

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

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| 1. suggested | a. Speaking to people in a formal situation. |
| 2. addressing | b. All of the people watching or listening at a public event such as a play, film, concert, or meeting. |
| 3. worshipper | c. Put forward an idea for people to think about. |
| 4. audience | d. Given support, confidence, or hope to someone. |
| 5. substituting | e. Replacing someone or something with another. |
| 6. encouraged | f. The act of raising another person's child and bringing it up as your own. |
| 7. adoption | g. A person who shows reverence and adoration for a deity or person. |

Paragraph 2

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| 8. detrimental | h. Higher in rank, status, or quality. |
| 9. phenomenon | i. Relating to the structure of populations. |
| 10. degradation | j. A combination of statements, ideas, or features which are opposed to one another. |
| 11. demographic | k. Tending to cause harm. |
| 12. contradiction | l. A fact or situation that is observed to exist or happen, especially one whose cause or explanation is in question. |
| 13. patron saint | m. The protecting or guiding saint of a person, thing or place. |
| 14. superior | n. The condition or process of degrading or being degraded. |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2201/220110-pets-and-children.html>

The Pope has suggested that people who (1) _____ to have pets instead of children were (2) _____ selfishly. Pope Francis was addressing worshippers in Rome. He told his audience that substituting children for pets was a "(3) _____ of fatherhood and motherhood". He added: "Today, we see a (4) _____ of selfishness. We see that some people do not want to have a child. Sometimes they have (5) _____ one, and that's it, but they have dogs and cats that take the (6) _____ of children." Pope Francis encouraged couples to adopt children. He said: "We must not be afraid to choose the path of (7) _____, to take the risk of welcoming children. Having a child is always a risk, but there is (8) _____ risk in not having a child."

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It is not the first time Pope Francis has spoken out on this (9) _____. In 2014, he said choosing pets over children was (10) _____ to our future. He called it a "phenomenon of cultural degradation". He commented that the (11) _____ relationship with pets was "easier" than the "(12) _____" relationship with children. In continuing this theme, he called the downward (13) _____ in birth rates across many countries a "demographic winter". Not everyone agrees with the Pope's (14) _____. The New York Post pointed out the contradiction of Francis taking his name from St. Francis of Assisi, the patron (15) _____ of animals. It added: "Dogs make us more human. They make us better. Dogs, I think, are (16) _____ to most people."

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PETS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about pets 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.