

Lord Ganesh

9 Ganesh is the famous Hindu elephant-headed god. He is
20 special for Hindus because he is believed to be the son
30 of Lord Shiva (who many Hindus consider to be one
40 of the three most powerful gods) and his wife Parvati.
50 The name Ganesh comes from two different words in a
58 language called Sanskrit: 'gana' meaning group and 'isha'
70 meaning Lord. He is known as a god who will help to
79 remove difficulties when you are starting a new journey.

89 Ganesh is usually shown as having four arms. In his
101 hands he holds lots of items, including an axe and a bowl
105 of his beloved sweets.

109 Surprisingly, despite his size,
114 Ganesh travels around on the
118 back of a mouse!



Quick Questions



1. What are the names of Ganesh's parents?



2. 'and a bowl of his beloved sweets.'
What does the word 'beloved' mean in this sentence?

3. Why is Ganesh's choice of transport surprising?



4. Sum up what you think the main point of this text is.

