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## Day Two

# Celebrate with the Dead

### Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



→ Read these phrases and words **out loud** to your partner.

- The altar draws lost loved ones together
  - marigold flowers attract spirits
  - candles light the spirits' way
  - sheets of colored paper are cut into patterns
  - to guide the spirit of their loved one
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- celebrate                      **SEL** | uh | brayt
  - altar                                **ALL** | tuhr
  - marigold                         **MAIR** | uh | gold
  - special                            **SPEH** | shul
  - items                               **EYE** | temz



### Decoding practice:

Circle the two base words in the compounds below. The first one is done for you.

throughout

everyone

graveyard

sometimes

backdrop

lifetime



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// one minute

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### Part 2: Last read

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The Day of the Dead is a time to celebrate! It is a national Mexican holiday. Many people throughout the U.S. also celebrate this holiday. On the Day of the Dead, everyone remembers people that have died. But the Day of the Dead is not a sad time. It is a time to celebrate the lives of loved ones.

An altar is important for the Day of the Dead. The altar draws lost loved ones together. An altar may be in a home or a graveyard. Most altars include several items. First, there are photos of lost loved ones. Second, marigold flowers attract spirits with their smell and color. Then, candles light the spirits' way.

People also place water and food on the altar. Candy skulls represent both death and the sweetness of life. These sugar skulls usually have decorations. Sometimes, people offer a treat the spirit enjoyed in their lifetime. Finally, sheets of colored paper are cut into patterns. They make up bright paper banners as a backdrop for the altar. They may wave to show a spirit is there.

The dead are special guests during the Day of the Dead. Some people believe that spirits can visit us during this holiday. People may make an altar to guide the spirit of their loved one. They hope to talk to the dead while they are nearby.

### Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Think of one person who has died that you would like to talk to. (This could be anyone – from a grandparent to Harriet Tubman.) Who would you like to talk to, and why?

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Who did your partner write down? Ask them why they picked that person.

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