K-2 India: Celebrations in India: Rakhi, Diwali, Holi, Elephants

All groups of people love to have celebrations. A celebration is a certain time when people get together and have fun. A celebration can also be called a party or a festival. If people do not work or go to school during a celebration, it is called a holiday.

The people of India have many celebrations. Let's read about some of their celebrations.

1. Elephant Festival – Elephants are very important animals in India for many reasons. Once a year, they have an Elephant Festival and Parade. The elephants are decorated in bright colors for the parade.

2. Holi – During Holi the people of India celebrate a time when a good person was stronger than a bad person. The way to celebrate Holi is to throw beautiful colored powder into the air.

3. Rakhi – Rakhi is a day to celebrate brothers and sisters. It is also a day to celebrate friendship. The children make colorful bracelets to tie around the wrist of a brother or friend.

4. Diwali – This is the most important celebration in India. It is also called the Festival of Lights, so you will see many lights during Diwali. People make little lamps and put them at their front door to welcome others into their homes.
Fill in the blanks with words you learned from the reading:

1. ____________ are important animals in India.

2. During the celebration of ______, people throw colored powder into the air.

3. During Diwali, a person will see many ____________ because it is also called the Festival of ____________.

4. ____________ is the name of a friendship celebration.

Draw a picture of your favorite celebration from India
Key:

1. **Elephants** are important animals in India.

2. During the celebration of **Holi** people throw colored powder into the air.

3. During Diwali, a person will see many **lights** because it is also called the Festival of **Lights**.

4. **Rakhi** is the name of a friendship celebration.