

# Diwali



# Vocabulary

**Embellished:** to make something more beautiful by adding something to it.

Eg: The ceiling was embellished with flowers and leaves.

**Spike:** to rise to a higher amount

Eg- The jobless rate in October spiked to a five-year high.

**Substantially:** to a large degree

Eg: The new rules will substantially change how we do things.

**Adorn:** to add something decorative to a person or thing:

Eg- The bride's hair was adorned with white flowers.

**Closure:** the feeling or act of bringing an unpleasant situation, time, or experience to an end, so that you are able to start new activities:

Eg- a sense of closure.

**Splendid:** excellent, or beautiful and impressive:

Eg- We had splendid food/a splendid holiday/splendid weather.

# Introduction

**Diwali** or **Deepavali** is a Hindu festival of lights celebrated every year in autumn in the northern hemisphere (spring in southern hemisphere). It is indeed the most awaited and the most celebrated festivals of India and Indians all across the globe. People in every nook and cranny of the country welcome the festival with enthusiastic gestures. It spiritually signifies the victory of light over darkness, good over evil and knowledge over ignorance. Its celebration includes lighting of Diyas and candles all around the house, worshipping Laxmi and Ganesha to summon health and wealth and bursting crackers. The festival preparations and rituals typically extend over four to six day period.

