
Part A: Read.



Every year in July, people in Ubon Ratchathani Thailand celebrate the Candle Festival. Tourists from all over the country come to Ubon to look at huge wax candles that are paraded through the streets. There is music, dancers, a huge market and even a competition for artists to design the best candle.

In other countries, they have different festivals. Some are really strange. One of the weirdest festivals in the world is Day of the Dead.

Day of the Dead is celebrated on November 1st in Mexico, Ecuador, Guatemala and other parts of Central and South America. Families gather to pray to dead relatives and ask them to return for just one night.



People decorate their homes and gravesites with food, candles, candy skulls and flowers to welcome the dead back to earth. People dress up as skeletons and parade through the streets.

Pan de los muertos (bread of the dead) is baked in the shape of skulls and crossbones, and a toy is hidden inside each loaf. The person who bites into the toy is said to have good luck.



Day of the Dead sounds like a scary event, but it's a happy time to celebrate and remember the lives of dead family members.

Part B: Answer True or False.

1. Day of the Dead is celebrated in July. _____
2. Families ask dead people to come back for one night. _____
3. Pan de los Muertos is a type of bread. _____
4. It is unlucky to bite the toy in Pan de los Muertos. _____
5. Day of the Dead is a happy festival. _____
6. Day of the Dead is celebrated in Africa. _____

Part C: Answer the questions. (Write full sentences please.)

1. Why do people celebrate Day of the Dead?

2. What do people in South America put in Pan de los Muertos?

3. How often do South Americans celebrate Day of the Dead?

Part D: Answer the questions. Use google or wikipedia.org to find the answers.

1. What does "Pan de los Muertos" mean?

2. Can you name five other countries in South America?

3. What else is a skull and crossbones symbol used for?

**Part E: Write a few sentences about a festival in your country
(What's it called? When is it? What do you do? Etc.)**
