

WORKSHEET ON THE LEGEND “THE FACES OF BÉLMEZ”

1. **TRUE OR FALSE?** Once you have read the whole story, say whether these statements are true or false.
 - a) The first face at María’s house appeared one summer morning.....
 - b) The first face at María’s house appeared on the wall next to the fireplace
 - c) María was washing up when she saw the first face
 - d) The first face at María’s house showed a man with a long beard
 - e) One of María’s neighbour put a layer of cement over the face
 - f) Sometimes whole human bodies appeared on the walls
 - g) As time went by, María became happier and happier about the faces
 - h) The authorities in Spain tried to keep this phenomenon a secret
 - i) María was never a popular woman in her village.....

2. Our legend says that the village of Bélmez is “surrounded by olive, almond and pine trees”. Usually the names of trees are pretty names in every language. Can you remember the name of five different names of trees IN ENGLISH?
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3. Sheep and goats were popular farm animals in Bélmez by the time the faces appeared. Can you quote the name of other TEN farm animals?(Not only mammals; birds are also allowed)?

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4. Having those faces in your own kitchen must be a stressing experience. Can you write as many **adjectives** as you can to describe a supernatural phenomenon like this?

Examples:disturbing–terrifying-

5. Unscramble the words below and use them to complete the sentences:

untedha - ecalperif- leeps – htree

- 1- The first human face that Maria saw was in front of the
- 2- They didn't have much that night.
- 3- Maria said to her neighbours that her house was
- 4- Their surprise was huge when, after days, the face appeared again.

6. Can you match each word with its opposite?

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| 1. Dark | a. Crowded |
| 2. Silence | b. Nervous |
| 3. Isolated | c. Light |
| 4. Calm | d. Noise |

7.Fill in the gaps with the correct **question word**. Then, find the answer below.

What-who-whose-how- how many-when-where-why

- 1)did the story occur?
 - 2)changed the name of a street to commemorate Maria?
 - 3)did they find under Maria's kitchen floor?
 - 4)did she realize about the faces?
 - 5)did Miguel try to remove the faces?
 - 6) did Maria and Miguel want to move to a different house?
 - 7) years passed since Maria saw the faces until she died?
 - 8)idea was to let people see the faces?
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- a) While she was preparing lunch.
 - b) Because the faces started to spread all over the floor.
 - c) In a little province of Jaén on Mágina Mountain.
 - d) Miguel's.
 - e) The Council in Bélmez did it.
 - f) About 33 years.
 - g) He chipped the kitchen floor and put cement on top of it.
 - h) A huge number of human bones.

8. Complete the sentences with correct prepositions:

into – in – without – on – for

- a) She was waiting.....her son, who usually came back home at midday.....his meal.
- b) As it usually happens.....small villages, the news spread like gunpowder.
- c) ‘Look at that stain.....the floor’.
- d) They moved or transformed.....different faces in a continuous way.

9. **Word Square:** Find the following parts of the face in this word square.

forehead – eyebrows – lips - chin – eyes – ears – cheeks - nose

Q	W	E	R	T	Y	U	I	O	P	A	S	D	F	N
M	L	K	F	O	R	E	H	E	A	D	J	H	G	O
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U	J	J	M	N	H	Y	T	G	B	V	F	R	E	E
I	K	L	O	E	P	A	S	D	F	G	H	J	K	K
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R	G	A	N	E	B	J	S	Q	V	Q	C	Y	Q	Q
I	E	Y	E	B	R	O	W	S	M	U	X	P	S	K
F	D	V	W	X	H	D	S	H	K	L	L	I	P	S