

EXTRA CLASSES - STARTER

Day of the dead

1. Read the text about “Day of the Dead” – a special celebration from Mexico:

Mexico’s Day of the Dead

Halloween comes every year on October 31, and with it comes candy, pumpkins, costumes, and trick-or-treating. Many people in Mexico, celebrate another traditional, special day on November 1 and November 2. It’s called, the “Day of the Dead.” Children make candy skulls, and women bake ‘Day of the Dead’ bread. People light candles, prepare flowers, and visit cemeteries at night, to be close to the spirits of friends and family members who have died. Mexicans bring food and drinks for the souls of the dead, and even toys for dead children. The ‘Day of the Dead’ is a time for Mexicans to remember their loved ones by telling stories about them to each other and to their children. For many people in Mexico, the ‘Day of the Dead’ is a way to celebrate life.

2 Read the text and answer TRUE or FALSE:

- 1 Day of the Dead is celebrated on October 31st. _____
- 2 It’s celebrated in Mexico. _____
- 3 Children make skull candies. _____
- 4 There is a special bread called “dead bread”. _____
- 5 People visit cemeteries at night. _____
- 6 Mexicans don’t bring food and drink for the souls of the dead. _____

Glossary:

Candy: doces
Costumes: fantasias
Trick-or-treating: doces ou travessuras
Candy skulls: caveiras doces
Day of the Dead bread: pão especial feito para a celebração de dia dos mortos
Candles: velas

3 Solve the wordsearch, find words related to the celebration:

<https://www.esolcourses.com/content/topics/autumn-festivals/day-of-the-dead/word-search.html>

4 Match the words to the pictures. Use the vocabulary in the link to help you:

help link: <https://www.esolcourses.com/content/topics/autumn-festivals/day-of-the-dead/american-english-picture-vocabulary.html>

bread

flowers

offerings

candle

Sugar skull

graveyard

fall

skeleton

hat



a) _____



b) _____



c) _____



d) _____



e) _____



f) _____



g) _____



h) _____



i) _____