

What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today?



Key Objectives

- To understand how Hindus show their faith within their families.
- To explain how Hindus show their faith in a typical week.
- To explore how Hindus show their tradition within their faith communities.
- To recap Diwali and explore how it is celebrated by Hindus in Britain today.
- To identify and describe other Hindu celebrations, such as Holi, in Britain today.
- To make links between the positives of sharing in worship and rituals in Hinduism and other religions studied.

Key Vocabulary

Hinduism	The world's third most popular religion, with around 750 million followers.
Dharma	The Hindu way of life - Duty.
Puja	Daily prayer or worship.
Mandir	A Hindu temple.
Murti	A sacred image or depiction of a deity.
Diwali	Hindu festival of light.
Shrine	Anything from a room, small altar or simply murtis used for worship.
Arti	A ritual performed in homes and temples.



Puja tray



Shrine



Mandir

Sticky Facts

- Hindus believe in one God, the Ultimate Reality, known as Brahman.
- Most Hindu homes have a shrine where offerings are made, and prayers are said; family members may choose to worship together in the home.
- In the UK, Hindus are more likely to regularly visit the temple as it gives them an opportunity to meet with other Hindu communities in the area.