

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 3rd 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