



TRABAJO PRÁCTICO N° 2

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CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

WOMAN LOSES MERCY PLEA

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The state's highest criminal court rejected convicted killer Karla Faye Tucker's bid for clemency, to keep from becoming the first woman executed in Texas since the US Civil War. The Court of Criminal Appeals on Wednesday turned aside her argument that the state's clemency process is unconstitutional.

§2 Ms Tucker, who is scheduled to die Tuesday by lethal injection, has asked the board of Pardons and Paroles to commute her sentence to life in prison. The board can deny her request or forward a recommendation to Gov. George W. Bush.

§3 Ms Tucker, 38, was condemned for murdering a man and woman with a pickax during a 1983 break-in. She has since insisted she found God behind bars and would be content spending the rest of her life in prison

doing his work for the rehabilitation of young criminals.

§4 In interviews organized by her prison minister-husband, Dana Brown, she insists she's a new person, content to spend her life in prison doing God's work and setting an example for young people. "We all have the ability, after we've done something horrible, to make a change for the good," Ms Tucker, 38, said earnestly on CBS television. "I'm so far removed from the person I used to be out there. For me, what's weird is thinking back on some of the things I used to do, and thinking, 'I did that?'"

§5 A spokeswoman for Christian Coalition founder Pat Robertson said Wednesday his *700 Club* television program will broadcast the last prison interview with Ms Tucker on the day she's scheduled to be executed. Robertson, who supports

the death penalty, has said Ms Tucker should be spared to continue preaching the word of the Lord to fellow convicts. The interview was conducted on Tuesday.

§6 "She feels very strongly about what the Lord has done to change her life," said Robertson's spokeswoman, Patty Silverman. "She wanted to be sure that the message of what God did in her life got out."

§7 Texas last executed a woman in 1863, when Chipita Rodriguez was hanged for the murder of a horse trader. The only woman executed in the United States since the Supreme Court allowed capital punishment to resume in 1976 was Velma Barfield. She died by injection in North Carolina in 1984 for poisoning her boyfriend.

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A. Encuentre la palabra o expresión en el texto que tenga este significado y escríbala en inglés en el espacio:

- 1 to refuse to accept a request (v) (§1)
- 2 willingness not to punish someone too severely (n) (§1)
- 3 to plan that something will happen at a particular time (v) (§2)
- 4 to change a punishment to a less severe one (v) (§2)
- 5 helping someone to live a useful life again after they have been in prison (n) (§3)
- 6 very seriously (adv) (§4)
- 7 someone who starts a business, organization, school, etc. (n) (§5)
- 8 someone who has been proved to be guilty of a crime and sent to prison (n) (§5)
- 9 to kill someone, especially legally as a punishment for a serious crime (v) (§5,7)
- 10 to start doing something again after a pause or interruption (v) (§7)

B. Elija el tipo de palabra que corresponde:

ABILITY

Sustantivo común

Sustantivo derivado

Sustantivo compuesto

SPOKESMAN

Sustantivo común

Sustantivo derivado

Sustantivo compuesto

PERSON

Sustantivo común

Sustantivo derivado

Sustantivo compuesto

DURING

Artículo

Preposición

Conjunción

WOULD

Verbo Auxiliar

Pronombre

Conjunción

HER

Artículo

Conjunción

Pronombre



C. Escriba la familia de palabras de estas que son extraídas del texto. Búsquelas en el diccionario o aplique lo aprendido en el curso.

SUSTANTIVO	ADJETIVO	VERBO
killer		
		interview
	convicted	

D. Elija la mejor opción de traducción de las siguientes frases nominales:

1. her prison minister-husband

2. the state's clemency process

3. during a 1983 break-in

4. capital punishment



D. Lea el artículo y elija la respuesta correcta de las opciones.

1. What crime did Karla Tucker commit?

2. What sentence did she get?



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3. Does she claim to be innocent?

4. What has she asked the Board of Pardons and Paroles?



5. How does she say she is going to spend her life if her request is granted?

6. Is she married?

7. When will her last interview be broadcast(ed) on TV?

8. How is she going to be executed?





E. Conteste en español, de su opinión

1. Do you believe Karla Tucker is a new person now, different from the person she used to be? Why?