



**LOGSE: Junio 2003**  
**MATERIA: INGLÉS**

**Elvis Lives!**

He was the rock legend known as The King, she was a school – girl who loved him tender and swooned at the mere mention of his name. Now, thirty – nine years after she wrote to Elvis Presley promising to marry him when she grew up. Karen Golz has learned that her idol did not have a wooden heart. In a message from beyond the grave, his reply finally arrived.

It was as her 11th birthday approached in 1960 that Karen wrote to Elvis, who was serving as an American GI<sup>1</sup> in Germany. In a letter posted to the house where he was staying, she wrote “Dear Elvis. It’s my birthday soon and if you send me your autograph I promise I will marry you when I grow up”.

Anxious not to disappoint his young fan, he wrote a note back, scrawling her name and address in Germany, on the envelope. Inside, the note said: “Dear Karen, May you have a very happy 11th birthday – and a lot of Teddy Bears. Your friend, Elvis.” He gave the stamped and addressed envelope to his landlady to post. But she mislaid it and the letter lay undiscovered until the woman died. It was only when her family was cleaning out the house that the memento was rediscovered. Even though they realised its value to collectors, they donated the letter to the local Elvis Presley society.

There, club members spent weeks tracking down Karen. After receiving the letter Karen said: “My eyes filled with tears” Though she plans to hang on to her letter, experts have valued it at around £ 3.500.

**1. Are the following sentences TRUE or FALSE? Copy the evidence from the text. No marks are given for only TRUE or FALSE.**

- Elvis Presley never went to Europe.
- When the letter was found the landlady’s relatives decided to keep it.

**2. In your own words and based on the ideas from the text answer these questions.**

- Why did Elvis’ letter take thirty – nine years to reach the person to whom it was addressed?
- How did Karen react when she got Elvis’s letter?

**3. Find a synonym in the text for the following words or phrases.**

- fainted (paragraph 1)
- tomb (paragraph 2)
- living (paragraph 3)
- trying to find (paragraph 4)

**4. Complete the following sentences. Use the appropriate form of the word in brackets when given:**

- Karen’s children did not that \_\_\_\_\_ mother had written to Elvis when she \_\_\_\_\_ eleven years old.
- The letter \_\_\_\_\_ (find) in the attic when the old house \_\_\_\_\_ (clean out)



c) Thanks \_\_\_\_\_ club members of the local Elvis Presley society, Karen \_\_\_\_\_ be tracked down without much difficulty

**Rewrite the following sentences in reported speech with the words given.**

d) "If you send me your autograph I will you". Karen promised Elvis  
- Karen promised .....

**5. Write about 100 to 150 words on ONE of the following topics.**

- a) If you had a letter from your favourite artist, what would you do with it? Give reasons.
- b) What do you think of the fan's attitude towards famous people? Discuss.

