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# Level 4 Pope attacks Europe's throwaway culture

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#### Please try the harder Level 5 and the 26-page Level 6 (harder).



### THE READING

From http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1411/141127-europe-4.html

Pope Francis criticised Europe in a speech at the European Parliament. He attacked Europe's 'throwaway culture,' which he said ignored the elderly, the seriously ill and unborn children. He said technology and economics seemed more important than people. He said people were now just "cogs in a machine" and that whenever someone is no longer useful, that machine throws them away. He said Europe suffers from uncontrolled consumerism.

The Pope warned that Europe's sense of community and great ideas were disappearing because of bureaucracy. He warned that this was "downright harmful" to people. The Pope also warned that Europe was not caring for its people. He said: "One of the most common diseases in Europe today is the loneliness typical of those who have no connection with others." He added that this was especially true of the elderly and the young.

Sources: http://www.**irishexaminer**.com/world/pope-denounces-throwaway-culture-of-europe-299590.html http://www.**telegraph**.co.uk/news/worldnews/the-pope/11252345/Pope-Francis-warns-Europeanideal-replaced-by-bureaucratic-technicalities-of-EU.html http://www.**catholicsun**.org/2014/11/25/pope-urges-europe-to-nurture-religious-roots-sow-peacein-its-borders/

# MATCHING

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#### **PARAGRAPH ONE:**

1.	Pope Francis criticised	a.	longer useful
2	in a speech at the	b.	culture
3.	He attacked Europe's throwaway	с.	a machine
4.	the seriously	d.	consumerism
5.	cogs in	e.	them away
6.	whenever someone is no	f.	Europe
7.	that machine throws	g.	European Parliament
8.	Europe suffers from uncontrolled	h.	ill

#### **PARAGRAPH TWO:**

1.	Europe's sense	a.	for its people
2	great	b.	of the elderly
3.	disappearing because	с.	ideas
4.	harmful	d.	common diseases
5.	not caring	e.	to people
6.	One of the most	f.	of community
7.	typical of those who have no connection	g.	of bureaucracy
8.	especially true	h.	with others

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Pope Francis criticised Europe (1) European			
Parliament. He attacked Europe's (2) which he said			
ignored the elderly, the (3) unborn children. He said			
technology and economics (4) than people. He said			
people were now just "(5)" and that whenever			
someone is no longer useful, that machine throws them away. He said			
Europe suffers from (6)			
The Pope warned that Europe's (7) and great ideas			
were disappearing (8) He warned that this was			
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### **EUROPE SURVEY**

From <u>http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1411/141127-europe-4.html</u>

Write five GOOD questions about Europe in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

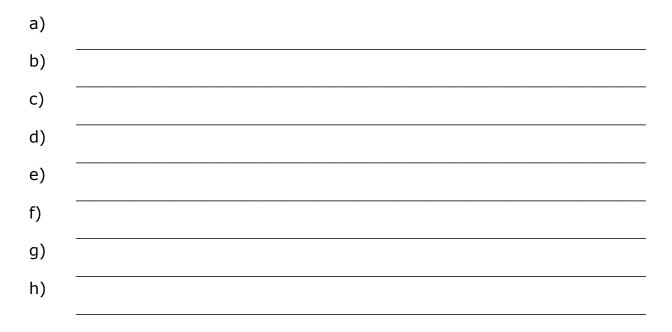
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	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).



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# WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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



# FREE WRITING

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