**Listening Exercise 101**

Audio News Article, 31 seconds

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Guidelines:

A. Review the listening questions

B. Play the audio twice in repetition (click on the icon)

C. Attempt to answer the questions.

F. Review the transcript to gauge comprehension

G. Listen to the audio a third and fourth time while simultaneously reading the audio transcript

H. Refer to the answers, vocabulary and translation to clarify doubts and uncertainties



**Questions**

1. What did the President of Cuba do?
   1. Died
   2. Travelled
   3. Hospitalized
   4. Resigned
2. Why?
   1. Criminal conviction
   2. Voted out
   3. Old age
   4. Sick
3. Who revealed the information?
   1. Former Cuban official
   2. Ex-President
   3. Journalist
   4. Family
4. How was it revealed?
   1. Newspaper interview
   2. Government press release
   3. Presidential TV appearance
   4. Cuban refugees
5. Characterize the nature of the information offered:
   1. Certain
   2. Doubtful
   3. Possible
   4. Untrue
6. What is the determinant factor?
   1. Money
   2. Biology
   3. Military
   4. Communist Party

**Transcript**

Raúl Castro ha abandonada la presidencia de Cuba debido a su edad. Así lo reveló el ex-mandatario uruguayo José Mujica. En entrevista con el Diario de la República, apuntó que Fidel se fue del gobierno, y se fue hace rato. Y Raúl se vaya, que tiene la decisión tomada. En Junio próximo el mandatario cubano cumple 85 años. Mujica aseguró que con la biología no se puede y hay que respetarla, porque es determinante.

**Translation**

Raul Castro has quit the presidency of Cuba because of his age. This was revealed by former Uruguayan President José Mujica. In an interview with the Journal of the Republic, he noted that Fidel left the government, and that was a while ago. And Raul is going, he’s made the decision. Next June the Cuban leader turns 85. Mujica said that you cannot fight biology, it must be respected, it’s essential.

**Vocabulary**

José Mujica ex-president of Uruguay

hace rato a while ago

el Diario de la República Argentina newspaper