

FESTIVALS AND SPECIAL DAYS IN BRITAIN

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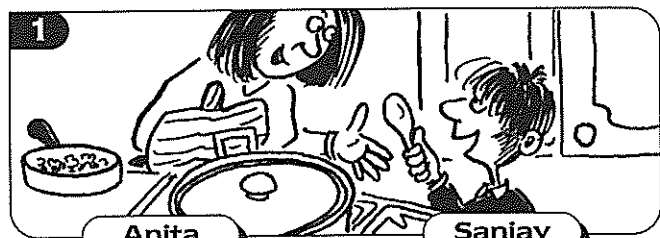
Preparing for Diwali

Diwali is the Hindu festival of light. In India, the festival lasts for five days. In Britain, Hindus celebrate for a weekend. Diwali is in October or November.

Sheetal and her family are preparing for Diwali.

Read what Sheetal says. Who is in each picture?

My auntie is cooking *dhokla*.
 My big brother is writing a Diwali card.
 My little cousin is taking food to the table.
 My older cousin is lighting a *diya*.
 My mum and dad are dancing the *dandia raas*.
 My little sister is wrapping a present.
 My big sister is making a *rangoli* pattern.
 My uncle is buying fireworks for the Diwali party.
 My little brother is helping with the cooking.



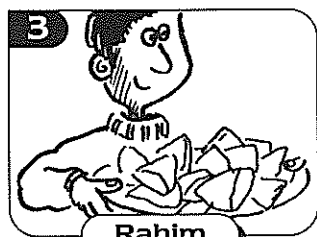
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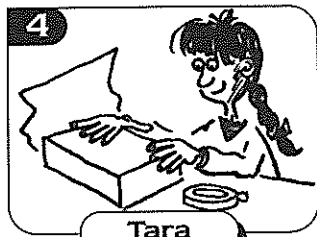


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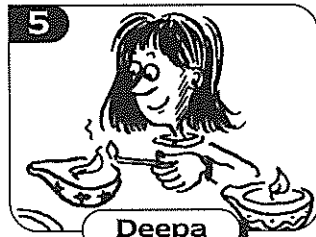
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 Sheetal's auntie



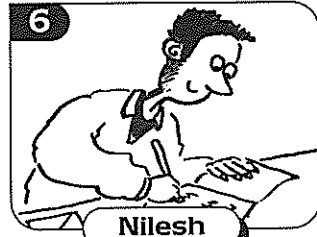
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Tara



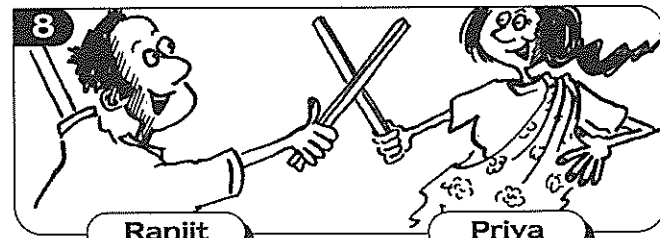
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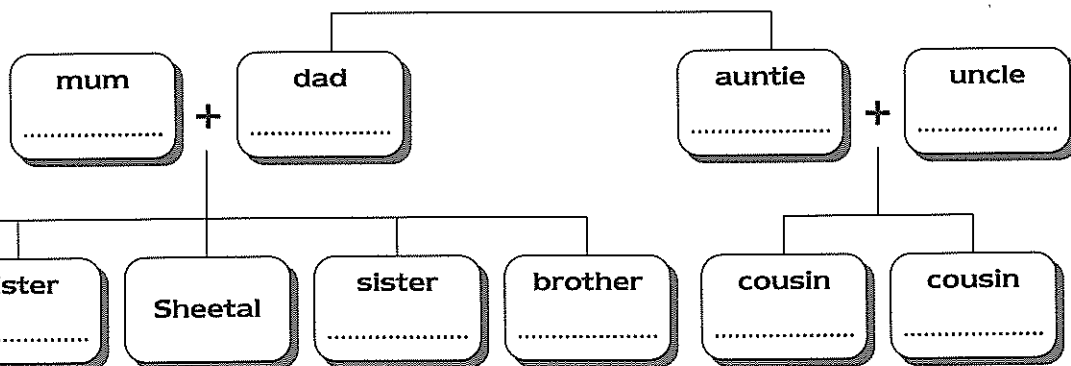
Geeta



Ranjit

Priya

Now write everyone's names on Sheetal's family tree.



Rama and Sita

Diwali celebrates the time when Rama came home to become king. Rama is the Hindu god Vishnu in human form.

Read the story of Rama and Sita.



In the city of Ayodhya, Prince Rama lived with his wife Sita and with Sita's brother Lakshman. The king's wife didn't like Rama, so the king sent Rama, Sita and Lakshman away for 14 years. They lived in the forest and were happy.

Ravana was the wicked king of Lanka. He wanted Sita to be his wife, so he kidnapped her. He took her to the island of Lanka in his flying chariot. A bird tried to help Sita, but Ravana shot it.

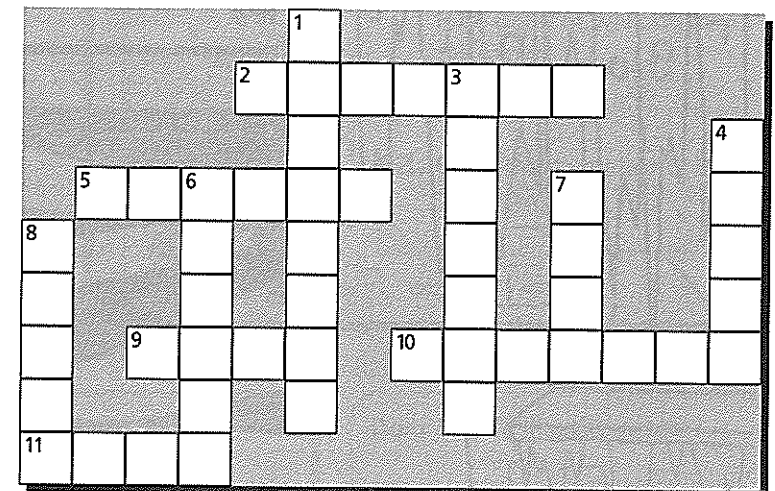
Rama and Lakshman went to look for Sita. The injured bird told them that she was on the island of Lanka. Rama and Lakshman met Hanuman, the monkey king. Hanuman and the monkeys travelled with Rama and Lakshman. When they came to the sea, the monkeys built a bridge over the sea to Lanka. There was a big battle. Rama killed Ravana and rescued Sita.

Now the 14 years were over. Rama, Sita and Lakshman returned to Ayodhya. The people welcomed them with small lamps called *divas*. Rama and Sita became king and queen.



Read the clues and fill in the gaps with these words: *who, that, where*.
 Do the crossword.

- The person *who* went to the forest with Rama and Sita
- The king helped Rama and Lakshman cross the sea
- The animals built the bridge
- The island Ravana lived
- The place Rama, Sita and Lakshman lived after they left Ayodhya
- The person kidnapped Sita
- The animal tried to help Sita
- The lamps the people lit to welcome Sita and Raman home
- The person killed Ravana
- The city Rama and Sita lived
- The person was married to Rama



Are You an April Fool?

April Fool's Day is on the 1st of April. It isn't a holiday but it is a day for playing tricks. Do you like playing tricks?

Seven teenagers are talking about tricks they have played on April Fool's Day. Choose the correct tense of each verb and write it in the gap in the sentence.

Then decide what you think about each trick. Tick the box.

Ask your teacher for the analysis.

1 Jamie



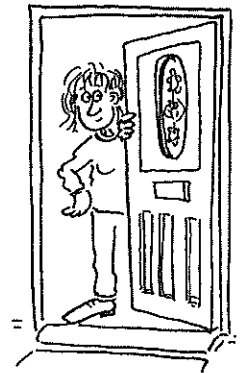
I put a cup of water on top of the kitchen door. I said to my dad that I to talk to him in the kitchen. When he opened the door the water fell on him. He got very wet.

want / wanted

What do you think of this trick?

- a It's funny.
- b It's silly.
- c It's unkind.

2 Kathryn



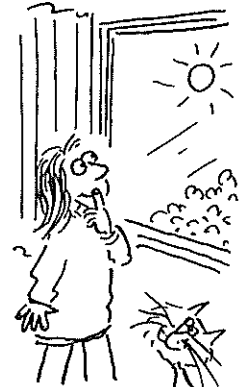
I said to my mum that somebody the doorbell. When she came there was nobody there.

to ring / was ringing

What do you think of this trick?

- a It's funny.
- b It's silly.
- c It's unkind.

3 Mike



I told my little sister that it outside. She looked out of the window but it wasn't snowing.

will snow / was snowing

What do you think of this trick?

- a It's funny.
- b It's silly.
- c It's unkind.

4 Paula



I told my big sister that a spider in her hair. She hates spiders so she started screaming.

crawls / was crawling

What do you think of this trick?

- a It's funny.
- b It's silly.
- c It's unkind.

5 Carl



I told my dad that there a fire in the living room. He came running into the room but there wasn't a fire.

was / is

What do you think of this trick?

- a It's funny.
- b It's silly.
- c It's unkind.

6 Leila



I said to my friend that I a present for her. When she opened it there was just a big stone in the box.

am buying / had bought

What do you think of this trick?

- a It's funny.
- b It's silly.
- c It's unkind.

7 Damon



I pushed over a chair to make a loud noise and I lay down on the floor. My brother heard the noise and came into the room. I said that I my leg. He wanted to call an ambulance.

have broken / had broken

What do you think of this trick?

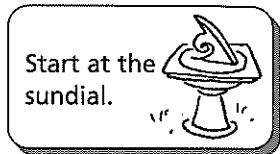
- a It's funny.
- b It's silly.
- c It's unkind.

Easter Egg Hunt

Chocolate Easter eggs are popular in Britain.

Sometimes people hide Easter eggs and children look for them. There are eight Easter eggs in the garden. Read the clues and find the eggs.

Write the position of each egg.



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
A	✓	✓	✓		✓			
B				✓	✓			
C	✓	✓					✓	✓
D	✓		✓					✓
E						✓		
F								
G	✓	✓						
H	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
I		✓					✓	
J	✓	✓				✓	✓	
K					✓		✓	✓
L	✓	✓						

- Go south-east to some flowers. 7D
- Go west to a bench.
- Go south-east to a statue.
- Go north to a swing.
- Go south-west to a fountain.
- Go north-west to a wheelbarrow.
- Go east to a tree.
- Go north to a statue.

