought there may be at least ten more Diva lamps outside her bedroom now.

On the fourth day of Diwali, Hanita's mum and dad went out to lunch together to celebrate their marriage and on the fifth day, it was the last day of Diwali. Hanita woke up and slowly walked out of her bedroom, following the trail of now 20 little Diva lamps down to the kitchen. There, she found her brother, Jay, standing with a beautiful, sparkling bracelet for her. "Thank you! So you left the trail of Diva lamps!" Squeaked Hanita and Jay smiled.

Questions

1. Who is the main character?

☐ Rangoli

☐ Diwali

☐ Hanita

2. What did she hear the night before Diwali started?

☐ someone tiptoeing down the hall

☐ sleigh bells on the roof

☐ music outside

3. What did the children give their mum on the third day?

☐ a ring

☐ a jewellery box and scarf

☐ a hat and some gloves

4. Find and copy **one** word which means 'yummy'.

5. Complete the sentence by adding in the missing words.

There she found her _____, Jay, standing with a _____,
sparkling bracelet for her.