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THE ARTICLE

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Followers in Buenos Aires wept for joy in the streets as they heard the news of the historic appointment. Argentina's President Cristina Kirchner said she was very proud that the first Latin American Pope was from Argentina. She wished Pope Francis great success in his new position as leader of the world's 1.2 billion Catholics. She said in a statement: "We wish him, as he takes the reins of the Church, a fruitful pastoral mission, with such tremendous responsibility on his shoulders, seeking justice, equality, brotherhood and peace among mankind." Francis is seen by many as a wise choice to lead the Church through a time of crisis because of reforms he has made in the past. Others view him as too conservative.

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WARM-UPS

1. RELIGIOUS LEADERS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about religious leaders. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

Catholic Church / announced / successor / humble / upbringing / pilgrims / applauded / wept for joy / historic appointment / proud / fruitful / justice / equality / conservative

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

3. MAN / WOMAN: Who would be better in these jobs and why? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Who?	Why?
Country's leader		
Religious leader		
Company CEO		
Sports team coach		
U.N. boss		
Head chef		

4. FRANCIS: Students A **strongly** believe Pope Francis will be great; Students B **strongly** believe otherwise. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. MISSION: What should Francis do first? Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the most important at the top. Change partners and share often.

- deal with the sex scandals
- better relations with all religions
- promote women church leaders
- help the poor
- visit all Catholic countries
- increase the number of followers
- end corruption
- other _____

6. RELIGION: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word 'religion'. Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1303/130315-pope_francis.html

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

- | | |
|---|-------|
| a. It took two days for the Catholic Church to choose a new Pope. | T / F |
| b. Francis becomes Pope #266. | T / F |
| c. The last non-European Pope was in the year 1300. | T / F |
| d. Crowds were stunned into silence when they saw the white smoke. | T / F |
| e. Catholics in Buenos Aires laughed and cheered at the news. | T / F |
| f. Argentina's president said she hoped Francis would be a great success. | T / F |
| g. People think he will be good because he is a reformer. | T / F |
| h. Some people think Francis isn't conservative enough. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1. announced | a. huge |
| 2. stepped down | b. childhood |
| 3. humble | c. assumes control |
| 4. upbringing | d. resigned |
| 5. flocked | e. old-fashioned |
| 6. appointment | f. declared |
| 7. takes the reins | g. selection |
| 8. tremendous | h. poured |
| 9. wise | i. simple |
| 10. conservative | j. knowledgeable |

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

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. two days to choose | a. the Church |
| 2. stepped | b. for joy |
| 3. humble | c. on his shoulders |
| 4. the first non-European to head | d. upbringing |
| 5. cheered | e. of the Church |
| 6. wept | f. a successor |
| 7. he takes the reins | g. as too conservative |
| 8. such tremendous responsibility | h. and applauded |
| 9. brotherhood and peace | i. down last month |
| 10. Others view him | j. among mankind |

GAP FILL

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head
stepped
announced
applauded
upbringing
electing
flocked
reflects

Followers in Buenos Aires (9) _____ for joy in the streets as they heard the news of the historic (10) _____. Argentina's President Cristina Kirchner said she was very (11) _____ that the first Latin American Pope was from Argentina. She wished Pope Francis great success in his new (12) _____ as leader of the world's 1.2 billion Catholics. She said in a statement: "We wish him, as he takes the reins of the Church, a (13) _____ pastoral mission, with such tremendous responsibility on his shoulders, (14) _____ justice, equality, brotherhood and peace among mankind." Francis is seen by many as a (15) _____ choice to lead the Church through a time of crisis because of reforms he has made in the past. Others view him as too (16) _____.

wise
proud
seeking
wept
position
conservative
appointment
fruitful

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check

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- 1) two days to choose _____
 - a. a successive
 - b. a success or
 - c. a successor
 - d. a succession
- 2) He has chosen a name that many say _____ upbringing
 - a. reflects his town's humble
 - b. humbles his own reflective
 - c. reflections his own humble
 - d. reflects his own humble
- 3) the first non-European _____ in over 1,300 years
 - a. to head the Church
 - b. to boss the Church
 - c. to shoulder the Church
 - d. to back the Church
- 4) Thousands of _____ the Vatican's St Peter's Square
 - a. pilgrims flocked into
 - b. pilgrims poured into
 - c. pilgrims streamed into
 - d. pilgrims herded into
- 5) the white _____ a new Pope had been chosen
 - a. smoke that signifies
 - b. smoke that signified
 - c. smoke that significant
 - d. smoke that signification
- 6) Followers in Buenos Aires _____ in the streets as they heard the news
 - a. swept for joy
 - b. wept for joy
 - c. wept of joy
 - d. swept from joy
- 7) as he _____ of the Church
 - a. takes the rains
 - b. takes the reins
 - c. rakes the reins
 - d. fakes the reins
- 8) such tremendous responsibility _____
 - a. on his head
 - b. on his shoulders
 - c. on his shoulder
 - d. on his back
- 9) Francis is seen by many _____ to lead the Church through a time of crisis
 - a. as a wise choice
 - b. as a wiser choice
 - c. as the wise choice
 - d. as the wiser choice
- 10) Others view him _____
 - a. has too conservative
 - b. as too conservative
 - c. was too conservative
 - d. is too conservative

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1303/130315-pope_francis.html

1. How long did it take to elect a new Pope?

2. How many Popes were there before Francis?

3. What does the name Francis reflect about the new Pope?

4. When was the last time a Pope came from outside Europe?

5. What did the pilgrims in the Vatican do when they saw white smoke?

6. What did people in Argentina's capital do when they heard the news?

7. What was Cristina Kirchner proud of?

8. How many Catholics are there in the world?

9. What did Cristina Kirchner say Francis had on his shoulders?

10. Why do some people think he is a wise choice as Pope?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1303/130315-pope_francis.html

1. How long did it take to elect a new Pope?
 - a) a day
 - b) 2 days
 - c) 36 hours
 - d) a week
2. How many Popes were there before Francis?
 - a) 2,000
 - b) 267
 - c) 266
 - d) 265
3. What does the name Francis reflect about the new Pope?
 - a) his humble upbringing
 - b) his love of history
 - c) his liking of traditional names
 - d) his hero
4. When was the last time a Pope came from outside Europe?
 - a) in the year 1300
 - b) less than 1,300 years ago
 - c) more than 1,300 years ago
 - d) exactly 1,300 years ago
5. What did the pilgrims in the Vatican do when they saw white smoke?
 - a) panicked
 - b) shouted and clapped
 - c) called the fire service
 - d) asked what it was
6. What did people in Argentina's capital do when they heard the news?
 - a) cheered and applauded
 - b) dance
 - c) cried because they were so happy
 - d) go to church
7. What was Cristina Kirchner proud of?
 - a) her best friend
 - b) Argentina being a Catholic country
 - c) the Argentine people
 - d) the first Latin American Pope being Argentinian
8. How many Catholics are there in the world?
 - a) 1.2 billion
 - b) 122 million
 - c) 12 billion
 - d) 2.1 billion
9. What did Cristina Kirchner say Francis had on his shoulders?
 - a) tremendous responsibility
 - b) dandruff
 - c) a purple scarf
 - d) the weight of the world
10. Why do some people think he is a wise choice as Pope?
 - a) because he's from Argentina
 - b) because of his past reforms
 - c) because of his education
 - d) because he's old

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Pope Francis

You know you will be a great Pope. Tell the others three reasons why. You think more people in the world should join the Catholic Church. Tell the others three reasons why. You don't believe there should ever be a female Pope. Tell the others three reasons why.

Role B – Female Catholic

You have your doubts about whether Francis will be good for the Catholic Church. Tell the others three reasons why. Ask Francis why women cannot become leaders in the Catholic Church. Tell him for true equality, there should be a female Pope one day.

Role C – Catholic

You are worried about the future of the Catholic Church. Tell the others three reasons why. Ask Francis what he will do to end corruption and sort out the sex scandal mess. Ask him how he will bring peace to the world.

Role D – Non-believer

You follow no religion and wonder why so many people follow the Catholic Church. Tell the others three reasons why they so believe in Catholicism. Ask them what the Church does to promote equality if women cannot become leaders. Ask them why you should become a Catholic.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'step' and 'down'.

step	down
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- 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">• two• 266• 2,000• 76• 1,300• smoke	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• wept• proud• great• 1.2• shoulders• past
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RELIGIOUS LEADERS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about religious leaders 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.

RELIGIOUS LEADERS DISCUSSION

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

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'Pope'?
- c) What do you think of religious leaders?
- d) Do religious leaders always do good?
- e) What should Francis focus on as Pope?
- f) Why do people think their religion is best?
- g) Why is religion important in people's lives?
- h) Who is the greatest ever religious leader?
- i) What kind of person makes a great religious leader?
- j) If they all met, what would the leaders of the great religions discuss?

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RELIGIOUS LEADERS DISCUSSION

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

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) Why has the Catholic Church chosen European Popes for 1,300 years?
- c) Will Francis be different because he is Latin American?
- d) Have you ever wept for joy?
- e) What is the "tremendous responsibility" Francis has?
- f) What can Francis do for "brotherhood and peace among mankind"?
- g) What advice would you give to Francis?
- h) What does it mean to be a religious conservative?
- i) What questions would you like to ask Pope Francis?
- j) What do you think his answers might be?

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. _____

MULTIPLE CHOICE - LANGUAGE

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) announced | (b) renounced | (c) pronounced | (d) denounced |
| 2. | (a) successive | (b) succession | (c) successor | (d) successes |
| 3. | (a) fell | (b) quit | (c) stepped | (d) resigned |
| 4. | (a) upstaging | (b) upgrading | (c) upending | (d) upbringing |
| 5. | (a) flaked | (b) flicked | (c) flocked | (d) flickered |
| 6. | (a) careered | (b) applauded | (c) chastised | (d) voluble |
| 7. | (a) crept | (b) wept | (c) adept | (d) swept |
| 8. | (a) appoints | (b) appointment | (c) appointed | (d) appointing |
| 9. | (a) hoped | (b) desired | (c) wished | (d) prayed |
| 10. | (a) reigns | (b) rains | (c) runes | (d) reins |
| 11. | (a) fruitless | (b) fruity | (c) fruition | (d) fruitful |
| 12. | (a) wisecrack | (b) wisdom | (c) wise to | (d) wise |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. nnodauenc its new Pope
2. choose a oecussscr
3. his own humble iupingbrn
4. Thousands of ipisglmr
5. cheered and daapelpud
6. eifgdnisi a new Pope had been chosen

Paragraph 2

7. news of the historic penottpanmi
8. as he takes the iensr
9. a fruitful tslpoara mission
10. oetdumensr responsibility
11. seeking ijcsuet
12. too oteaisrcnevv

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1303/130315-pope_francis.html

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () of reforms he has made in the past. Others view him as too conservative.
- (**1**) The Catholic Church announced its new Pope on Wednesday. It took those responsible
- () for electing a new pontiff just two days to choose a successor to Pope Benedict, who stepped
- () Followers in Buenos Aires wept for joy in the streets as they heard the news of the historic
- () Argentina. He has chosen a name that many say reflects his own humble upbringing – Francis. He becomes
- () into the Vatican's St Peter's Square and cheered and applauded as they saw the white smoke that signified a new Pope had been chosen.
- () pastoral mission, with such tremendous responsibility on his shoulders, seeking
- () justice, equality, brotherhood and peace among mankind." Francis is seen by
- () many as a wise choice to lead the Church through a time of crisis because
- () appointment. Argentina's President Cristina Kirchner said she was very proud that the first Latin American Pope was
- () the first ever Latin American Pope and the first non-European to head the Church in over 1,300 years. Thousands of pilgrims flocked
- () Catholics. She said in a statement: "We wish him, as he takes the reins of the Church, a fruitful
- () down last month. The new Pope, the 266th pontiff in the Church's 2,000-year history, is Jorge Mario Bergoglio, 76, from
- () from Argentina. She wished Pope Francis great success in his new position as leader of the world's 1.2 billion

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PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. for responsible Those pontiff new a electing.

2. own upbringing his humble Reflects.

3. becomes American the Pope first ever He Latin.

4. European 1,300 to years head the The Church first in non.

5. been Smoke a had signified Pope chosen that new.

6. wept in Followers Aires joy streets Buenos for the in.

7. in his new position She wished Pope Francis great success.

8. seen as choice is many wise Francis by a.

9. has the Because he in reforms made past of.

10. conservative as view too him Others.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1303/130315-pope_francis.html

The Catholic Church *announces / announced* its new Pope on Wednesday. It took those responsible for *electing / erecting* a new pontiff just two days to choose a successor to Pope Benedict, who stepped *up / down* last month. The new Pope, the 266th pontiff in the Church's 2,000-year history, is Jorge Mario Bergoglio, 76, from Argentina. He has *chosen / chose* a name that many say reflects his own *humility / humble* upbringing – Francis. He becomes the first ever Latin American Pope and the first *not- / non-*European to head the Church in *above / over* 1,300 years. Thousands of pilgrims *flicked / flocked* into the Vatican's St Peter's Square and cheered and applauded *has / as* they saw the white smoke that *signified / significant* a new Pope had been chosen.

Followers in Buenos Aires *wept / weep* for joy in the streets as they heard the news of the *historic / history* appointment. Argentina's President Cristina Kirchner said she was very *pride / proud* that the first Latin American Pope was from Argentina. She *wished / prayed* Pope Francis great success in his new position as leader of the world's 1.2 billion Catholics. She said in a statement: "We wish him, as he takes the *rains / reins* of the Church, a *fruitful / fruity* pastoral mission, with such tremendous responsibility on his *back / shoulders*, seeking justice, *equality / equity*, brotherhood and peace among mankind." Francis is seen by many as a *wisdom / wise* choice to lead the Church through a time of crisis because of reforms he has made in the past. Others view him as too *conservative / conservatism*.

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

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

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Th_ C_th_l_c Ch_rch _nn__nc_d _ts n_w P_p_ _n
W_dn_sd_y. _t t_k th_s _r_sp_ns bl_ f_r _l_ct_ng _
n_w p_nt_ff j_st tw_ d_ys t_ ch__s_ _s_cc_ss_r t_
P_p_ B_n_d_ct, wh_ st_pp_d d_wn l_st m_nth. Th_ n_w
P_p_, th_ 266th p_nt_ff _n th_ Ch_rch's 2,000-y__r
h_st_ry, _s J_rg_ M_r__ B_rg_gl__, 76, fr_m
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r_fl_cts h_s _wn h_mbl_ _pbr_ng_ng - Fr_nc_s. H_
b_c_m_s th_ f_rst _v_r L_t_n _m_r_c_n P_p_ _nd th_
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V_t_c_n's St P_t_r's Sq__r_ _nd ch__r_d _nd
_ppl_d_d _s th_y s_w th_ wh_t sm_k_ th_t
s_gn_f__d _n_w P_p_ h_d b__n ch_s_n.

F_ll_w_rs _n B__n_s __r_s w_pt f_r j_y _n th_ str__ts
_s th_y h__rd th_ n_ws _f th_ h_st_r_c _pp__ntm_nt.
_rg_nt_n_'s Pr_s_d_nt Cr_st_n_ K_rchn_r s__d sh_w_s
v_ry pr__d th_t th_ f_rst L_t_n _m_r_c_n P_p_ w_s
fr_m _rg_nt_n_. Sh_ w_sh_d P_p_ Fr_nc_s gr__t
s_cc_ss _n h_s n_w p_s_t_n _s l__d_r _f th_ w_rld's
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w_sh h_m, _s h_ t_k_s th_ r__ns _f th_ Ch_rch, _
fr__tf_l p_st_r_l m_ss_n, w_th s_ch tr_m_nd__s
r_sp_ns_b_l_ty _n h_s sh__ld_rs, s__k_ng j_st_c_,
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1303/130315-pope_francis.html

the catholic church announced its new pope on wednesday it took those responsible for electing a new pontiff just two days to choose a successor to pope benedict who stepped down last month the new pope the 266th pontiff in the church's 2000-year history is jorge mario bergoglio 76 from argentina he has chosen a name that many say reflects his own humble upbringing – francis he becomes the first ever latin american pope and the first non-european to head the church in over 1300 years thousands of pilgrims flocked into the vatican's st peter's square and cheered and applauded as they saw the white smoke that signified a new pope had been chosen

followers in buenos aires wept for joy in the streets as they heard the news of the historic appointment argentina's president cristina kirchner said she was very proud that the first latin american pope was from argentina she wished pope francis great success in his new position as leader of the world's 12 billion catholics she said in a statement "we wish him as he takes the reins of the church a fruitful pastoral mission with such tremendous responsibility on his shoulders seeking justice equality brotherhood and peace among mankind" francis is seen by many as a wise choice to lead the church through a time of crisis because of reforms he has made in the past others view him as too conservative

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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The Catholic Church announced its new Pope on Wednesday. It took those responsible for electing a new pontiff just two days to choose as successor to Pope Benedict, who stepped down last month. The new Pope, the 266th pontiff in the Church's 2,000-year history, is Jorge Mario Bergoglio, 76, from Argentina. He has chosen a name that many say reflects his own humble upbringing: Francis. He becomes the first ever Latin American Pope and the first non-European to head the Church in over 1,300 years. Thousands of pilgrims flocked into the Vatican's St Peter's Square and cheered and applauded as they saw the white smoke that signified a new Pope had been chosen. Followers in Buenos Aires swept for joy in the streets as they heard the news of the historic appointment. Argentina's President Cristina Kirchner said she was very proud that the first Latin American Pope was from Argentina. She wished Pope Francis great success in his new position as leader of the world's 1.2 billion Catholics. She said in a statement: "We wish him, as he takes there in of the Church, a fruitful pastoral mission, with such tremendous responsibility on his shoulders, seeking justice, equality, brotherhood and peace among mankind." Francis is seen by many as a wise choice to lead the Church through a time of crisis because of reforms she has made in the past. Others view him as too conservative.

ACADEMIC WRITING

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The time has come for world religions to also have women as their leaders.
Discuss.

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 religious leaders. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. RELIGIOUS LEADERS: Make a poster about religious leaders. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. POPE FRANCIS: Write a magazine article about Pope Francis. Include imaginary interviews with people who think he will be a great Pope and those who think he won't.

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 Pope Francis. Ask him three questions about being Pope. Give him three pieces of advice on what he should do first. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a T b T c F d F e F f T g T h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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| 1. announced | a. declared |
| 2. stepped down | b. resigned |
| 3. humble | c. simple |
| 4. upbringing | d. childhood |
| 5. flocked | e. poured |
| 6. appointment | f. selection |
| 7. takes the reins | g. assumes control |
| 8. tremendous | h. huge |
| 9. wise | i. knowledgeable |
| 10. conservative | j. old-fashioned |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Two days
2. 265
3. His humble upbringing
4. Over 1,300 years ago
5. Cheered and applauded
6. Wept for joy
7. That the first Latin American Pope was from Argentina
8. 1.2 billion
9. Tremendous responsibility
10. Because he is a reformer

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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