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Level 4 – 28th April 2025

Pope Francis laid to rest at Vatican funeral

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Pope Francis has been buried after his funeral in Rome. More than 250,000 people were at the procession. Church officials, royalty, heads of state, and foreign dignitaries paid their respects in St Peter's Basilica. The Vatican called the ceremony "moving, intense, and heartfelt". Pope Francis died last Monday, aged 88. He was the first Pope from South America. A Church official said the outpouring of affection showed how much he touched hearts and minds.

Pope Francis was very popular. He did his best to bring people together. He cared deeply about the plight of migrants and about world peace. Francis had constantly asked people to "build bridges, not walls". He continually urged leaders to end conflicts around the world. Francis will also be remembered for supporting greater inclusivity for same-sex couples and transgender people. His views on LGBTQ+ issues often angered conservatives.

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c8x8w4xk1gno>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Pope Francis has | a. their respects |
| 2. 250,000 people were | b. and minds |
| 3. heads of | c. heartfelt |
| 4. foreign dignitaries paid | d. been buried |
| 5. moving, intense, and | e. at the procession |
| 6. He was the first Pope | f. of affection |
| 7. the outpouring | g. state |
| 8. he touched hearts | h. from South America |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. He did his best to | a. of migrants |
| 2. He cared deeply about the plight | b. issues |
| 3. build bridges, | c. inclusivity |
| 4. supporting greater | d. people |
| 5. same- | e. bring people together |
| 6. transgender | f. conservatives |
| 7. His views on LGBTQ+ | g. sex couples |
| 8. often angered | h. not walls |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Pope Francis has (1) _____ his funeral in Rome. More than 250,000 people were (2) _____. Church officials, royalty, heads of state, (3) _____ paid their respects in St Peter's Basilica. The Vatican called the ceremony "moving, (4) _____". Pope Francis died last Monday, aged 88. He was the first Pope from South America. A Church official said (5) _____ affection showed how much (6) _____ and minds.

Pope Francis was very popular. He did his (7) _____ people together. He cared deeply about the (8) _____ and about world peace. Francis had constantly asked (9) _____ bridges, not walls". He continually urged leaders to (10) _____ the world. Francis will also be remembered for supporting (11) _____ same-sex couples and transgender people. His views (12) _____ often angered conservatives.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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POPE FRANCIS SURVEY

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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) _____

