

## Video and listening session: The history of Valentine's day

❖ Video 1: the history of the holiday. Drag and drop the words or phrases in the correct blank.  
Check the meaning of unknown words before watching the video again and solving the activity.

The association between romance and mid-february goes back to a \_\_\_\_\_ festival called Lupercalia, in which there was animal \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of women with strips of animal skin to bestow \_\_\_\_\_. In the 5<sup>th</sup> C, in order to Christianize the pagan festival, Pope \_\_\_\_\_ February 14 as St. Valentine's day.

As regards the real St. Valentine, there were several canonized by the Church. One St. Valentine, a Roman priest, lived in \_\_\_\_\_ under \_\_\_\_\_. The Emperor was very \_\_\_\_\_ when it came to war. His soldiers left their families, resulting in them \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. That is why the Emperor \_\_\_\_\_ marriages. Father Valentine thought the ban \_\_\_\_\_ and continued to marry lovers in secret. Unfortunately, the Emperor caught him and sentenced him to \_\_\_\_\_. It is believed that couples visited his cell and passed him \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Father Valentine fell in love with his \_\_\_\_\_. On February 14, the day he was executed, he passed the young girl a note signed \_\_\_\_\_. Another representative of the holiday is Cupid, \_\_\_\_\_, who started as a Roman \_\_\_\_\_.

god of love  
from your Valentine  
notes  
death  
banned  
half-hearted  
Emperor Claudius II  
declared  
fertility  
sacrifice  
pagan  
slapping  
Gelasius  
3<sup>rd</sup> C AD  
ambitious  
homesick  
unjust  
flowers  
jailer's daughter  
winged matchmaker

❖ Video 2: the present of Valentine's day. Match sentences halves.

Valentine greetings appeared	was in the 1840s.
By the 17 <sup>th</sup> C, people in Great Britain	heart-shaped boxes of chocolate are sold.
The first mass-production of holiday cards	major consumer holiday.
Valentine's day became a	are produced for this holiday every year.
With 1 billion cards sent each year, it	that is \$130 per person per year on average.
More than 35 million	in the 15 <sup>th</sup> C.
220 million of roses	likely to get engaged on Valentine's day.
America spends almost 20 billion,	is the first holiday after Christmas.
Nearly 20% of America splurge 4 million dollars	had begun a tradition of exchanging cards or letters.
As many as 6 million couples are	on jewelry annually.