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MATERIA: INGLÉS

Read the text and translate from "There were rumours of strange things happening..."their mines in the Blue Mountains". Then do the exercises.

There were rumours of strange things happening in the world outside; and as Gandalf had not at that time appeared or sent any message for several years, Frodo gathered all the news he could. Elves, who seldom walked in the Shire, could now be seen passing westward through the woods in the evening, passing and not returning; but they were leaving Middle-earth and were no longer concerned with its troubles. There were, however, dwarves on the road in unusual numbers. The ancient East-West Road ran through the Shire to its end at the Grey Havens, and dwarves had always used it on their way to their mines in the Blue Mountains. They were the hobbits' chief source of news from distant parts - if they wanted any: as a rule dwarves said little and hobbits asked no more. But now Frodo often met strange dwarves of far countries, seeking refuge in the West. They were troubled, and some spoke in whispers of the Enemy and of the Land of Mordor. That name the hobbits only knew in legends of the dark past, like a shadow in the background of their memories; but it was ominous and disguieting. It seemed that the evil power in Mirkwood had been driven out by the White Council only to reappear in greater strength in the old strongholds of Mordor. (J.R.R. Tolkien's The Lord of the Rings, Part I: The Fellowship of the Ring) (225 words)

1. Write [T] or [F] according to whether you think the following statements are true or false:

- 1. Elves could now be seen returning to the Shire.
- 2. There was the same amount of dwarves on the road as usual.
- 3. Dwarves were the hobbits' chief source of news from distant parts.
- 5. The hobbits had nice memories of the Land of Mordor.

2. Read the text again and choose the right answer:

- 1. Had Gandalf been in the Shire recently?
- a) Yes, a few months before.
- b) Not for several years.
- c) Not for a long time, but he had sent a message.
- 2. Did elves live in the Shire?
- a) No, they didn't.
- Yes, and they enjoyed walking through the woods. b)
- Yes, they lived in the western part of the Shire. C)
- Why were the dwarves troubled? 3.
- Because they had to go to their mines in the Blue Mountains. a)
- Because they didn't want to use the Grey Havens. b)
- Because they were afraid of the Enemy and of the Land of Mordor. C)
- What did the name Mordor mean to the hobbits? 4.
- It was ominous and disquieting to them. a)
- It was interesting and legendary to them. b)
- c) It was a nice memory to them.

3. Find, in the first paragraph of text, the antonyms of these words:

- 1. inside:
- 2. often:
- 3. usual:
- beginning: 4.
- 5. never:

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OPCIÓN A

4. There were dwarves of far countries, seeking refuge, afraid of the Enemy.

OPCIÓN B

Read the text and translate from "The pope has blessed the faithful from his window..." to "connect with the masses". Then do the exercises.

The pope has blessed the faithful from his window overlooking St Peter's Square for the first time since announcing his resignation, cheered by a crowd of tens of thousands from around the world.

Smiling broadly, Benedict raised his arms outstretched in his penultimate Angelus blessing before leaving the papacy. A huge banner in the square read: "We love you."

The blessing, which takes place at midday on Sunday, is one of the most cherished traditions of the Catholic church, and this was one of Benedict's last opportunities to **connect with the masses.** His voice was strong and clear as he looked into hazy sunshine over the square and addressed at least 50,000 pilgrims in Italian, English, French, German, Polish and Spanish.

Benedict made no direct reference to his decision to step down, but in his Spanish comments he asked the crowd to "continue praying for me and for the next pope". He thanked the crowd for their "affection and spiritual closeness", and gave particular thanks to the "beloved inhabitants of the city of Rome", a possible hint at the title he will take after retirement. The Vatican has suggested he may be called the emeritus bishop of Rome.

The Angelus blessing normally attracts a few thousand pilgrims and tourists, but city officials prepared for a crush of people seeking to witness a moment of history. (*The Guardian,* 225 words)

1. Write [T] or [F] according to whether you think the following statements are true or false:

- 1. A few Italian devout people cheered the pope.
- 2. Benedict raised his arms outstretched in his last Angelus blessing before leaving the papacy.
- 3. The blessing takes place at midday on Sunday,
- 4. The pope's voice was low and weak.
- 5. The pope addressed at least 50,000 pilgrims in Italian, English, Portuguese, Russian, Polish and Spanish.

2. Read the text again and choose the right answer.

- 1. Which is, according to the article, one of the most cherished traditions of the Catholic church?
 - a) The mass.
 - b) The Angelus blessing.
 - c) The Christening.
- 2. Which language did the pope choose to imply that he was going to resign?
 - a) Italian
 - b) German
 - c) Spanish
- 3. Why did he give particular thanks to the "beloved inhabitants of the city of Rome"?
 - a) Because he grew very affectionate to them.
 - b) Because the Vatican has suggested he may be called the emeritus bishop of Rome.
 - c) Because he was sad to leave Rome.
- 4. How may people were officials expecting for that particular Angelus blessing?
 - a) A few thousand pilgrims and tourists.
 - b) Not too many people.
 - c) A crush of people.

3. Find the antonyms of these words in the texts:

- a) small
- b) first
- c) weak
- d) a lot of