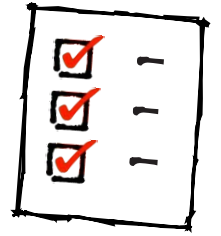


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Leticia Celebrates the Day of the Dead

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



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

- of family members they have lost
 - her grandmother looked forward to her favorite chocolates
 - to remember and celebrate her grandmother
 - often celebrated by Mexican families
 - depending on where you live
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- Leticia lah | **TEE** | see | ah
 - ofrenda oh | **FREN** | dah
 - altars **ALL** | turz
 - celebrate **SEL** | uh | brayt
 - traditions truh | **DIH** | shunz



Decoding practice:

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

grandmother

outdoor

graveyard

tombstones

outfits

upbeat



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// one minute

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Part 2: Last read

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Every year Leticia helps her parents set up their *ofrenda* or altar. They lay a bright orange cloth over a table. Leticia sets out some marigold flowers and candles. Her parents place water and a special kind of bread on the table. Leticia adds the decorated sugar skulls they bought. Finally, they set up pictures of family members they have lost.

This year, Leticia adds some small chocolates to the altar. Leticia said her grandmother looked forward to her favorite chocolates each day. Now, Leticia’s family is ready to celebrate the Day of the Dead together. Leticia is excited about this holiday. She especially wants to remember and celebrate her grandmother. Leticia hopes her grandmother’s spirit will be nearby.

The Day of the Dead is a holiday often celebrated by Mexican families. It is also celebrated in many places in the U.S. and South America. It is usually celebrated on two days each year. November 1st is for children who have died. November 2nd is for adults who have died.

Day of the Dead traditions are different depending on where you live. Some people set up altars in their homes. Other people visit the graveyard and decorate their family’s tombstones. Some towns hold outdoor parties, too. Everyone gathers for dancing in bright outfits. The Day of the Dead is not a sad day. It is an upbeat day to connect with people you have lost. It is a day to celebrate their lives.

Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Some people, like Leticia, think the Day of the Dead will bring their lost loved ones closer to them. Do you think this is possible? Why or why not?

Share ideas with your partner.

We agree about this

We disagree about this