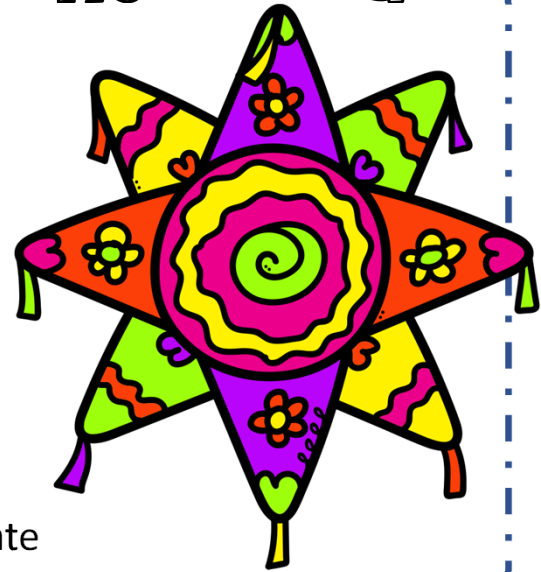


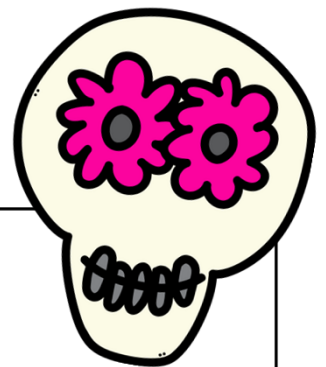
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# Celebrations Around the World

People all over the world have special customs they follow to celebrate important days. In China, families celebrate a holiday called Lunar New Year by wearing new clothes and giving each other red envelopes with money inside. In Mexico, they celebrate



Day of the Dead(Dia de los Muertos) by making colorful decorations and visiting the graves of their loved ones. In India, people celebrate Diwali by lighting oil lamps and having sweets with friends and family. In some places, people have special dances or music to celebrate. In others, they have big feasts with yummy food. No matter where they are, people love to celebrate together with their families and friends. Even though customs may be different, they all have one thing in common: they bring people joy and happiness. Learning about customs from around the world helps us understand and respect different cultures. It's fun to learn about how people celebrate in different ways!



1. Read the passage about 'Celebrations Around the World'
2. Underline each word that you could not read.
3. Circle each word that took you more than 1 try.
4. Answer the follow up questions.

Answer according to the reading passage:

**1. What are customs?**

- a. festivals
- b. parties
- c. celebration of important days

**2. What does China celebrate?**

- a. Day of the Dead
- b. Lunar New Year
- c. Diwali

**3. Diwali is celebrated by:**

- a. lighting oil lamps
- b. dancing in the street
- c. wearing new clothes

**4. Customs are different everywhere, but they bring people:**

- a. sadness
- b. food and drinks
- c. joy and happiness

**5. Learning about customs helps us:**

- a. understand and respect different cultures
- b. learn to celebrate
- c. dance and sing

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## Open Response Questions

### Open Response Questions for Thinking Skills:

1. *Inferring*
2. *Making Connections*
3. *Summarizing*
4. *Visualizing*

1. Why do you think people have different customs around the world?
  2. What is similar and different with your cultures celebrations?
  3. Explain in 3 sentences what customs are.
  4. What images come to your mind when you read this passage?
- If you could celebrate a new custom, what would it be and why?
  - Why is it important for people to learn about other customs?
  - Why do these celebrations make us happy?
  - What is a custom you celebrate? How do you celebrate it?
  - Learn about a custom a friend celebrates and compare it to yours.