

# Holi

## What Is Holi?

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

Hindus say that Holi is a time to play and laugh. 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 visit family and friends, eat special food and dress up.



People spread the colour everywhere!



# 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
- ☐ autumn
- ☐ winter
- ☐ spring

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

- ☐ coloured powder
- ☐ water balloons
- ☐ food

4. Why do people throw things at Holi? Tick one.

- ☐ for fun
- ☐ to be unkind
- ☐ to make a mess

5. What else do people do at Holi? Tick **two**.

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## When Is Holi?

Holi is celebrated in spring and lasts for a night and a day. 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, not just Hindus!

The world's biggest Holi party happens at Krishna Temple in the USA.

## What Do People Do?

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

People gather on the night before Holi to have a bonfire and pray that all bad thoughts will be burned in the fire.

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



In the evening, people visit family and friends, eat special food and dress up.



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- ☐ the start of spring
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- ☐ the middle of summer

2. Number the events below to show the order they happen in at Holi.

- ☐ people throw brightly coloured powder and water
- ☐ people gather around a bonfire
- ☐ people visit family and friends

3. Draw lines to match these sentences.

People eat

People throw

People spread

coloured powder and water at each other.

the colour everywhere.

special food.

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

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# Answers

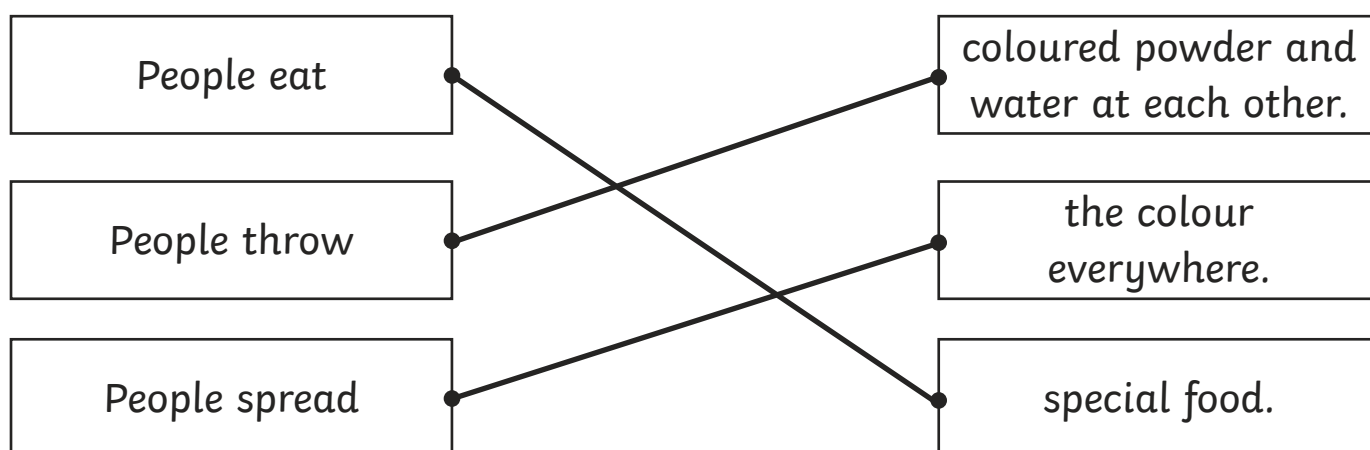
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- 1** people gather around a bonfire
- 3** people visit family and friends

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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?

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## What Do People Do?

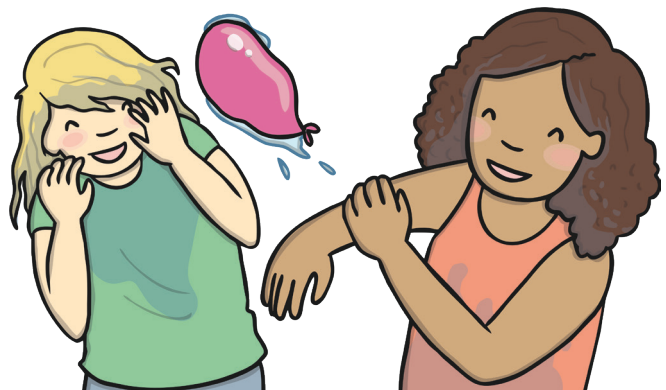
Hindus believe that Holi is a time to play and laugh, forget and forgive and repair broken friendships.

People gather on the night before 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 burned in a fire in a Hindu story.

The next day is the exciting festival of colours. People go outside and throw brightly coloured powder and water at each other. People 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!



People visit family and friends, eat delicious food and dress up in their smartest clothes.



**Did You Know...?**

- Holi is so much fun that now lots of people from all over the world take part in the Holi celebrations, not just Hindus!
- The world's biggest Holi celebration takes place at Krishna Temple in the USA - between 35,000 and 40,000 people take part in the colourful event!





# Questions

1. Which of these things does Holi **not** celebrate? Tick one.

- ☐ the end of winter
- ☐ the end of summer
- ☐ the arrival of spring

2. Draw lines to match these words from the text with their meanings.

victory

repair

dazzling

fix

winning

amazing, bright

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4. Fill in the missing word.

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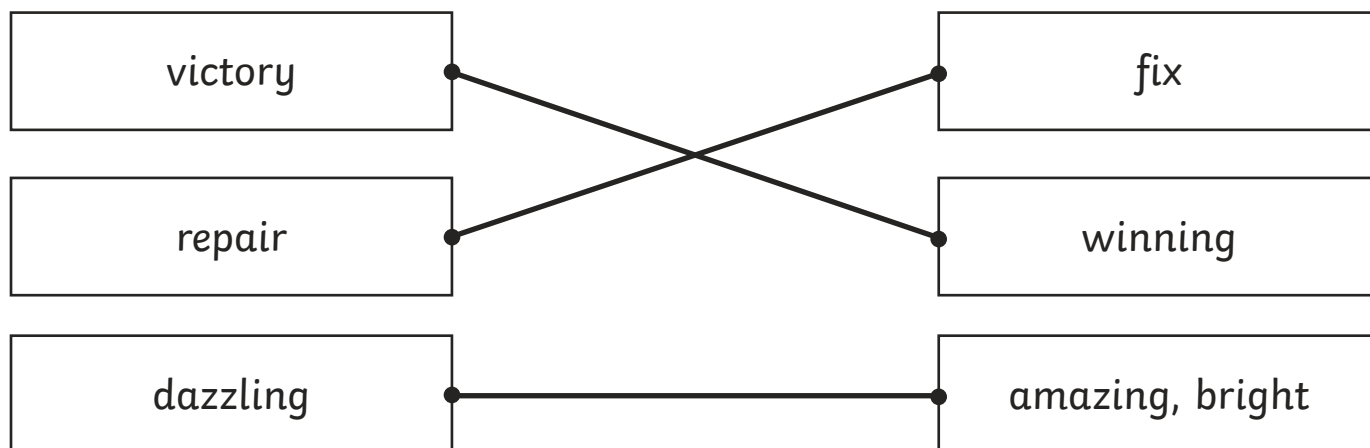
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**exciting**

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**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? Give two reasons why.

**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.**