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Celebrating The Glow Answer Key

Model Response

Similarities:

1. Both families decorate their homes for Diwali.
2. Both enjoy eating sweets and celebrating with family.
3. Both share joy and light with others during the festival.

Differences:

1. The Patels visit a temple, while the Kumars celebrate mostly at home.
2. The Patels make rangoli designs, but the Kumars hang string lights.
3. The Patels share sweets with neighbors, while the Kumars watch fireworks and exchange gifts.

Teacher's Guide

- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - Allow younger or struggling students to underline key details in each paragraph before writing similarities and differences.
 - Challenge advanced learners to write a short paragraph comparing the *meanings* behind each family's traditions.
- **Engagement Ideas:**
 - Have students discuss their own family traditions or celebrations that include light, food, or community.
 - Invite them to draw one image that represents how both families show happiness during Diwali.
- **Extension Activities:**
 - Encourage students to research Diwali traditions from another region of India and compare them with the two families in the story.
 - Host a class "Festival of Lights" board where students write one tradition that brings light to their lives.