The Elves and the Shoemaker

Jo was a shoemaker who lived with his wife Margaret. They were very poor. One day he had enough leather to make just one pair of shoes. He cut his leather out, and kept it ready for the next day.

But next morning, to his great wonder, there stood a pair of shoes already made, upon the table. The same day a customer came in, and the shoes suited him so well that he willingly paid a price higher than usual for them.

This happened for many nights. Margaret and Jo were happy but very puzzled. The two decided to keep a watch one night to find out who was being so kind to them.

In the middle of the night, when everybody else was asleep, Jo and Margaret waited secretly in the work shed. At midnight, they saw two elves! The elves were deep in their work, making shoes for them. By morning, they had made many new shoes.

Jo and Margaret were filled with gratitude. When they saw the elves had nothing to wear they decided to make new, warm clothes for them as winter was approaching. They kept their gift in the work shed the next night and hid behind the door. At midnight, the elves came again and saw the beautiful, tiny clothes. The elves were so happy with their new clothes that they sang and danced all night. They now knew that Jo the shoemaker and his wife no longer needed their help, and went away to help someone else in need.

Answer the following questions in complete sentences. Don’t forget your punctuation

1. What are the names of the shoemaker and his wife?

2. What did he see on the table the next morning?

3. Who helped him make the shoes?
4. What gift did they give the elves in return?

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Choose the correct answer

1. A shoemaker makes
   a) pair
   b) leather
   c) shoes

2. If a pair means two, how many is 4 pairs?
   a) four
   b) eight
   c) six

3. Who do you think made the shoes for the shoemaker?
   a) His wife
   b) The queen
   c) The elves

Write whether the following statements are true or false

1. The shoemaker was very rich in the beginning.___________

2. The elves went away because they knew the shoemaker and his wife no longer needed their help.___________

Use the following words in sentences of your own

1. beautiful
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2. poor
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