



How to enjoy Diwali crackers safely

Let us learn how to light our Diwali sparklers safely together!



Tanvi Can't Wait

It is Diwali! Little clay lamps glow by the door. Tanvi holds her elephant, Gappu, very tight. "Can I light a cracker, Dadaji? Please, please?" Dadaji smiles. "Crackers are bright and loud and fun. But they are hot, hot, hot. So tonight you have a very special job."





Who Lights the Crackers?

Dadaji shows Tanvi a long, thin incense stick. "This is how grown-ups light crackers. Only grown-ups." Tanvi looks at her small hands. "So my job is to watch?" "Yes! Your job is to get ready, step back, and watch. That is the safest job of all."

TALK ABOUT IT

Who lights the crackers?

Cotton Clothes and Shoes

First, get ready. Tanvi wears her soft cotton kurta. Nothing long and floppy that could swing near a spark. Then she buckles her shoes, click, click. "Toes covered!" says Tanvi. Dadaji gives a thumbs up.





Water and Sand Nearby

Dadaji carries out a red bucket full of water. Then a little tin of sand. Slosh, slosh. "Why do we need water, Dadaji?" "Because water and sand stop a spark fast. So we keep them close, every single time."

TALK ABOUT IT

Can you find the red bucket of water?

Where Should Tanvi Stand?

Dadaji puts one cracker far out on the bare ground, away from the house. "Now, Tanvi, where should you stand? Close to the cracker, or far back by the rangoli?" Tanvi thinks. What do you think?

TALK ABOUT IT

Where should Tanvi stand?





Light, Step Back, Cover Ears

Tanvi stays behind the rangoli. She covers her ears. Dadaji stretches out his long stick, touches the cracker, and walks back quickly. Fizz... fizz... WHOOSH! Golden sparkles shoot up high. "Wow!" says Tanvi, safe and far away.

The Quiet Cracker

Dadaji lights another cracker. But... nothing. No fizz. No whoosh. "Can I go see?" asks Tanvi. "No, never go near a cracker that didn't pop," says Dadaji. "It might still be hot. We wait." Then he pours water from the bucket. Splash! Now it's done.

TALK ABOUT IT

If a cracker doesn't pop, a kid can go pick it up. True or false?





Tanvi's Happy Diwali

The sky fills with soft lights from all around the town. Tanvi leans on Dadaji. "I did my job! Get ready, step back, cover ears, and watch." "You did," says Dadaji. "Grown-ups light. You watch. And Diwali stays happy and bright."

Check your wonder

1 Who lights the crackers on Diwali?

A. A grown-up with a long stick

B. A kid who is careful

3 A cracker didn't pop. What happens?

A. Kids stay back, a grown-up pours water

B. A kid goes to check it

2 Where does Tanvi watch from?

A. Far back by the rangoli

B. Right next to the cracker

ANSWERS 1-A 2-A 3-A

1. Yes! Dadaji lights them, and Tanvi watches. 2. Right! Far back is the safe spot. 3. Yes! Splash! Dadaji used the bucket of water.



THE END

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