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Pope Francis laid to rest at Vatican funeral

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THE ARTICLE

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Pope Francis was a hugely popular pontiff. He was seen as a man who did his utmost to bring people together. Cardinal Re told mourners that the late Pope had a deep commitment to the plight of migrants and to world peace. Cardinal Re said Francis had constantly urged people to "build bridges, not walls". Francis was always outspoken in his criticism of war. He continually urged leaders to end conflicts in Ukraine, Gaza, Sudan and Myanmar. Francis will also be remembered for his calls for greater inclusivity. He gave his conditional blessing of same-sex couples. He also recognized transgender and LGBTQ+ issues, even though this brought criticism from conservatives.

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WARM-UPS

1. POPE FRANCIS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Pope Francis. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

solemn / ceremony / funeral / procession / royalty / paying respects / Pope / affection
popular / mourners / migrants / building bridges / war / same-sex couples / LGBTQ+

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. RELIGIOUS LEADERS: Students A **strongly** believe religious leaders are better than political leaders; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. RELIGIONS: What do you know about these religions? What do you want to know? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I Know	What I Want to Know
Christianity		
Islam		
Buddhism		
Sikhism		
Judaism		
Hinduism		

5. PEACE: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "peace". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. LEADERS: Rank these with your partner. Put the most important leaders at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Political leaders
- Religious leaders
- National leaders
- Military leaders
- Civic leaders
- Civil rights leaders
- Business leaders
- Team leaders

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|------------------------|---|
| 1. laid to rest | a. Kings, queens, princes, and princesses. |
| 2. solemn | b. Very beautiful or very good. |
| 3. royalty | c. When a person who has died is buried in the ground. |
| 4. dignitaries | d. Very serious and quiet. |
| 5. paid their respects | e. Important people, like leaders or officials. |
| 6. magnificent | f. Showed they cared about or said goodbye to someone who died. |
| 7. outpouring | g. A lot of feelings shown at once. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| 8. pontiff | h. A very bad or difficult situation. |
| 9. utmost | i. Another word for the Pope (the head of the Catholic Church). |
| 10. mourners | j. When you promise to do something and work hard at it. |
| 11. commitment | k. Not afraid to say what you think, especially if it is shocking or controversial. |
| 12. plight | l. The best or most you can do. |
| 13. outspoken | m. When everyone is welcome and included. |
| 14. inclusivity | n. People who are very sad because someone has died |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. Over a quarter of a million people were at Pope Francis' funeral. **T / F**
2. The St Peter's Basilica in the Vatican was built in the 1500s. **T / F**
3. Pope Francis passed away on Easter Sunday. **T / F**
4. Pope Francis is the only Pope ever to come from South America. **T / F**
5. Pope Francis used to be builder and helped design and build bridges. **T / F**
6. Pope Francis rarely spoke about war. **T / F**
7. Pope Francis was opposed to same-sex couples. **T / F**
8. Pope Francis' views on LGBTQ+ issues were popular with conservatives. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. laid to rest | a. deceased |
| 2. solemn | b. VIPs |
| 3. dignitaries | c. love |
| 4. moving | d. disapproval |
| 5. affection | e. dignified |
| 6. utmost | f. difficult condition |
| 7. late | g. buried |
| 8. plight | h. support |
| 9. blessing | i. touching |
| 10. criticism | j. best |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--|----------------------------|
| 1. Francis has been laid to rest after a | a. bring people together |
| 2. many high-ranking church | b. respects to the pontiff |
| 3. heads | c. LGBTQ+ issues |
| 4. paid their | d. migrants |
| 5. the outpouring | e. officials |
| 6. a man who did his utmost to | f. inclusivity |
| 7. a deep commitment to the plight of | g. of affection |
| 8. Francis was always | h. solemn ceremony in Rome |
| 9. remembered for his calls for greater | i. outspoken |
| 10. He also recognized transgender and | j. of state |

GAP FILL

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

Pope Francis has been laid to rest after a (1) _____ ceremony in Rome. The funeral and (2) _____ were attended by more than 250,000 people. Many high-ranking church officials, royalty, heads of state, and foreign (3) _____ paid their respects to the pontiff in the (4) _____ 16th-century St Peter's Basilica. The Vatican News website called the ceremony "moving, intense, and (5) _____". Pope Francis passed away on Easter Monday, aged 88, after (6) _____ as head of the Catholic Church for 12 years. Francis was the first Pope from South America. A Catholic Church cardinal said the (7) _____ of affection in the Vatican streets "tells us how much Pope Francis (8) _____ minds and hearts".

heartfelt
procession
touched
solemn
outpouring
dignitaries
serving
magnificent

Pope Francis was a (9) _____ popular pontiff. He was seen as a man who did his (10) _____ to bring people together. Cardinal Re told mourners that the late Pope had a deep commitment to the (11) _____ of migrants and to world peace. Cardinal Re said Francis had (12) _____ urged people to "build bridges, not walls". Francis was always outspoken in his (13) _____ of war. He continually urged leaders to end conflicts in Ukraine, Gaza, Sudan and Myanmar. Francis will also be remembered for his calls for greater (14) _____. He gave his conditional blessing of same-sex (15) _____. He also recognized transgender and LGBTQ+ issues, even though this (16) _____ criticism from conservatives.

inclusivity
constantly
utmost
couples
hugely
brought
criticism
plight

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) Pope Francis has been laid to rest after a solemn _____
 - a. ceremonial in Rome
 - b. ceremony in Rome
 - c. serenade in Rome
 - d. ceremonies in Rome
- 2) Many high-ranking church officials, royalty, heads of state, _____
 - a. and foreign dignitary
 - b. and foreign dignities
 - c. and foreign indignities
 - d. and foreign dignitaries
- 3) The Vatican News website called the ceremony "moving, _____"
 - a. intense, and heartbeat
 - b. intense, and heart heat
 - c. intense, and hearty felt
 - d. intense, and heartfelt
- 4) A Catholic Church cardinal said the _____
 - a. outpouring of affliction
 - b. outpouring of affection
 - c. outpouring of affecting
 - d. outpouring of a fraction
- 5) in the Vatican streets tells us how much Pope Francis touched _____
 - a. minds end hearts
 - b. mind and hearts
 - c. minds and hearts
 - d. minds and heart
- 6) Pope Francis was a hugely popular pontiff. He was seen as a man who _____
 - a. did his utmost
 - b. did his at most
 - c. did his uppermost
 - d. did his at mast
- 7) told mourners that the late Pope had a deep commitment to the _____
 - a. blight of migrants
 - b. plight of migrants
 - c. flight of migrants
 - d. slight of migrants
- 8) Francis will also be remembered for his calls _____
 - a. for grater inclusivity
 - b. for greater diversity
 - c. for grater inclusive
 - d. for greater inclusivity
- 9) He gave his conditional blessing of _____
 - a. same-sex couplets
 - b. some-sex couples
 - c. same-sex couples
 - d. some-sex couplets
- 10) He also recognized transgender _____
 - a. and LGBTQ+ reissues
 - b. and LGBTQ+ wishes
 - c. and LGBTQ+ issues
 - d. and LGBTQ+ wishers

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Pope Francis was a (7) _____. He was seen as a man who did his utmost to bring people together. Cardinal Re told mourners that the late Pope had a deep commitment to the (8) _____ and to world peace. Cardinal Re said Francis had constantly urged people to "build bridges, not walls". Francis was (9) _____ his criticism of war. He continually urged leaders to end conflicts in Ukraine, Gaza, Sudan and Myanmar. Francis will also be remembered for his calls (10) _____. He gave his conditional blessing of same-sex couples. He also (11) _____ LGBTQ+ issues, even though this (12) _____ conservatives.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. How many people attended Pope Francis' funeral and procession?
2. When was the St Peter's Basilica built?
3. Who called the ceremony "moving, intense, and heartfelt"?
4. How many Popes have there been from South America?
5. What did a cardinal say Pope Francis touched?
6. What did Pope Francis bring together?
7. Who was Pope Francis concerned about the plight of?
8. What was Pope Francis outspoken about?
9. What think did Pope Francis want there to be more of?
10. Who criticized Pope Francis' views on LGBTQ+ issues?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) How many people attended Pope Francis' funeral and procession?
 - a) 250,000
 - b) more than a quarter of a million
 - c) a half a million
 - d) 2,500,000
- 2) When was the St Peter's Basilica built?
 - a) in the early 1600s
 - b) in the late 1600s
 - c) in the 16th century
 - d) in the 1400s
- 3) Who called the ceremony "moving, intense, and heartfelt"?
 - a) a priest
 - b) a cardinal
 - c) a mourner in the Vatican
 - d) the Vatican News website
- 4) How many Popes have there been from South America?
 - a) two
 - b) one
 - c) four
 - d) many
- 5) What did a cardinal say Pope Francis touched?
 - a) people's minds and hearts
 - b) people's nerves
 - c) the world
 - d) a sacred rock
- 6) What did Pope Francis bring together?
 - a) people
 - b) nations
 - c) religions
 - d) beliefs
- 7) Who was Pope Francis concerned about the plight of?
 - a) children
 - b) priests
 - c) everyone in the world
 - d) migrants
- 8) What was Pope Francis outspoken about?
 - a) prayer
 - b) religion
 - c) war
 - d) same-sex couples
- 9) What think did Pope Francis want there to be more of?
 - a) prayer
 - b) blessings
 - c) churches
 - d) inclusivity
- 10) Who criticized Pope Francis' views on LGBTQ+ issues?
 - a) newspapers
 - b) conservatives
 - c) people on social media
 - d) priests and cardinals

ROLE PLAY

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

Role A – Religious Leaders

You think religious leaders are best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their leaders. Also, tell the others which are the least important of these (and why): political leaders, business leaders or military leaders.

Role B – Political Leaders

You think political leaders are best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their leaders. Also, tell the others which are the least important of these (and why): religious leaders, business leaders or military leaders.

Role C – Business Leaders

You think business leaders are best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their leaders. Also, tell the others which are the least important of these (and why): political leaders, religious leaders or military leaders.

Role D – Military Leaders

You think military leaders are best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their leaders. Also, tell the others which are the least important of these (and why): political leaders, business leaders or religious leaders.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

1. WORD SEARCH: Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for... the words 'funeral' and 'ceremony'.

funeral	ceremony

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• solemn• heads• paid• website• after• outpouring	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• utmost• late• walls• calls• same• though
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POPE FRANCIS SURVEY

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

POPE FRANCIS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'Pope'?
3. What do you know about Pope Francis?
4. Who is the world's greatest religious leader?
5. How important are religious leaders?
6. What good did Pope Francis do for the world?
7. What do you know about the Catholic Church?
8. Why do people stick to one religion?
9. How religious are you?
10. Who has touched your heart and mind?

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POPE FRANCIS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'funeral'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Who in the world can bring people together?
15. How can the world help migrants?
16. What can we do to achieve peace in the world?
17. Where should the next Pope come from?
18. How can we create more inclusivity in the world?
19. What LGBTQ+ issues need to be addressed?
20. What questions would you like to ask an expert on Pope Francis?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|
| 1. | (a) column | (b) condemn | (c) solemn | (d) hymn |
| 2. | (a) ranking | (b) linking | (c) banking | (d) thanking |
| 3. | (a) bought | (b) paid | (c) spent | (d) purchased |
| 4. | (a) intern | (b) traverse | (c) terse | (d) intense |
| 5. | (a) appearing | (b) pairing | (c) outpouring | (d) paring |
| 6. | (a) brains | (b) minds | (c) spirits | (d) lungs |
| 7. | (a) utmost | (b) uppermost | (c) almost | (d) southernmost |
| 8. | (a) blight | (b) flight | (c) slight | (d) plight |
| 9. | (a) outer | (b) outpaced | (c) outspoken | (d) outing |
| 10. | (a) at | (b) to | (c) as | (d) for |
| 11. | (a) to | (b) of | (c) at | (d) on |
| 12. | (a) brought | (b) took | (c) came | (d) was |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. laid to rest after a solemn mcenroey
2. The funeral and sosicnoper
3. foreign giredisanti
4. the nimegacfitn 16th-century St Peter's Basilica
5. A Catholic Church anldciar
6. the guitnoporu of affection

Paragraph 2

7. Pope Francis was a hugely popular fpitnof
8. Cardinal Re told ernousmr that
9. a deep commitment to the thgilp of migrants
10. Francis was always nkeootpus
11. his calls for greater vityisicnul
12. this brought iticsicrm from conservatives

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () 16th-century St Peter's Basilica. The Vatican News website called the ceremony "moving, intense, and
- () and LGBTQ+ issues, even though this brought criticism from conservatives.
- () by more than 250,000 people. Many high-ranking church officials, royalty, heads
- () conflicts in Ukraine, Gaza, Sudan and Myanmar. Francis will also be remembered for his calls for greater
- () heartfelt". Pope Francis passed away on Easter Monday, aged 88, after serving as head
- () inclusivity. He gave his conditional blessing of same-sex couples. He also recognized transgender
- () migrants and to world peace. Cardinal Re said Francis had constantly urged people to "build bridges,
- () not walls". Francis was always outspoken in his criticism of war. He continually urged leaders to end
- () of state, and foreign dignitaries paid their respects to the pontiff in the magnificent
- () of the Catholic Church for 12 years. Francis was the first Pope from South America. A Catholic Church cardinal
- (**1**) Pope Francis has been laid to rest after a solemn ceremony in Rome. The funeral and procession were attended
- () Pope Francis was a hugely popular pontiff. He was seen as a man who did his
- () said the outpouring of affection in the Vatican streets "tells us how much Pope Francis touched minds and hearts".
- () utmost to bring people together. Cardinal Re told mourners that the late Pope had a deep commitment to the plight of

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. Laid solemn after to a ceremony rest .
2. Church paid officials dignitaries foreign and respects their .
3. The website Vatican ceremony called the moving News .
4. He Catholic of as the Church head served .
5. The outpouring us affection how tells of much .
6. He utmost man his who a did was .
7. A commitment plight the to of migrants deep .
8. He criticism in of was war his outspoken .
9. He'll calls remembered his for inclusivity be for .
10. Even brought this conservatives criticism from though .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

Pope Francis has been laid to rest after a *column* / *solemn* ceremony in Rome. The funeral and *processing* / *procession* were attended by more than 250,000 people. Many high-ranking church officials, *regal* / *royalty*, heads of state, and foreign dignitaries *paid* / *laid* their respects to the pontiff in the magnificent 16th-century St Peter's Basilica. The Vatican News website called the ceremony "*moving* / *moved*, intense, and heartfelt". Pope Francis *past* / *passed* away on Easter Monday, aged 88, after serving as *head* / *honcho* of the Catholic Church for 12 years. Francis was the first Pope from South America. A Catholic Church cardinal said the *pour* / *outpouring* of affection in the Vatican *highways* / *streets* "tells us how much Pope Francis *stroked* / *touched* minds and hearts".

Pope Francis was a *hugely* / *huge* popular pontiff. He was seen as a man who did his *uppermost* / *utmost* to bring people together. Cardinal Re told *moaners* / *mourners* that the late Pope had a deep commitment *to* / *at* the plight *of* / *on* migrants and to world peace. Cardinal Re said Francis had constantly *purged* / *urged* people to "build bridges, not walls". Francis was always outspoken in his *critical* / *criticism* of war. He continually urged leaders to end conflicts in Ukraine, Gaza, Sudan and Myanmar. Francis will also be remembered for his calls for greater *exclusivity* / *inclusivity*. He gave his conditional *blessed* / *blessing* of same-sex couples. He also recognized transgender and LGBTQ+ issues, even though this *brought* / *took* criticism from conservatives.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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P_p_ Fr_nc_s h_s b__n l__d t_ r_st _ft_r _ s_l_mn
c_r_m_ny _n R_m_. Th_ f_n_r_l _nd pr_c_ss__n w_r_
_tt_nd_d by m_r_ th_n 250,000 p__pl_. M_ny h_gh-
r_nk_ng ch_rch _ff_c__ls, r_y_lty, h__ds _f st_t_, _nd
f_r__gn d_gn_t_r__s p__d th__r r_sp_cts t_ th_ p_nt_ff
n th m_gn_f_c_nt 16th-c_nt_ry St P_t_r's B_s_l_c_.
Th_ V_t_c_n N_ws w_bs_t_ c_ll_d th_ c_r_m_ny
"m_v_ng, _nt_ns_, _nd h__rtf_l_t". P_p_ Fr_nc_s p_ss_d
_w_y _n __st_r M_nd_y, _g_d 88, _ft_r s_rv_ng _s
h__d _f th_ C_th_l_c Ch_rch f_r 12 y__rs. Fr_nc_s w_s
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c_rd_n_l s__d th_ __tp__r_ng _f _ff_ct__n _n th_
V_t_c_n str__ts "t_lls _s h_w m_ch P_p_ Fr_nc_s
t__ch_d m_nds _nd h__rts".

P_p_ Fr_nc_s w_s _ h_g_ly p_p_l_r p_nt_ff. H_ w_s
s__n _s _ m_n wh_ d_d h_s _tm_st t_ br_ng p__pl_
t_g_th_r. C_rd_n_l R_ t_ld m__rn_rs th_t th_ l_t_ P_p_
h_d _ d__p c_mm_tm_nt t_ th_ pl_gh_t _f m_gr_nts
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c_nst_ntly _rg_d p__pl_ t_ "b__ld br_dg_s, n_t w_lls".
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b_ r_m_mb_r_d f_r h_s c_lls f_r gr__t_r _ncl_s_v_ty.
H_ g_v_ h_s c_nd_t__n_l bl_ss_ng _f s_m_-s_x c__pl_s.
H_ _ls_ r_c_gn_z_d tr_nsg_nd_r _nd LGBTQ+ _ss__s,
_v_n th__gh th_s br__gh_t cr_t_c_sm fr_m
c_ns_rv_t_v_s.

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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

pope francis has been laid to rest after a solemn ceremony in rome the funeral and procession were attended by more than 250000 people many highranking church officials royalty heads of state and foreign dignitaries paid their respects to the pontiff in the magnificent 16thcentury st peters basilica the vatican news website called the ceremony moving intense and heartfelt pope francis passed away on easter monday aged 88 after serving as head of the catholic church for 12 years francis was the first pope from south america a catholic church cardinal said the outpouring of affection in the vatican streets tells us how much pope francis touched minds and hearts pope francis was a hugely popular pontiff he was seen as a man who did his utmost to bring people together cardinal re told mourners that the late pope had a deep commitment to the plight of migrants and to world peace cardinal re said francis had constantly urged people to build bridges not walls francis was always outspoken in his criticism of war he continually urged leaders to end conflicts in ukraine gaza sudan and myanmar francis will also be remembered for his calls for greater inclusivity he gave his conditional blessing of same-sex couples he also recognized transgender and lgbtq issues even though this brought criticism from conservatives

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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PopeFrancishasbeenlaidtorestaftersolemnceremonyinRome.Thefuneralandprocessionwereattendedbymorethan250,000people.Many high-rankingchurchofficials,royalty,headsofstate,andforeigndignitariespaidtheirrespectstothepontiffinthemagnificent16th-centurySt Peter'sBasilica.TheVaticanNewswebsitecalledtheceremony"moving ,intense,andheartfelt".PopeFrancispassedawayonEasterMonday,aged88,afterservingasheadoftheCatholicChurchfor12years.FranciswasthefirstPopefromSouthAmerica.ACatholicChurchcardinalsaidtheoutpouringofaffectionintheVaticanstreets"tellsushowmuchPopeFrancis touchedmindsandhearts".PopeFranciswasahugelypopularpontiff.Hewasseenasamanwhodidhisutmosttobringpeopletogether.Cardinal RetoldmournersthatthelatePopehadadeepcommitmenttotheplightofmigrantsandtoworldpeace.CardinalResaidFrancishadconstantlyurgedpeopleto"buildbridges,notwalls".Franciswasalwaysoutspokeninhiscriticismofwar.HecontinuallyurgedleaderstoendconflictsinUkraine,Gaza,SudanandMyanmar.Franciswillalsoberememberedforhiscallsfor greaterinclusivity.Hegavehisconditionalblessingofsamesexcouples.HealsorecognizedtransgenderandLGBTQ+issues,eventhough thisbroughtcriticismfromconservatives.

FREE WRITING

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

Write about **Pope Francis** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

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ACADEMIC WRITING

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

Religious leaders are better than political leaders. Discuss.

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HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. POPE FRANCIS: Make a poster about Pope Francis. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. RELIGIOUS LEADERS: Write a magazine article about all of us following the teachings of religious leaders. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on Pope Francis. Ask him/her three questions about Pope Francis. Give him/her three of your ideas. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c 2. d 3. a 4. e 5. f 6. b 7. g
8. i 9. l 10. n 11. j 12. h 13. k 14. m

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 T 2 T 3 F 4 T 5 F 6 F 7 F 8 F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. g	2. e	3. b	4. i	5. c
6. j	7. a	8. f	9. h	10. d

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. More than 250,000
2. In the 16th century
3. The Vatican News website
4. One
5. People's minds and hearts
6. People
7. Migrants
8. War
9. Inclusivity
10. Conservatives

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Laid to rest after a solemn ceremony.
2. Church officials and foreign dignitaries paid their respects.
3. The Vatican News website called the ceremony moving.
4. He served as head of the Catholic Church.
5. The outpouring of affection tells us how much.
6. He was a man who did his utmost.
7. A deep commitment to the plight of migrants.
8. He was outspoken in his criticism of war.
9. He'll be remembered for his calls for inclusivity.
10. Even though this brought criticism from conservatives.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b 2. c 3. d 4. b 5. a 6. a 7. d 8. c 9. d 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)