

## 2c BOLIVIAN WRESTLERS

Listen and put them in correct order.

salary) to sit near the ring. She likes watching wrestling because, she says, "We laugh and we forget our problems for three or four hours."

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competitors were all men, but nowadays women are also competing in the ring.

Yolanda and Claudina are like famous pop stars. They smile and wave to their fans. The music stops, and the referee starts the fight. Claudina jumps on Yolanda.

In Bolivia, soccer is the national sport, but the country is also famous for another sport—wrestling. Local people like watching wrestling, and it's popular with tourists, too. It's an exciting mixture of sport, drama, and entertainment. When modern wrestling started in Bolivia in the 1950s, the

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tradition. In answer to the question "Would your daughters like to become wrestlers one day?", Yolanda says they wouldn't. She answers, "My daughters ask me why I do this. It's dangerous, and they complain that

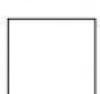
Then Yolanda throws Claudina on the floor. As Claudina lies on the floor, Yolanda smiles and waves to the crowd. Then Claudina gets up and pushes Yolanda onto



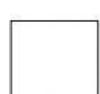
The city of El Alto is a good place to watch wrestling. Hundreds of spectators go to the fights in the evening. This evening, the crowd is sitting around a huge wrestling ring and shouting, "Bring them on! Bring them on!" Suddenly, the commentator is speaking



into a microphone, "Ladies and gentlemen. It's time for Yolanda and Claudina!" The crowd is screaming with excitement as two women in colorful clothes enter the ring.

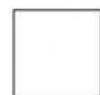


wrestling doesn't bring any money into the house." So why does she do it?



Yolanda loves wrestling because of her fans—and she has lots of them. One of her fans is named Esperanza Cancina. Esperanza pays \$1.50 (a large part of her

Away from the ring, many wrestlers are women with families. At home, Yolanda has a normal, quiet family life. She has two daughters, and she makes clothes for a living. Her father was also a wrestler, so it's a family



the ground. One minute, Yolanda is winning. The next minute, Claudina is winning. The spectators go crazy!

