Worksheet 4. Reading: After the Hurricane

Read the blog entry from a worker who served in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. Answer the questions that follow it.

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About a month after Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans, I went down there with my unit of the Northernmost States Electric and Power Company to help restore the electric power. When we arrived, most of the stores and shops were closed, including the famous Cafe Du Monde. But, the city was coming back to life, little by little, and I was there when the café reopened. What a sensual experience! There was a heavy aroma of chicory coffee in the air, mixed with a sweet fragrance that came from freshly-made beignets.

During the next weeks, I looked forward to the routine of having beignets and coffee at the café at 6:00 A.M. every morning. I was sorry to leave New Orleans when my work ended after two months. I have wonderful memories of the beignets and the Cafe Du Monde, not only of that great breakfast treat, but also of the spirit of hope and renewal that this New Orleans icon represents.

Circle T if the statement is true or F if the statement is false.

T / F  This blog was written by an employee of a power company.

T / F  The writer helped to bring back the electricity to New Orleans.

T / F  The Café Du Monde was open when he arrived in the city.

T / F  The writer describes the smells of the café.

T / F  He did not like these smells.

T / F  The writer went to the café early every morning.

T / F  The writer stayed in New Orleans for two months.

T / F  The writer had beignets every morning.

T / F  He says that the beignets were a special treat.

T / F  He thinks the Café Du Monde is a symbol of hope and renewal.