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Pope Francis most popular world leader

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THE READING

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Pope Francis is more popular than political leaders. A poll carried out by WIN/Gallup International found that 54 per cent of people around the world have a favourable opinion of the Pope. Researchers asked 1,000 people in 64 countries about who was the world's best leader. Pope Francis was most popular with Roman Catholics. Around 85 per cent of Catholics in the poll said they had a favourable opinion of him. Most of the people who did not believe in any god had a favourable opinion of the Pope. The researchers said: "Pope Francis is a leader who transcends his own religion."

It was predictable that Pope Francis, 79, was most popular in Catholic countries. Portugal and the Philippines were the most enthusiastic, with ratings of 94% and 93%. Francis's lowest ratings were in Algeria, Tunisia and Turkey. These were the only countries to give Francis a negative rating. Most people in Azerbaijan said they did not know much about him. The Pope beat other world leaders like Barack Obama and Angela Merkel. The BBC said Francis has, "enormous goodwill and won the hearts and minds not just of Roman Catholics but also of people from other religions".

Sources: <http://www.newsweek.com/popular-pope-francis-gets-better-ratings-obama-and-merkel-says-poll-440262>
<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-35888289>
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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. more popular | a. leader |
| 2. 54 per cent of people | b. in any god |
| 3. Researchers | c. than political leaders |
| 4. the world's best | d. asked 1,000 people |
| 5. Around 85 per cent | e. own religion |
| 6. they had a favourable opinion | f. around the world |
| 7. people who did not believe | g. of him |
| 8. a leader who transcends his | h. of Catholics in the poll |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Portugal and the Philippines were | a. goodwill |
| 2. Francis's lowest | b. much about him |
| 3. give Francis a negative | c. and minds |
| 4. they did not know | d. ratings were in Algeria |
| 5. The Pope beat other world leaders | e. other religions |
| 6. Francis has enormous | f. rating |
| 7. hearts | g. like Barack Obama |
| 8. people from | h. the most enthusiastic |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Pope Francis is (1) _____ political leaders. A poll carried out by WIN/Gallup International found that 54 per cent of people around (2) _____ a favourable opinion of the Pope. Researchers asked 1,000 people in 64 countries about (3) _____ world's best leader. Pope Francis was most popular with Roman Catholics. Around 85 per cent of Catholics in the poll (4) _____ a favourable opinion of him. Most of the people who (5) _____ in any god had a favourable opinion of the Pope. The researchers said: "Pope Francis is a leader who transcends (6) _____."

It (7) _____ that Pope Francis, 79, was most popular in Catholic countries. Portugal and the Philippines were the (8) _____, with ratings of 94% and 93%. Francis's (9) _____ were in Algeria, Tunisia and Turkey. These were the only countries to give Francis (10) _____. Most people in Azerbaijan said they did not know much about him. The Pope beat other world leaders like Barack Obama and Angela Merkel. The BBC said Francis has, "(11) _____ and won the hearts and minds not just of Roman Catholics but also (12) _____ other religions".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)
