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Instructions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. What happens first in the story?
 - Ⓐ María thinks about the funny things Ratona used to do.
 - Ⓑ María and her family dance together in the graveyard.
 - Ⓒ María and her mom go to the market to buy items for Día de los Muertos.
 - Ⓓ María asks her mom if they can celebrate Ratona during Día de los Muertos.
2. Why was María's cat named *Ratona*, or *Mouse*?
 - Ⓐ Ratona was an excellent hunter and liked to catch mice.
 - Ⓑ Ratona was small and gray and squeaked like a mouse.
 - Ⓒ María always wanted a pet mouse but got a cat instead.
 - Ⓓ Ratona had big ears and whiskers like a mouse.
3. Which detail from the story describes the mood of the graveyard on the night of Día de los Muertos?
 - Ⓐ *My whole family walked to the graveyard to visit Tía Teresa.*
 - Ⓑ *The graveyard was full of laughing voices.*
 - Ⓒ *My two brothers carried bundles of flowers.*
 - Ⓓ *Every family from the neighborhood came out.*
4. What is the author's purpose for writing *Día for María*?
 - Ⓐ to inform and entertain the reader about Día de los Muertos
 - Ⓑ to inform the reader about the history of Día de los Muertos
 - Ⓒ to entertain the reader with scary stories about Día de los Muertos
 - Ⓓ to persuade the reader to participate in Día de los Muertos

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5. *Things used to make something fancier* are called _____.
 - Ⓐ gravestones
 - Ⓑ mariachi
 - Ⓒ decorations
 - Ⓓ sugar skulls
6. How was Tía Teresa similar to María?
 - Ⓐ She loved Ratona.
 - Ⓑ She had the same favorite food.
 - Ⓒ She loved to dance.
 - Ⓓ She enjoyed Día de los Muertos.
7. What kind of friend is María?
 - Ⓐ mean and selfish
 - Ⓑ boring and rude
 - Ⓒ shy and nice
 - Ⓓ thoughtful and kind
8. Which of the following means the same as *party*?
 - Ⓐ celebration
 - Ⓑ altar
 - Ⓒ marigold
 - Ⓓ passed away
9. How does María feel when she tells stories about Ratona?
 - Ⓐ María feels happy when she tells stories about Ratona.
 - Ⓑ María feels embarrassed when she tells stories about Ratona.
 - Ⓒ María feel sad when she tells stories about Ratona.
 - Ⓓ María feels lonely when she tells story about.
10. Why did María have her friends over to her house?
 - Ⓐ to cook special foods together in María's kitchen for their loved ones
 - Ⓑ to help María's mom make decorations for Día de los Muertos
 - Ⓒ to do something special to remember their pets that had passed away
 - Ⓓ to have a sleepover to celebrate Día de los Muertos
11. **Extended Response:** How do María and her family remember Tía Teresa on the Day of the Dead?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Día for María

Main Comprehension Skill: Analyze Character

1. Ⓓ *Sequence Events*
2. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
3. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
4. Ⓐ *Author's Purpose*
5. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
6. Ⓐ *Compare and Contrast*
7. Ⓓ *Analyze Character*
8. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
9. Ⓐ *Analyze Character*
10. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
11. Answers will vary but should include the following: *María and her family remember Tía Teresa by setting up an altar, telling stories, making special foods, and visiting her gravestone to celebrate.*