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 5th 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 a 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
3rd 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 17th 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 15th 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.

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