Answer Key and Parent Guide

FOR PARENTS & TEACHERS

Please do not ask a child to finish the whole pack in one sitting. Four short sessions of 10 to 15 minutes each work better, and you can adapt the length to your child's attention.

How to Use the Diwali English Adventure

Session	Pages	What your child does
Session 1	Pages 1–4	Cover, Diwali words, picture match, colour and count
Session 2	Pages 5–7	Word detective, sentences, picture sequence
Session 3	Pages 8–9	The missing diya story and the word code
Session 4	Pages 10–12	Rangoli design, conversation quest, achievement page

About 10 to 15 minutes each. Stop sooner if your child tires.

When your child is working

1. Let your child try the activity on their own first.
2. Read unfamiliar words aloud together.
3. Ask your child to explain their answers.
4. Celebrate attempts, not just correct answers.
5. Revisit three new words the following day.

By age

- **Ages 3–5.** Read the instructions aloud, point at pictures and encourage repetition.
- **Ages 6–8.** Encourage independent reading and building sentences.
- **Ages 9–11.** Ask follow-up questions and encourage original writing.

The levels are suggestions. Let your child choose what feels right.

Please avoid

Avoid pressure, over-correcting and scoring against other children. A page left half done is still a page tried.

Safety

Grown-ups, not children, light real diyas and candles and handle fireworks. No picture in this pack shows a child holding, lighting or standing close to a flame.

Using this key

Pages 1, 2 and the creative pages (10, 11 and 12) have no single right answer. This key gives examples so you know what a good answer can look like, not what a correct one must say. Spelling and handwriting are not the point of any page.

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Page 3 PICTURE MATCH

Traditional lamp	**Diya**
Decorative floor pattern	**Rangoli**
Decorative light	**Lantern**
Sweet food	**Sweets**
Flower	**Flower**
Present	**Gift**

Ball, Tree, Spoon, Shoes, Book and Chair are the look-alike distractors; none of them matches a picture.

Page 4 COLOUR AND COUNT

- **3** diyas
- **4** flowers
- **5** stars

Colours are the child's own choice. The suggested colours (yellow diya, pink flower, blue and green rangoli, orange lantern) are prompts, not the only right answer.

Page 6 COMPLETE THE SENTENCES

1. I can see a beautiful **rangoli** on the floor.
2. We decorate our home with fresh **flowers**.
3. A little clay **diya** gives us light.
4. I enjoy eating **sweets**.
5. I celebrate with my **family**.
6. The room looks bright with a soft, warm **light**.

Each word in the bank is used once. Any sentence that reads naturally and is the child's own is a good bonus answer.

Page 7 PICTURE SEQUENCE

Picture A	A family decorates their home.	**1**
Picture B	A rangoli is created.	**2**
Picture C	The family gathers together to celebrate.	**3**

The pictures are printed in the order C, A, B. For the sentences, any sensible words work, for example: First, we *decorate our home*. Next, we *make a rangoli*. Finally, we *celebrate together*.

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Page 5 WORD SEARCH

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	L	T	F	T	A	C	U	K	H	B
2	R	E	A	L	L	I	G	H	T	S
3	S	T	M	D	R	H	G	A	D	L
4	W	D	I	Y	A	N	I	K	R	A
5	E	L	L	E	N	E	F	O	A	M
6	E	B	Y	K	G	A	T	F	F	P
7	T	E	L	E	O	I	B	B	B	A
8	V	R	E	F	L	O	W	E	R	U
9	H	V	C	U	I	K	S	H	S	W
10	C	L	E	M	W	L	D	W	L	E

Word	Where it is
DIYA	across, row 4, columns 2 to 5
LIGHT	across, row 2, columns 5 to 9
SWEET	down, column 1, rows 3 to 7
GIFT	down, column 7, rows 3 to 6
FLOWER	across, row 8, columns 4 to 9
FAMILY	down, column 3, rows 1 to 6
LAMP	down, column 10, rows 3 to 6
RANGOLI	down, column 5, rows 3 to 9

Rows are counted from the top and columns from the left, starting at 1. Eight words, each hidden once. Bonus sentences are the child's own; for example "I see a bright light."

Page 9 WORD CODE

#	Clue	Answer	Letters	Code shown
1	A small traditional lamp.	**DIYA**	4	IYDA
2	A decorative floor design.	**RANGOLI**	7	LOIARGN
3	A special occasion.	**FESTIVAL**	8	ELVTSFAI
4	Something you give to another person.	**GIFT**	4	GFTI
5	A decorative source of light.	**LANTERN**	7	NNLERAT
6	People who care for you.	**FAMILY**	6	LFYAIM
7	Something colourful that grows on a plant.	**FLOWER**	6	WRLEOF
8	Food that tastes sugary.	**SWEETS**	6	TEWESS

Bonus: any paragraph that uses four of the answers correctly. For example: "My family decorates our home for the festival. We make a rangoli with flowers."

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Page 8 THE MYSTERY OF THE MISSING DIYA

1. **Prepare their home for a festival.** (What was Maya helping her family prepare?)
2. **Near the colourful rangoli.** (Where had she placed the diya?)
3. **The diya was missing.** (What happened when she returned?)
4. **Near the flowers, behind the gift boxes and beside the doorway.** (Where did she look for the diya?)
5. **An adult in her family.** (Who had moved the diya?)
6. **To keep it in a safe place.** (Why was the diya moved?)

Think and answer is open: any kind, sensible answer, such as "I would retrace my steps and ask someone to help me look."

Page 10 MY CREATIVE RANGOLI

Open-ended; there is no wrong rangoli. Example answers:

- *My rangoli is called* Sunshine Flower. *I used these colours:* yellow, pink, blue.
- *My rangoli has* petals and dots. *I can see* twelve *shapes. My favourite colour is* pink. *I created it with* crayons.

Ages 3–5	Colour and identify.
Ages 6–8	Count and describe.
Ages 9–11	Write a short paragraph describing the design.

Page 12 MY LEARNING ACHIEVEMENT

Open-ended. For example: new words *rangoli, lantern, together*; sentence *I celebrate with my family*; and from a parent or teacher, *"I loved your rangoli. Well done for trying every page!"*

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Page 11 FESTIVAL CONVERSATION QUEST

Every answer is the child's own. These show what each level can sound like.

Question	Ages 3–5	Ages 6–8	Ages 9–11
What is your favourite colour?	Blue.	My favourite colour is blue.	My favourite colour is blue because it reminds me of the sky.
What do you like to decorate?	Rangoli.	I like to decorate the floor with rangoli.	I like decorating with rangoli because I can design it myself.
What is your favourite sweet?	Laddoo.	My favourite sweet is laddoo.	My favourite sweet is laddoo because it is soft and not too sweet.
Who do you celebrate with?	Family.	I celebrate with my family.	I celebrate with my family because we all get time together.
What makes a celebration special?	Lights.	Sharing makes a celebration special.	A celebration is special when everyone feels included.
What gift would you like to give someone?	A card.	I would give my friend a card.	I would make a card, because a handmade gift shows I care.
How can you help your family?	Tidy up.	I can help by tidying up.	I can set the table, which gives my parents time to cook.
What is one kind thing you can do for someone?	Share.	I can share my sweets.	I can share my sweets with a neighbour so nobody is left out.

The bonus (ask a parent three questions and tell someone what you learned) has no fixed answer.