



WORKSHEET

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COMPETENCIA: Lee textos escritos en inglés como lengua extranjera

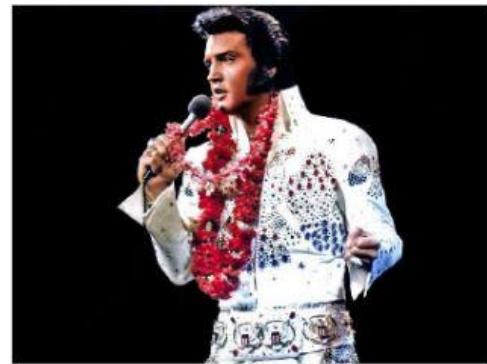
CAPACIDAD: Obtiene información del texto escrito.

DESEMPEÑO PRECISADO: Comprende y deduce información implícita y explícita de la lectura con la ayuda de un esquema.

READING

What language do people speak in Finland? Finnish? That's true, but some people there also speak Swedish.

And there is another language that people speak in Finland which is a little more unusual it is Latin! In some countries students learn Latin at school, but it is quite rare for people to speak or listen to this language. They usually write it or translate it. However, in Finland it is a bit different. They can hear it on the radio!



A retired Finnish university professor called Tuomo Pekannen started the radio programme where his wife, Virpi, reads the news every day on the national radio station..... in Latin! The title of the programme is *Nuntii Latini* and it gives information about five or six short news items before the main news is read in Finnish. Professor Pekannen started this in 1989 because he believes that understanding Latin is an important part of everyone's education. There are only one or two programmes like this in the world, but the internet is making them available to lots and lots of people around the world. Thousands and thousands of people listen online and the programme receives a lot of letters from people in about 50 countries.

When he is making his new programme, there are sometimes words which are difficult for Pekannen to translate because, as you probably know, the Romans didn't have any modern technology like television, computers, emails or lasers. But Pekannen says that he can talk about many stories on the news by inventing a few new Latin words if necessary.

But professor Pekannen doesn't just translate the news into Latin. He also translates the words for songs. And he isn't the only one. Dr Jukka Ammondt, another former university professor, loves Latin, too and he

Loves the king of the rock and roll Elvis Presley. So what does he do? He sings Elvis in Latin! There is an important tradition of studying Latin in Finland. There was a Latin congress there recently and people had no problem talking in Latin nowadays. English is the language which people all over the world use to communicate. But before English it was Latin! Tuomo Pekannen believes that around 15 million people in Europe speak or understand Latin today. That's not bad for a dead language.

Read the article again. Are the sentences. True (T), False (F) or is the information Not Mentioned(NM) in the text?

1. Some people in Finland speak more than two languages _____
2. Students can get quite a lot of practice speaking Latin._____
3. Tuomo Pekkanen's main job was presenting the news._____
4. The news broadcast in Latin is on television._____
5. Pekkanen's wife started reading the news in Latin over 20 years ago _____
6. Many countries want to Pekkanen's idea._____
7. Some words related to modern technology are difficult to translate._____
8. Pekkanen sometimes makes up words for the news programmes._____
9. Dr Jukka Ammondt worked at the same university as Tuomo Pekkanen._____
- 10.. Ammondt is not an Elvis fan, but many Latin speakers are._____