

# 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."

*just*  
*denial*  
*more*  
*choose*  
*adoption*  
*acting*  
*place*  
*form*

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."

*emotional*  
*trend*  
*saint*  
*detrimental*  
*superior*  
*complex*  
*topic*  
*comments*

# PETS SURVEY

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

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.