


# Why Leaves Change Color?

## WINTER CELEBRATIONS

### READING COMPREHENSION



**WINTER SOLSTICE**  
The Winter Solstice marks the shortest day and the longest night of the year. Many cultures celebrate this event with various customs and rituals. In some cultures, people light bonfires to bring warmth around the world. In others, they have winter solstice parties, or the Winter Solstice, where families and friends, spreading joy and love, celebrate the longest night of the year.

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**HANUKKAH**  
A Jewish tradition, Hanukkah is celebrated during the winter season. It's also known as the Festival of Lights. People light a special candle holder called a menorah for eight nights. They also play games, like spinning a top called a dreidel, and eat delicious foods like potato latkes.

**DIWALI**  
In India, the Festival of Diwali is celebrated in the winter. It's also called the Festival of Lights. People decorate their homes with colorful lights and light oil lamps called diyas. Families exchange sweets, and enjoy the festival.

**AFRICAN FESTIVAL**  
A special celebration observed by some African tribes, from December 26th to January 1st, where people gather to celebrate their African heritage. They light a special candle holder called a kiribati.

**WINTER CELEBRATIONS**  
CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.  
The Festival of Lights celebrates the winter season?  
People light for eight nights.  
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**READING COMPREHENSION MCQ'S QUESTIONS ANSWER KEY**

# READING PASSAGES WITH TEXT DEPENDENT QUESTIONS

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### DIWALI

In India, the festival of Diwali is celebrated in the winter. It's also called the Festival of Lights. People decorate their homes with colorful rangoli designs and light oil lamps called diyas. Families gather to pray, exchange sweets, and enjoy fireworks together.

### KWANZAA

Kwanzaa is a special celebration observed by some African-American families. It lasts for seven days, from December 26th to January 1st. During Kwanzaa, families come together to celebrate their African heritage and culture. They light candles on a special candle holder called a kinara and share stories, music, and delicious meals.

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### WINTER SOLSTICE

The Winter Solstice marks the shortest day and the longest night of the year. Many cultures celebrate this astronomical event with festivals and rituals. In some places, people gather to watch the sunrise or light bonfires to welcome the return of longer days.



### CONCLUSION

Winter is a time of joy, celebration, and togetherness around the world. Whether it's Christmas, Hanukkah, Diwali, Kwanzaa, or the Winter Solstice, people come together to celebrate with their families and friends, spreading warmth and happiness during the coldest time of the year.

## READING COMPREHENSION

### COLORED & B/W VERSIONS INCLUDED

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_

## WINTER CELEBRATIONS

DIRECTIONS CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER.

1. What is the Festival of Lights celebrated by Jewish families during the winter season?

- a) Christmas
- b) Diwali
- c) Hanukkah
- d) Kwanzaa

2. What do families light for eight nights during Hanukkah?

- a) Christmas trees
- b) Menorah
- c) Oil lamps
- d) Candles

3. Which festival is also known as the Festival of Lights in India?

- a) Christmas
- b) Hanukkah
- c) Diwali
- d) Kwanzaa

4. What is the name of the candle holder used during Kwanzaa?

- a) Menorah
- b) Kinara
- c) Dreidel
- d) Diya

5. When does Kwanzaa start?

- a) December 24th
- b) December 25th
- c) December 26th
- d) December 31st

### SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

1. What is Christmas known as in India?
2. What is the main symbol of Hanukkah?
3. How many days does Kwanzaa last?
4. What do people do to celebrate Hanukkah?
5. Name one food commonly eaten during Hanukkah.

6. What event marks the shortest night of the year?

- a) Christmas
- b) Hanukkah
- c) Diwali
- d) Winter Solstice

7. What do people gather to watch during the Winter Solstice?

- a) Sunset
- b) Sunrise
- c) Full moon
- d) Fireworks

8. Which festival celebrates African heritage?

- a) Christmas
- b) Hanukkah
- c) Diwali
- d) Kwanzaa

9. What do families exchange during Kwanzaa?

- a) Gifts
- b) Sweets
- c) Stories
- d) All of the above

10. What is Santa Claus known for doing on Christmas Eve?

- a) Lighting candles
- b) Playing games
- c) Giving gifts
- d) Making pancakes

## ANSWER KEY

### MCQS

1. c) Hanukkah
2. b) Menorah
3. c) Diwali
4. b) Kinara
5. c) December 26th
6. d) Winter Solstice
7. b) Sunrise
8. d) Kwanzaa
9. d) All of the above
10. c) Exchanging gifts

### SHORT-ANSWER QUESTION

1. Diwali
2. Menorah
3. Seven days
4. Gather to watch the sunrise or light bonfires
5. Potato pancakes called latkes

ANSWER KEY  
INCLUDED

10 - MCQ'S & 5  
QUESTIONS