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**Level 5 – 28th April 2025**

## **Pope Francis laid to rest at Vatican funeral**

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**Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

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Pope Francis has been buried after a ceremony in Rome. More than 250,000 people attended his funeral and procession. High-ranking church officials, royalty, heads of state, and foreign dignitaries paid their respects in the 16th-century St Peter's Basilica. The Vatican News website called the ceremony "moving, intense, and heartfelt". Pope Francis died last Monday, aged 88. He was head of the Catholic Church for 12 years. He was the first Pope from South America. A Church official said the outpouring of affection "tells us how much Pope Francis touched minds and hearts".

Pope Francis was a very popular Pope. He did his utmost to bring people together. The Church official told mourners that the late Pope cared deeply about the plight of migrants and about world peace. Francis had constantly urged people to "build bridges, not walls". Francis continually urged leaders to end conflicts in Ukraine, Gaza, Sudan and Myanmar. Francis will also be remembered for supporting greater inclusivity for same-sex couples and transgender people. His views on LGBTQ+ issues often brought criticism from conservatives in the Church.

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c8x8w4xk1gno>  
<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/apr/26/pilgrims-powerful-come-together-pope-francis-funeral>  
<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2025-04/the-farewell-to-pope-francis-and-gospel-pages-turning-in-wind.html>

# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                            |                             |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Pope Francis has been   | a. of affection             |
| 2. 250,000 people attended | b. dignitaries              |
| 3. high-                   | c. and hearts               |
| 4. foreign                 | d. buried                   |
| 5. moving, intense, and    | e. ranking church officials |
| 6. He was the first Pope   | f. heartfelt                |
| 7. the outpouring          | g. from South America       |
| 8. Francis touched minds   | h. his funeral              |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                 |                       |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. He did his                   | a. transgender people |
| 2. bring people                 | b. in the Church      |
| 3. the plight                   | c. not walls          |
| 4. build bridges,               | d. together           |
| 5. supporting greater           | e. LGBTQ+ issues      |
| 6. same-sex couples and         | f. utmost             |
| 7. His views on                 | g. inclusivity        |
| 8. criticism from conservatives | h. of migrants        |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Pope Francis has been buried (1) \_\_\_\_\_ in Rome. More than 250,000 people (2) \_\_\_\_\_ and procession. High-ranking church officials, royalty, (3) \_\_\_\_\_, and foreign dignitaries paid their respects in the 16th-century St Peter's Basilica. The Vatican News website (4) \_\_\_\_\_ "moving, intense, and heartfelt". Pope Francis died last Monday, aged 88. He was head of the Catholic Church for 12 years. He was the first Pope from South America. A Church official said the (5) \_\_\_\_\_ "tells us how much Pope Francis (6) \_\_\_\_\_ hearts".

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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# POPE FRANCIS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2504/250428-pope-francis-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Pope Francis in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.  
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) \_\_\_\_\_
- c) \_\_\_\_\_
- d) \_\_\_\_\_
- e) \_\_\_\_\_
- f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) \_\_\_\_\_
- c) \_\_\_\_\_
- d) \_\_\_\_\_
- e) \_\_\_\_\_
- f) \_\_\_\_\_

## WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2504/250428-pope-francis-5.html>

Write about **Pope Francis** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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