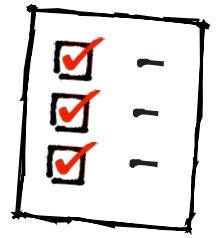


Name:

Day Two

La Catrina

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



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

- La Catrina first appeared as a sketch
 - It was meant to criticize Mexican people
 - represented Mexicans' comfort with death
 - of loved ones who have died
 - and paint their faces as beautiful skulls
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- La Calavera Catrina* **LAH** kah | lah | **VAY** | rah kah | **TREE** | nah
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 - criticize **KRIH** | tih | seyez
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 - Diego Rivera dee | **AY** | goh ree | **VAY** | rah
 - mural **MYUR** | ul
 - Marina Lozano muh | **REE** | nuh loh | **ZAH** | noh
 - vary **VAIR** | ee
 - altars **ALL** | turz



Decoding practice:

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

cannot

ballgown

throughout

graveyard

tombstones

broadbrim



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// one minute

Part 2: Last read

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You cannot have the Day of the Dead without La Catrina! *La Calavera Catrina* means The Catrina Skull. La Catrina first appeared as a sketch around 1910. The sketch shows a skeleton in an elaborate hat. It was meant to criticize Mexican people who dressed like Europeans. 47

Decades later, Diego Rivera included La Catrina in a famous mural. He painted her as a tall skeleton wearing a white ballgown and a broadbrim hat. Rivera thought that La Catrina represented Mexicans' comfort with death. Marina Lozano is an art teacher from Mexico. She says, "For us Mexicans, death does not scare us. We dress her up nicely." 64 78 92 106

La Catrina has also become a symbol of the Day of the Dead. The Day of the Dead is a holiday on the first two days of November. It celebrates the lives of loved ones who have died. The Day of the Dead is popular throughout Mexico. Parts of South America and the U.S. also celebrate this holiday. 127 145 161 164

Day of the Dead traditions vary depending on where you live. Some people have altars in their homes to remember loved ones. Many people include La Catrina on these altars. Other people visit the graveyard and decorate their family's tombstones. Some towns gather together for a big celebration. Women often dress up as La Catrina. They wear fancy dresses and paint their faces as beautiful skulls. On the Day of the Dead, La Catrina is everywhere. 181 196 210 226 240

Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Do you think La Catrina's popularity is proof that Mexicans are comfortable with death? Why or why not?

Share ideas with your partner.

We agree about this

We disagree about this