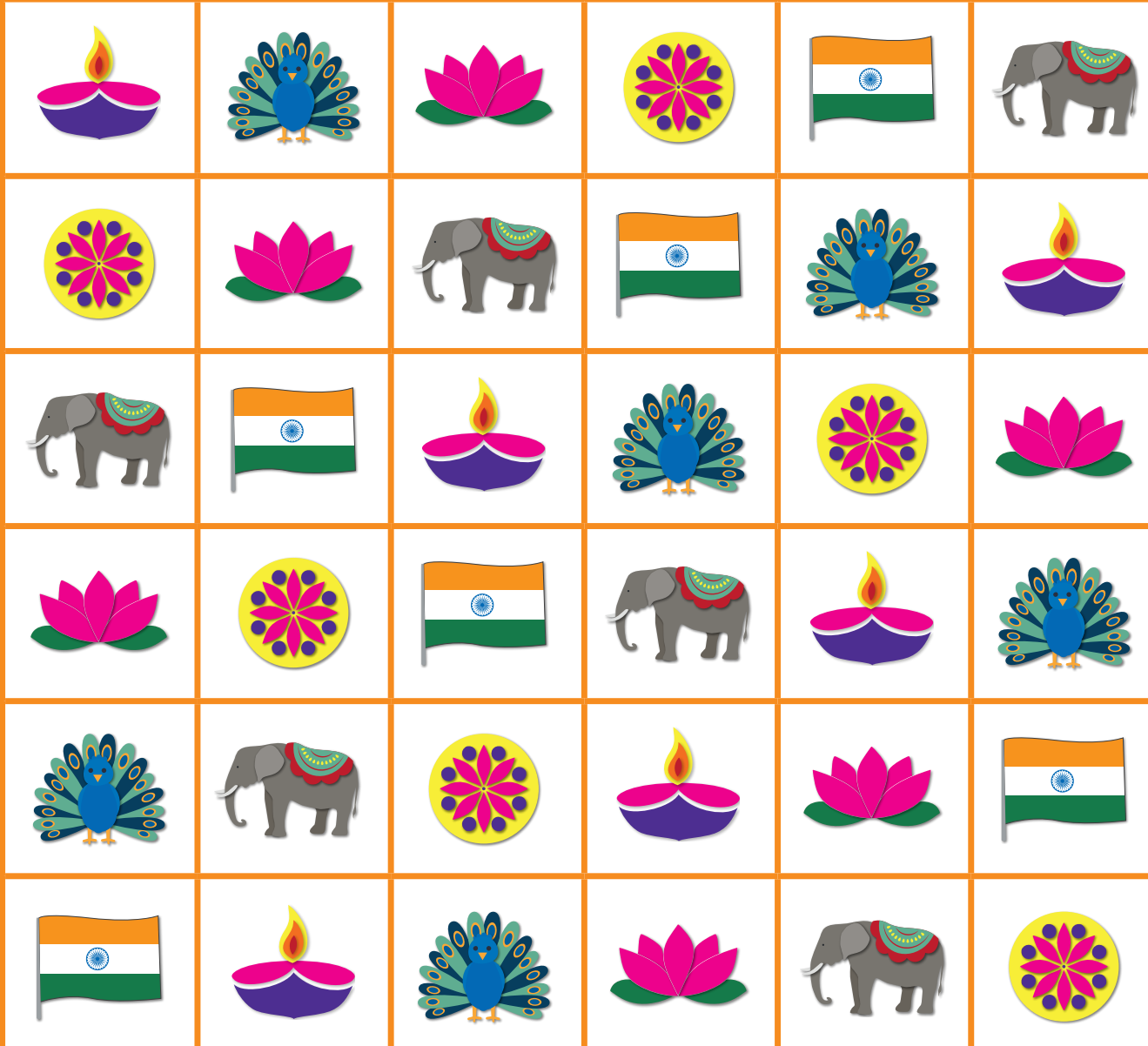


# Four in a Row

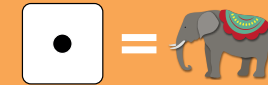
## Celebrate and learn about Diwali

Diwali is the beginning of Hindu New Year, where Hindus, Jains and Sikhs from across the world celebrate light over dark and good over evil. This year it starts on 4 November. Some Hindus believe playing cards or dice games during Diwali can bring good luck, and lots of families get involved in the fun. The story goes that when Goddess Parvati played dice with her husband, Lord Shiva, she enjoyed it so much that she declared, "whosoever played dice on this day shall stay prosperous throughout the year." Join the fun, learn about something new, and enjoy Diwali together.



To play, take it in turns to roll a 6-sided dice and see which picture matches the number you rolled. Then, simply place 1 of your counters on the picture. The first person to get 4 counters in a row is the winner! Ready?

Example: If you roll a 1, you can place a counter on an elephant tile. Keep going until you get 4 counters in a row.



**Elephant** - Hindus believe elephants are sacred, and they're considered to be a living carnation of one the religion's most important gods, Lord Ganesh.



**Lotus Flower** - The lotus flower is India's national flower. For Buddhists and Hindus, the flower symbolises wealth, prosperity, purity, and fertility.



**Peacock** - The peacock is the national bird of India. Some people keep peacock feathers in their homes to bring good luck to their family.



**Indian Flag** - India's flag is made up of three colours; saffron signifies the strength and courage of the country, white symbolizes peace and truth, and green represents the fertility and growth. The wheel in the centre is known as the Ashoka Chakra.



**Rangoli** - Rangoli is an art form that originates in India and involves creating intricate patterns using powders and coloured sand. Each pattern can have a different meaning.



**Diya** - A diya is a kind of lamp. In India, almost every household has a custom of lighting a diya twice a day – in the morning and evening – and they're especially important to Hindus.



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