

Holi

What Is Holi?

Holi is a Hindu festival. It is also called the festival of colours. The festival celebrates the start of spring.

Some Hindu people say that Holi is a time to play and laugh. Many people go outside and throw things at each other for fun. Everyone gets covered in a mix of colours!

What Do People Throw?



coloured powder



coloured paint



water



water balloons

People might visit family and friends, eat special food and dress up.



People spread the colour everywhere!



Questions

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- festival of colours
- festival of water

2. Which season does Holi celebrate? Tick one.

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- winter
- spring

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- food

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When Is Holi?

Holi is celebrated in spring and lasts for two days. It usually happens between the end of February and the middle of March.

Did You Know...?

Holi is so much fun that now lots of people from all over the world take part in Holi celebrations!

What Do People Do?

Many Hindu people believe that Holi is a time to play and laugh, forget and forgive and make friends.

Some people gather on the first day of Holi to have a bonfire and pray that all bad thoughts will be burnt in the fire.

The next day is the festival of colours! People might go outside and throw brightly coloured powder and water at each other. People might also play with water balloons and water guns all day to spread the colour everywhere! Everyone is covered in different colours!



Lots of people visit family and friends, eat special food and dress up in the evening.



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- the start of spring
- the end of autumn
- the middle of summer

2. Number the events from 1-3 to show the order that they happen in at Holi.

- People might throw brightly coloured powder and water.
- Some people gather around a bonfire.
- Lots of people visit family and friends.

3. Draw **three** lines and complete each sentence.

Many people eat...

coloured powder and water at each other.

People might throw...

the colour everywhere.

People spread...

special food.

4. Find and copy one word that that describes the coloured powder that is thrown.

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Answers

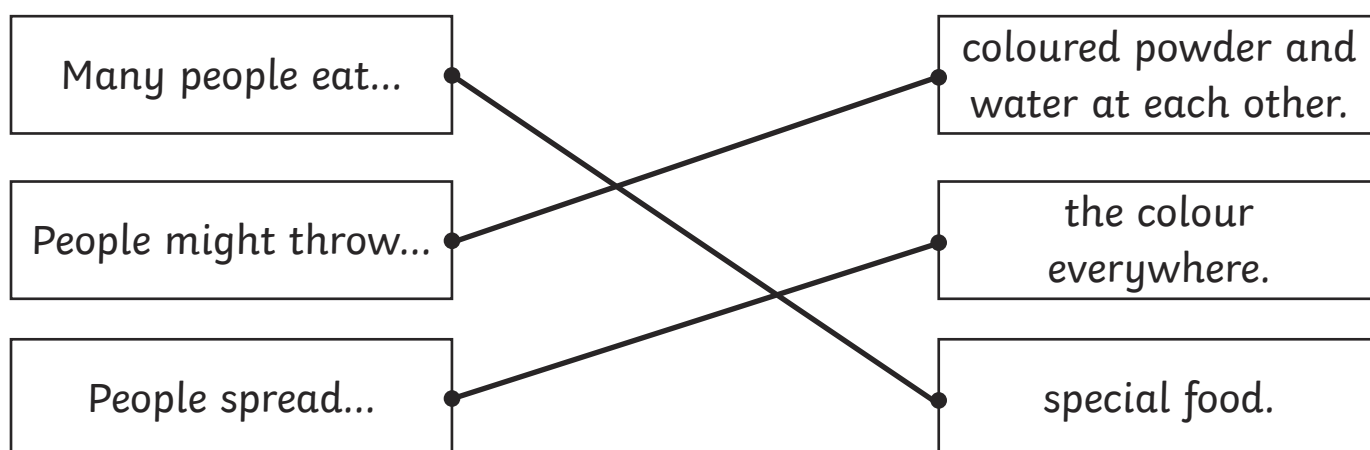
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brightly

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Holi is a Hindu festival. It is also called the festival of colours or the festival of love. The festival celebrates the arrival of spring, the end of winter and the victory of good over evil.

When Is It Celebrated?

Holi is celebrated in spring. It lasts for two days starting on a day of a full moon. It usually happens between the end of February and the middle of March.



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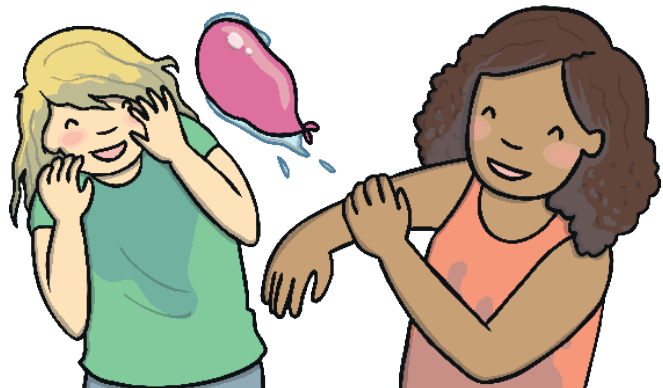
Hindu people believe that Holi is a time to play and laugh, forget and forgive and repair broken friendships.

Lots of people gather on the first night of Holi to have a bonfire and pray that all bad thoughts will be destroyed in the fire. The bonfire also represents the demon Holika who was burnt in a fire in a Hindu story.

The next day is the exciting festival of colours. Many people go outside and throw brightly coloured powder and water at each other. People might play with water balloons and water guns all day to spread and smear the colour everywhere. Everyone is covered in a mix of dazzling colours!



Lots of people visit family and friends, eat delicious food and dress up in their smartest clothes.



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- Holi is so much fun that now lots of people from all over the world take part in the Holi celebrations!



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- the end of summer
- the arrival of spring

2. Draw **three** lines and match each word to its meaning.

victory

fix

repair

winning

dazzling

amazing, bright

3. Find and copy one word that shows that the festival of colours is a really enjoyable part of the celebrations.

4. Fill in the missing word.

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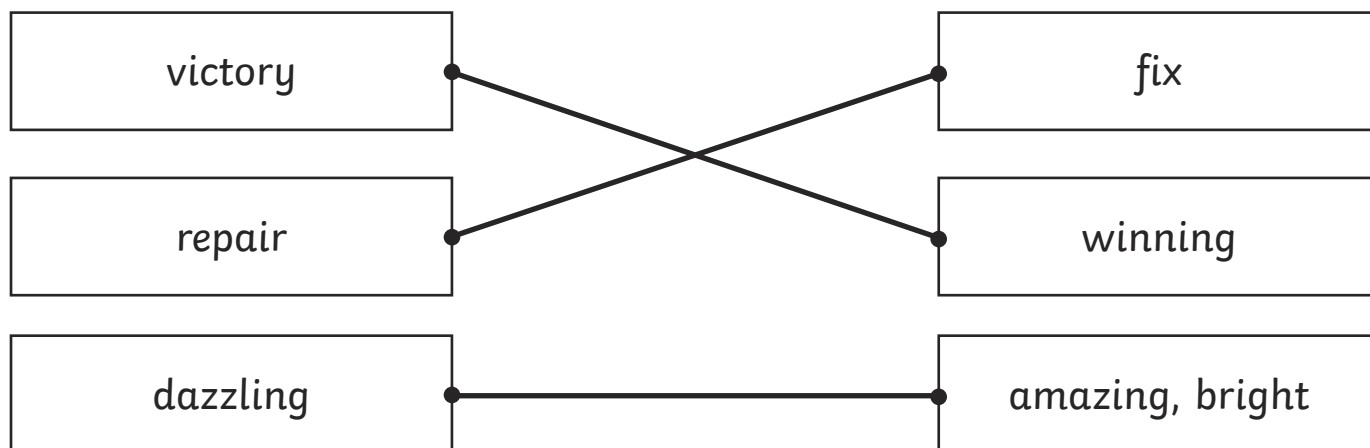
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exciting

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5. What do people throw at each other in the festival of colours?

Accept any of the following: brightly coloured powder, water, water balloons.

6. What do you think the most exciting part of celebrating Holi would be?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think the most exciting part of celebrating Holi would be throwing coloured powder at each other because it seems like it would be really fun and messy. I would also enjoy seeing all the bright, dazzling colours.