

## Listening Comprehension

**Listen to the text and fill the gaps.**

St. Valentine was a 1\_\_\_\_\_ who lived in the third century in 2\_\_\_\_\_. During his lifetime the Roman Empire was crumbling down from the attacks of surrounding tribes. Emperor Claudius II who 3\_\_\_\_\_ during the chaos believed that 4\_\_\_\_\_ made soldiers 5\_\_\_\_\_. He issued a verdict that 6\_\_\_\_\_ marriage to ensure the 7\_\_\_\_\_ of his soldiers. The ban on marriage was a great 8\_\_\_\_\_. The kind bishop noticed the injustice of the decree. He held the law of the church and helped 9\_\_\_\_\_ who came to him uniting them in a 10\_\_\_\_\_ matrimony. But it was only a matter of time before the Emperor heard about this friend of lovers and had him arrested. Valentine was 11\_\_\_\_\_. While waiting for his sentence, his jailer Asterius, approached him to

use his saintly 12\_\_\_\_\_ and heal his blind daughter. Valentine succeeded and her sight was restored. They became 13\_\_\_\_\_ and fell in love.

After a while the emperor issued a verdict Valentine was asked to agree with Emperor about the ban on marriage thus giving up his 14\_\_\_\_\_. Valentine refused. Just before his execution Valentine asked for a pen and a paper and signed a 15\_\_\_\_\_ message to his lover "From your Valentine". The phrase lived ever after.

True or false?

1. St. Valentine lived in the 3<sup>rd</sup> century in Rome. True / False
2. Emperor Claudius II believed that married soldiers were stronger than unmarried. True / False
3. People were pleased that the marriages were prohibited. True / False
4. Asterius was Valentine's relative. True / False
5. Asterius healed his blind daughter. True / False
6. Valentine fell in love with Asterius' daughter. True / False
7. Valentine gave up his religion. True / False