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Read the information about Ganesha below, then decide which bits are most important or interesting! Make a list of 5-6 key points to help you give a 30-second spoken presentation about Ganesha!

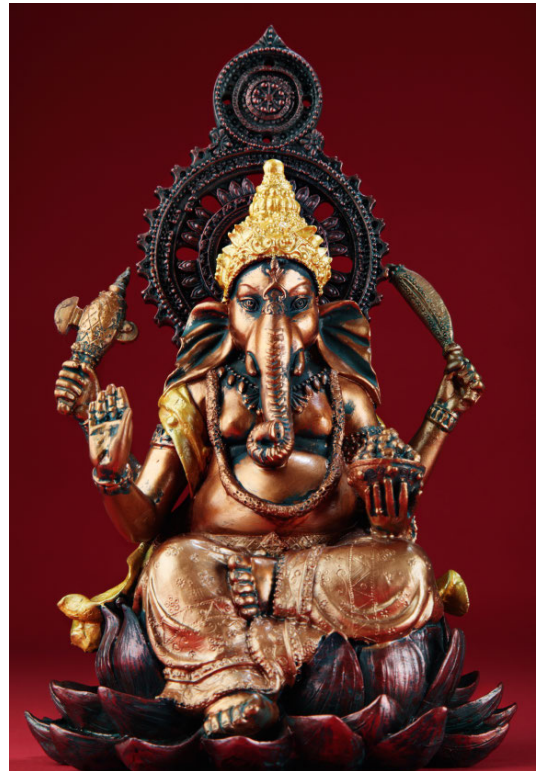
Ganesha is the god of intellect, wisdom and overcoming obstacles.

He is often pictured sitting on a lotus blossom, or riding a mouse!

Ganesha is usually pictured with one head and four arms.

Ganesha carries an axe, and sometimes other weapons, too. He is a warrior god who protects Hindus from harm.

In his left hand, he holds a bowl of sweets - his favourite food!



Hindu worship of Ganesha

Hindus pray to Ganesha when they are starting something new, such as a new business, or buying a house or a car. They believe that Ganesha will bless them and help them overcome problems.

How Ganesha got his elephant head

There are lots of stories about Ganesha. Parvati, the goddess of love, made him out of clay. Her husband, Shiva, was very jealous and cut off his head. He then replaced Ganesha's head with that of an elephant. Shiva also gave Ganesha a big, round belly so that Parvati would not fall in love with him!

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Read the information below, then decide which bits are most important or interesting! Make a list of 10-12 key points to help you give a 30- to 60-second spoken presentation about Brahma and Saraswati!



Brahma

Brahma is the creator god. He has four faces, pointing north, south, east and west. Here he is pictured sitting on a lotus blossom, but he is often seen riding a swan. Hindu deities often ride animals (mounts). A deity's mount is called a 'vahana'.

Saraswati

Saraswati is married to Brahma. She is the goddess of music, knowledge and learning. She is often seen holding an instrument called a veena. In her other hands she often holds a book or a pot of water.



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idea of purifying things, or washing away things that are unclean or wrong.

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How Brahma created the world

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