

El Día de Muertos

Read about a Mexican celebration of memory, then compare.



NAME _____ CLASS _____ DATE _____

LEARNING GOAL

Understand a Spanish text and compare two celebrations.

SUCCESS CRITERIA

- ☐ I can find key facts in a Spanish text.
- ☐ I can find Spanish phrases from their English meaning.
- ☐ I can compare two celebrations with respect.

1 Read the panel

Gallery 1



El Día de Muertos

México · 1 y 2 de noviembre



- 1** En México, el Día de Muertos se celebra el 1 y el 2 de noviembre. Durante estos dos días, las familias recuerdan a los parientes que ya no están.
- 2** En casa, muchas familias preparan una ofrenda. Una ofrenda es un altar especial. En la ofrenda hay fotos de los parientes, velas, comida y muchas flores. Estas flores se llaman cempasúchil.
- 3** Además, mucha gente hace o compra pan de muerto y calaveras de azúcar. Las calaveras de azúcar son dulces.
- 4** El Día de Muertos no da miedo: es una celebración de la memoria. Las familias recuerdan a sus seres queridos con cariño.

Exhibition panel: read it twice, the second time with the glossary

2 Glossary

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WORD FILE

se celebra
is celebrated

la ofrenda
an altar of offerings

además
also, as well

dulces
sweet

recuerdan
they remember

las velas
candles

la gente
people

no da miedo
is not frightening

los parientes
relatives

se llaman
are called

el pan de muerto
bread of the dead

los seres queridos
loved ones

ya no están
are no longer here

el cempasúchil
marigold (a flower)

las calaveras de azúcar
sugar skulls

con cariño
with love, fondly



Curator's tip: on your first read, underline every word you already know and circle words that look like English, such as celebración. Then use the glossary for the rest.

**3 Find the Spanish for**

Gallery 2

6 marks

These phrases are in the text but not in the glossary. Copy them exactly, with any accents.

at home

many families

a special altar

during these two days

food

a celebration of memory

4 True or false?

Gallery 3

5 marks

Circle T (true) or F (false). If it is false, correct it in English.

STATEMENT

CIRCLE

IF FALSE, THE CORRECT FACT

a The Day of the Dead is celebrated in Spain.

T

F

b It is celebrated on 1 and 2 November.

T

F

c Families prepare the ofrenda at school.

T

F

d Sugar skulls are sweet.

T

F

e The Day of the Dead is a frightening festival.

T

F

5 Answer in English

Gallery 4

8 marks

a Who do families remember on these two days?**b** Name three things you find on an ofrenda.**c** What two things do many people make or buy?**d** ? INFERENCE Why do you think families put photos of their relatives on the ofrenda? Use paragraph 4.

Compare two celebrations



6 Side by side

Gallery 5

6 marks

Choose a time when your family or community remembers someone, or celebrates together. It can be **any celebration**: a festival, a national day, a birthday, a family meal. Fill the middle column from the text and the right column about yours.

QUESTION	EL DÍA DE MUERTOS	MY CELEBRATION
When?	 	
What do people do, make or eat?	 	
How does it feel?	 	

7 Write your comparison

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6 marks

Name your celebration. Give one similarity and one difference, each with a detail.

In Mexico, families ...

In my family, we ...

Both ...

One difference is ...



GO FURTHER

Add one sentence in Spanish, starting **En mi familia, celebramos ...**