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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 found that 54 per cent of people have a favourable opinion of him. Researchers asked 1,000 people in 64 countries about the world's best leader. Pope Francis was most popular with Roman Catholics. Most of the people who did not believe in god had a favourable opinion of the Pope. The researchers said: "Pope Francis is a leader who transcends his own religion."

Francis, 79, was most popular in Catholic countries. Portugal and the Philippines gave him ratings of 94% and 93%. His lowest ratings were in Algeria, Tunisia and Turkey. These countries gave him a negative rating. Most people in Azerbaijan said they did not know much about him. The Pope beat world leaders like Barack Obama. The BBC said Francis has, "enormous goodwill and won the hearts and minds...of people from other religions".

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

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. more popular | a. leaders |
| 2. more popular than political | b. believe in god |
| 3. 54 per cent of people have a | c. with Roman Catholics |
| 4. the world's best | d. than political leaders |
| 5. Francis was most popular | e. favourable opinion |
| 6. people who did not | f. his own religion |
| 7. a favourable opinion | g. leader |
| 8. a leader who transcends | h. of the Pope |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--|----------------------------|
| 1. most popular | a. ratings were in Algeria |
| 2. ratings of | b. about him |
| 3. His lowest | c. goodwill |
| 4. These countries gave him a negative | d. in Catholic countries |
| 5. they did not know much | e. minds |
| 6. The Pope beat | f. 94% |
| 7. enormous | g. rating |
| 8. hearts and | h. world leaders |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Pope Francis (1) _____ than political leaders. A poll found that 54 per cent of people (2) _____ opinion of him. Researchers asked 1,000 (3) _____ countries about the world's best leader. Pope Francis was (4) _____ Roman Catholics. Most of the people (5) _____ believe in god had a favourable opinion of the Pope. The researchers said: "Pope Francis (6) _____ transcends his own religion."

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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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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)
