

Foreign languages

Grade 4

Day of the Dead worksheet: Spanish words for the ofrenda

Learn how families remember loved ones on Día de los Muertos and the Spanish words for an ofrenda.



I can explain the Day of the Dead tradition and use 6 Spanish vocabulary words.

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Remembering with joy

Día de los Muertos, or the Day of the Dead, is celebrated on November 1 and 2, mostly in Mexico and by many Mexican American families in the United States. It is not a sad or scary holiday. It is a time to remember family members who have died and to celebrate their lives.

Many families build an ofrenda, a special table of offerings. They put photos of their loved ones on it, along with their favorite foods. They add bright orange cempasúchil flowers (marigolds), velas (candles) and pan de muerto, a sweet bread.

Colorful calaveras, or decorated skulls, often made of sugar, remind people that death is part of life. Strings of papel picado, paper with cut-out designs, flutter above. Families share stories, music and food together.

2 Spanish to English

Draw a line from each Spanish word to its English meaning.



☐ la ofrenda •

☐ la vela •

☐ la calavera •

☐ el cempasúchil •

☐ el pan de muerto •

☐ el papel picado •

• A. candle

• B. cut-paper banner

• C. marigold flower

• D. table of offerings

• E. sweet bread

• F. decorated skull

3 Use the words

Use the word bank. Write the Spanish word that fits.

WORD BANK

velas

cempasúchil

pan de muerto

ofrenda

1. The family builds an _____ with photos and food.

2. They light _____ so the table glows.

3. Orange _____ flowers make the table bright.

4. Everyone shares a sweet _____.

4 True or false

Circle the right answer.

- | | | |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Día de los Muertos is on November 1 and 2. | ☐ True | ☐ False |
| 2. It is a time to remember and celebrate loved ones. | ☐ True | ☐ False |
| 3. Día de los Muertos is the same holiday as Halloween. | ☐ True | ☐ False |
| 4. Papel picado is paper with cut-out designs. | ☐ True | ☐ False |

5 Check your reading

Circle the best answer.

1. When is Día de los Muertos celebrated?
- ☐ A October 31 ☐ B November 1 and 2 ☐ C December 25
2. What is an ofrenda?
- ☐ A a special table of offerings ☐ B a kind of candy ☐ C a song
3. Why do families put photos on the ofrenda?
- ☐ A to sell them ☐ B to remember loved ones ☐ C to scare people
4. What color are the cempasúchil flowers in the text?
- ☐ A blue ☐ B orange ☐ C green

6 El or la?

Write each Spanish word under the word that goes with it.

☐ vela ☐ pan ☐ calavera ☐ papel ☐ ofrenda ☐ cempasúchil

el

la

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**More than one**

Write the Spanish plural.

1. una vela, dos _____
2. una calavera, tres _____
3. una ofrenda, dos _____
4. una flor, cinco _____
5. un pan, dos _____

8

**Colors in Spanish**

Draw a line from each Spanish color to its English meaning.

☐

naranja

☐

amarillo

☐

morado

☐

rosa

☐

blanco



A. purple



B. white



C. orange



D. pink



E. yellow

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Label an ofrenda

Draw an ofrenda. Label at least 4 things on it with their Spanish names.



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Answer key

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