

What is Día de los Muertos?

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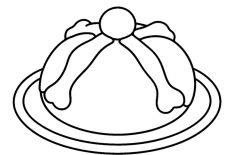
Día de los Muertos means Day of the Dead. It is a tradition from Mexico with Indigenous roots. On November 1 and 2, families lovingly remember people who have died, with stories, food and music. It is not the same as Halloween.

Families build an **ofrenda**, a special table with photos, candles, water and favourite foods. Bright orange **marigolds**, called cempasúchil, decorate it. Many families say the flowers help their loved ones find the way home.

Families share **pan de muerto**, a sweet bread, and hang **papel picado**, paper with shapes cut out of it. Sugar skulls called **calaveras** are joyful art. Families tell stories and share memories.



calavera



pan de muerto

2 Circle T for true or F for false.

1. Families remember loved ones who have died.
2. Día de los Muertos is the same as Halloween.
3. Marigolds decorate the ofrenda.
4. Pan de muerto is a kind of soup.

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3 Answer in a sentence.

1. On which two days do families celebrate Día de los Muertos?

2. Name two things families put on an ofrenda.
