

# Holi

## What Is Holi?

Holi is a Hindu festival. It is celebrated at the end of February or in March.

Holi is also known by different names.

Festival of Colours

Festival of Spring

Festival of Love

## How Is Holi Celebrated?

Holi is a colourful festival with dancing and singing. People might visit family and friends and eat special food.

## Bonfires

Some people light bonfires on the night before Holi. This is to remember the victory of good over evil in a traditional Hindu story.

Holi celebrates the beginning of spring.

It is a time to forgive people and to mend broken friendships.



## Coloured Powder

People throw colourful powder and water as part of the Holi celebrations. The coloured powder is called gulal.



# Questions

1. What is Holi also called? Tick one.

- ☐ Festival of Light
- ☐ Festival of Colours
- ☐ Festival of Water

2. Which season does Holi celebrate? Tick one.

- ☐ summer
- ☐ winter
- ☐ spring

3. Which of these things do people **not** throw? Tick one.

- ☐ coloured powder
- ☐ water
- ☐ food

4. What is the name of the coloured powder that is thrown during Holi?  
Tick one.

- ☐ gulal
- ☐ spring
- ☐ special

5. What is the missing word? Tick one.

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- ☐ friendships
- ☐ hearts

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## What Is Holi?

Holi is a Hindu festival. It is celebrated at the end of February or during March. The exact date changes every year as it starts when there is a Full Moon.

Holi marks the end of winter and celebrates the beginning of spring. It is a fun celebration and a time to forgive people and to mend broken friendships.



## How Is Holi Celebrated?

Holi is a colourful festival with dancing and singing. Many places and people are covered in a mix of bright colours as people throw coloured powders.

Many Hindus have a religious ceremony at a shrine in their home and many go to a temple.

There are many different traditions during Holi. A tradition is something that has been done the same way for a long time.

### Did You Know...?

Holi is also known as the Festival of Colours. It is also sometimes called the Festival of Spring or the Festival of Love.

## Bonfires

Some people light bonfires on the night before Holi. This is to remember the victory of good over evil in a traditional Hindu story.



## Coloured Powder

It is a tradition to throw bright, colourful powder and water as part of the Holi celebrations. Some people smear the powder on each other's skin. The coloured powder is called gulal.





# Questions

1. What does Holi celebrate? Tick one.

- ☐ the start of spring  
☐ the end of autumn  
☐ the middle of summer  
☐ the beginning of winter

2. Number the sentences from 1-3 to show the order that they appear in the text.

- ☐ Holi is a colourful festival with dancing and singing.  
☐ Holi is a Hindu festival.  
☐ Holi is also known as the Festival of Colours.

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

Some people light bonfires...

at a shrine in their home.

Many Hindus have a religious ceremony...

on each others skin.

Some people smear the powder...

on the night before Holi.

4. Find and copy **two** words that describe the powder that is thrown.

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

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# Answers

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- ☐ the end of autumn
- ☐ the middle of summer
- ☐ the beginning of winter

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

- 3** Holi is a colourful festival with dancing and singing.
- 1** Holi is a Hindu festival.
- 2** Holi is also known as the festival of Colours.

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

Some people light bonfires...	at a shrine in their home.
Many Hindus have a religious ceremony..	on each others skin.
Some people smear the powder...	on the night before Holi.

4. Find and copy **two** words that describe the coloured powder that is thrown.

**bright**  
**colourful**

5. What is the name of the colourful powder that is thrown during Holi?

**The colourful powder that is thrown during Holi is called gulal.**

# Holi

## How Is Holi Celebrated?

## What Is Holi?

Holi is one of the main festivals in the Hindu calendar. It is celebrated annually at the end of February or during March. The exact date changes each year as it starts on a day when there is a full moon.

Holi is celebrated over two days. It marks the end of winter and celebrates the beginning of spring. It is a time to make peace, forgive people and mend broken friendships.

Holi is traditionally a time for fun. It is a colourful festival with dancing and singing and people throwing coloured powders as part of the celebrations.

Many Hindus have a religious ceremony at a **shrine** in their home and many go to a temple.

There are many different traditions during Holi. A tradition is something that has been done the same way for a long time.

### Did You Know...?

Holi is also known as the Festival of Colours. It is also sometimes called the Festival of Spring or the Festival of Love.

### Did You Know...?

Hindus believe in one God who takes many forms.

## Bonfires

Some people light bonfires on the night before Holi. This is to remember the victory of good over evil in a traditional Hindu story. Different **offerings** are often thrown into the flames. They might be coconut, popcorn or chickpeas. These offerings are a way of saying thank you to the Gods.

## Colourful Powder

It is a tradition to throw bright, colourful powder and water as part of the celebrations on the second day of the festival. Some people smear the powder on each other's skin. The coloured powder is called gulal. Many places and people are covered in a mix of bright colours during Holi.

### Glossary

**offerings:**

Something that is given to a God as part of a religious ceremony.

**shrine:**

A shrine is a place where people worship because it is connected with a holy person or event.



# Questions

1. Which of these is **not** another name for Holi? Tick one.

- ☐ the Festival of Love
- ☐ the Festival of Winter
- ☐ the Festival of Colour
- ☐ the Festival of Spring

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

victory

fix

mend

winning

annually

yearly

3. Read the section called **Colourful Powder**.

Find and copy one word that means the same as 'wipe' or 'spread'.

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4. Fill in the missing word.

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\_\_\_\_\_ moon.

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

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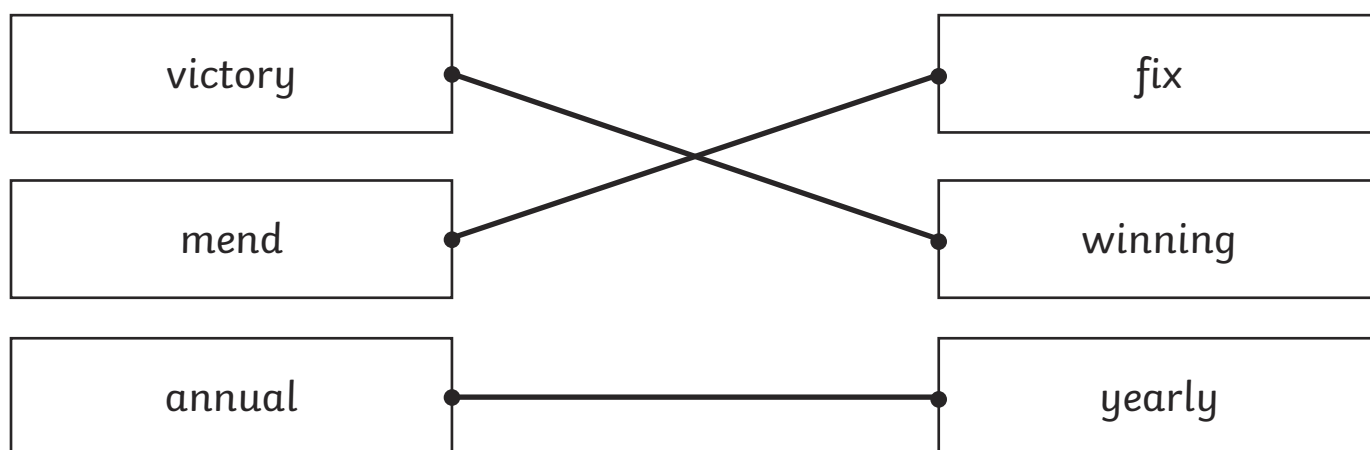
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# Answers

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- ☐ the Festival of Love
- ☒ **the Festival of Winter**
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- ☐ the Festival of Spring

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



3. Read the section called **Colourful Powder**.

Find and copy one word that means the same as 'wipe' or 'spread'.

**smear**

4. Fill in the missing word.

The exact date changes each year as it starts on a day when there is a **full** moon.

5. What is the name of the colourful powder that is thrown during Holi?

**The colourful powder that is thrown during Holi is called gulal.**

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.**