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Quick Questions



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Answers



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Accept: brightly.



2. Which Hindu month was this story set in?

Accept: Kartika.



3. Find and copy two phrases which show that Diwali is a special time for the family.

Accept any two of the following: 'celebrating something special', 'the whole family had gathered together', 'wearing their finest clothes' or 'the house was decorated'.



4. Discuss another time of year where a house can be decorated with colourful lights.

Accept any reasonable reference, such as Christmas, lanterns on Chinese New Year, Halloween etc.