



Vocabulary	Meaning
arti	act of worship and of adoration, using diva lamps made from cotton wool and ghee
Mandir	a special place for Hindus to worship
puja	act of daily worship for Hindus
murtis	special statues or images of Hindu gods and goddesses
shrine	a holy place to pray
consecrate d	blessed or made holy
incense	perfumed cones or sticks that release a nice scent when lit
prarthana	the word many Hindus use for prayer

Key knowledge – Puja	
<p>Some Hindus use images to assist <b>puja</b>. <b>Murti</b> are statues of deities, which have ben consecrated and must be treated with respect.</p> <p>Features of puja:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• water, fruit, food, flowers and <b>incense</b> may be offered to the murti.</li> <li>• a bell is rung to ‘waken’ the deities and arti performed.</li> <li>• personal or communal <b>prarthana</b> may be chanted.</li> </ul>	<p><b>How is food also important within the Hindu faith?</b></p> <p><b>Diwali</b> (the Hindu festival of light) is one of the most important Hindu festivals. During <b>Diwali</b>, special food is eaten. Hindu women often meet to make sweets, which are then given as gifts.</p>

**Assessment focus – Inquire**  
 Accurately describe what has been taught about meanings of concepts/words.

What are rituals?

