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How Do Families Get Ready for Diwali?

Visual lesson



What do we do first?

"Diwali is in three days!" says Jai, counting on his fingers. Asha jumps up and down. Mei leans over the garden wall. "How do you get ready for Diwali?" she asks. Nani laughs. "Come and help, and you will see!"





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Brooms and buckets

First, the whole family cleans the house, from top to bottom. They sweep the floors, wash the windows and clear out old things. Jai finds a lost sock under the sofa!

TALK ABOUT IT

Why do you think families clean their homes before Diwali?

Lights everywhere

Now the home is fresh and ready for guests. Next come the lights! Jai and Asha hang the big paper star by the blue door. Nani drapes strings of little lights along the roof, and a garland of orange marigold flowers over the door.





Something new to wear

Families often buy new or special clothes for Diwali. Asha twirls in a turquoise kurta with a gold border. Jai's new kurta is bright saffron orange, like the marigolds!

Sweets in the kitchen

Then it is time to make sweets. Nani stirs a pan of hot, golden mixture on the stove. When it has cooled, everyone will roll it into round ladoos.

> TALK ABOUT IT
> Who should stir the hot pan on the stove?





Roll, roll, roll

Nani the grown-up handles the hot stove. Now the mixture is cool, so everyone rolls it into balls. Roll, roll, roll! Jai's ladoo comes out a funny lumpy shape, and everybody laughs.

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A pattern at the door

On Diwali day, Asha and Mei make a rangoli at the front door. A rangoli is a pattern made from coloured powder, rice flour or flower petals. It says welcome to everyone who comes.

TALK ABOUT IT

What could Asha and Mei use to make a rangoli?





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Little lamps and a prayer

As the sky gets dark, a grown-up lights rows of little clay lamps called diyas. Then many families sit together and say a short prayer, to give thanks and wish for a happy new year.

Ready for Diwali!

Clean and fresh, bright with lights, sweet with ladoos and together with family: now the home is ready for Diwali! Which job would you like to help with?



Check your wonder

1 **Why do families clean before Diwali?**

- A. To make the home fresh and welcoming
- B. To keep guests out
- C. Because it rained

2 **What is a rangoli made from?**

- A. Coloured powder, rice flour or flower petals
- B. Paint that never washes off
- C. Paper and glue

3 **Who handles the hot stove when making sweets?**

- A. A grown-up
- B. Whoever is hungriest
- C. The oldest child

ANSWERS 1-A 2-A 3-A

1. Yes! A clean, bright home is ready to welcome everyone. 2. That's it! Asha and Mei used powder and petals. 3. Yes! A grown-up stirs, and the children roll the sweets once they cool.

THE END

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