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## Remembering Together

**Directions:** Read the passage about Day of the Dead. Then, circle the letter of the best answer (A-D) for each question.

### "Remembering Together"

Every year in early November, families across Mexico and many other countries celebrate **Día de los Muertos**, or **Day of the Dead**. Instead of being a sad time, it is a joyful celebration that honors loved ones who have passed away. People believe that during these days, the spirits of their family members return to visit.

Homes are decorated with **altars**, called *ofrendas*, filled with colorful flowers, candles, food, and photos of the people being remembered. One of the most common flowers is the **marigold**, whose bright orange petals are said to help guide spirits back home. Families prepare favorite dishes of their loved ones, like *tamales* and *pan de muerto*, a special sweet bread baked just for the occasion.

During the celebration, many people visit cemeteries to clean and decorate graves. Some bring music, food, and even stories to share. Children might paint their faces like cheerful skeletons called **calaveras**, reminding everyone that life and death are both part of one big cycle. The Day of the Dead is not about being scared-it's about **remembering with love**.

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### Comprehension Questions

1. What is the main purpose of Día de los Muertos?
  - A. To celebrate birthdays
  - B. To scare away bad spirits
  - C. To prepare for winter
  - D. To honor and remember loved ones who died
2. What does the marigold flower symbolize in the celebration?
  - A. A favorite food of the spirits
  - B. The light that guides spirits home
  - C. A decoration for the altar only
  - D. A symbol of good luck for the living
3. What are *ofrendas*?
  - A. Skeleton costumes
  - B. Music and stories
  - C. Altars decorated with food and photos
  - D. Special candles made for cemeteries
4. Why do families visit cemeteries during the holiday?
  - A. To clean and decorate graves
  - B. To build new altars
  - C. To plant new flowers
  - D. To look for hidden treasures
5. Which best describes the tone of the celebration?
  - A. Frightening and gloomy
  - B. Quiet and serious
  - C. Joyful and loving
  - D. Sad and lonely

