



Dia de los Muertos

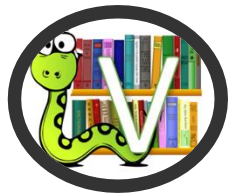
Stage 6

Unit Focus: Mexico

Text Focus: Information Text



Today we are learning to...



identify new words when you read and discuss their meaning in context



summarise and order information from paragraphs



retrieve simple facts

Task 1: Re-read 'Dia de los Muertos'

Read this extract from the information text. Think carefully about your expression and the punctuation!

Between the 31st of October and the 2nd of November every year, Mexicans get together and celebrate one of the most colourful festivals in the world calendar. Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) is a way for people to remember their friends and relatives who have passed away.



Task 6: Matching

Match the Mexican name to its definition.

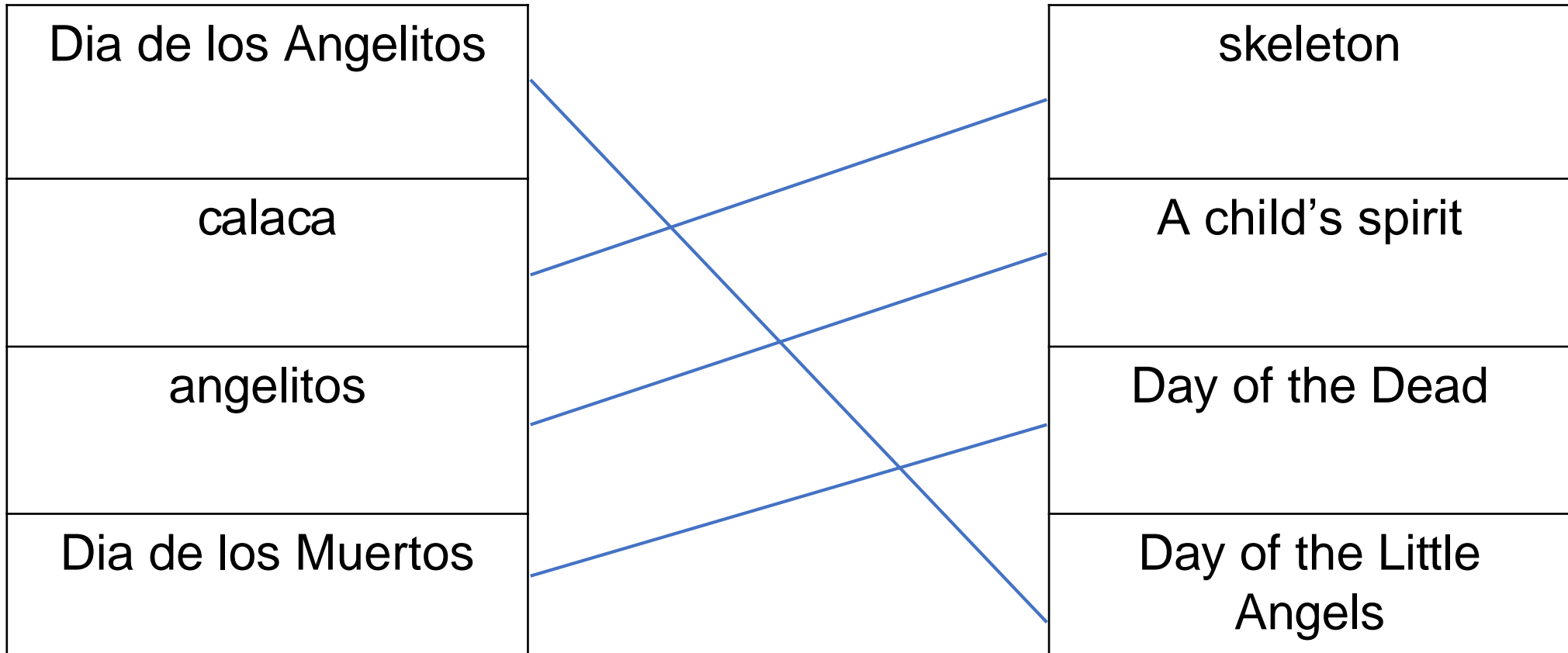
Dia de los Angelitos
calaca
angelitos
Dia de los Muertos

skeleton
A child's spirit
Day of the Dead
Day of the Little Angels



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Task 7: True or false?

Using information from the text, tick one box in each row to show whether each statement is true or false.

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The origins of Dia de los Muertos can be traced back to 1000BC.		
Sugar skulls are painted in dull colours, with small pink eyes.		
The Day of the Dead is a time for sadness and mourning.		



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Task 8: Summarise

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Until 2015, Mexico City didn't have a large parade to celebrate the Day of the Dead.	
It is an ancient tradition that can be traced back to the Toltec Mexicans and the Aztec.	
An introduction to when and where this colourful festival takes place.	
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