

GAP FILL

"Pope says gossiping is 'worse than COVID' "

Pope Francis has said gossiping is worse than COVID-19. He said gossip is a danger that (1) _____ communities. He added that the devil is the "biggest gossiper" who is seeking to (2) _____ division with his lies. The Pope spoke about the dangers of gossiping during his (3) _____ blessing at the Vatican. He said: "Please brothers and sisters, let's try to not gossip. Gossip is a (4) _____ worse than COVID. Worse. Let's make a big effort. No gossiping." The Pope has (5) _____ spoken about the dangers of gossiping, especially on social media. He advises people not to listen to Internet (6) _____, saying: "If something goes wrong, offer silence and (7) _____ for the brother or sister who make a (8) _____, but never gossip."

trolls
prayer
divides
mistake
plague
create
regularly
weekly

The Pope was making his first public (9) _____ since the pandemic started. His latest (10) _____ on gossip is not the first time he has made strong remarks on the topic. In 2016, he warned people not to "fuel the (11) _____ of gossip". He urged people to resist the temptation to spread gossip. He said: "If you get an (12) _____ to say something against a brother or a sister, to drop a gossip (13) _____, bite your tongue. Hard." Two years later he brought the (14) _____ up again. He told worshippers in St Peter's Square that gossip is lethal "because the (15) _____ kills, like a knife". A visitor to the Vatican agreed. She said: "Gossips are nothing but scandalmongers and (16) _____."

terrorism
tongue
speech
bomb
busybodies
audience
subject
urge

LANGUAGE - CLOZE "750 million genetically modified mosquitos to be released"

Scientists in Florida will (1) _____ 750 million genetically modified mosquitoes into the wild. The aim is to reduce the number (2) _____ existing mosquitoes that have diseases like Zika virus, yellow fever and dengue fever. The plan (3) _____ to release the mosquitoes next year in the Florida Keys. This is a long (4) _____ of tropical islands stretching 170km south of the southern tip of Florida. The modified mosquitoes are all male. They carry a protein that will kill off any female offspring before they reach biting (5) _____. It is only female mosquitoes that feed on blood and bite humans. Males only (6) _____ on nectar from flowers. Over time, scientists hope the disease-carrying population of mosquitoes in the area will fall.

Environmental groups are not happy with the plan to release the genetically modified mosquitoes. One group (7) _____ it a "Jurassic Park experiment". It said Florida was "a testing ground for mutant bugs". Many environmentalists (8) _____ that the project could cause damage to local ecosystems that could never (9) _____ reversed. They say the experiment could even create a new super-species of mosquito that is resistant to insecticides. The environmental group Friends of the Earth said: "The release of genetically engineered mosquitoes will (10) _____ put Floridians, the environment and endangered species (11) _____ risk in the midst of a pandemic." The company (12) _____ the mosquitoes said there was no risk.

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

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|-----|----------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|
| 1. | (a) freedom | (b) release | (c) go | (d) fly |
| 2. | (a) at | (b) of | (c) on | (d) to |
| 3. | (a) try | (b) do | (c) be | (d) is |
| 4. | (a) rope | (b) chain | (c) thread | (d) cord |
| 5. | (a) day | (b) old | (c) years | (d) age |
| 6. | (a) food | (b) fodder | (c) feed | (d) foodie |
| 7. | (a) called | (b) name | (c) asked | (d) saw |
| 8. | (a) call | (b) alert | (c) warn | (d) careful |
| 9. | (a) take | (b) can | (c) do | (d) be |
| 10. | (a) needlessly | (b) needy | (c) necessary | (d) needed |
| 11. | (a) at | (b) to | (c) of | (d) on |
| 12. | (a) releasing | (b) released | (c) releases | (d) release |

Write sentences, using the tense given. Add any words you need.

1. She - often - shop - at Macy's (**present simple**)

2. We - watch TV - when - we - hear - bad news (**past**)

3. I - not go - out - in the rain (**conditional 2**)

4. I - find - my briefcase - this morning (**present perfect simple**)

5. My sister - get married - next Sunday (**present progressive**)

6. I - never - think - about it - before (**past perfect simple**)

7. I - prepare - for the test - since Monday (**present perfect progressive**)

8. You - ride - a camel - in Egypt? (**past simple**)

9. I - think - I - stay - at home. (**future**)

10. I - not apologise - to him (**conditional 1**)

11. After - I - hear - noise - I - go - out (**past simple, past perfect simple**)

12. Where - he - go? (**present perfect simple**)

13. I - cannot - visit you - last week (**past simple**)

14. How often - you go - to the dentist - last year? (**past simple**)

15. Breakfast - not serve - after 11 o'clock (**present simple**)

16. She - play - this game - over an hour (**present perfect progressive**)

17. You - know - where - my shoes - be? (**present simple**)

18. I - work - in the garden - whole afternoon (**past progressive**)

Complete the sentences with one of the prepositions from the box.

AT - BY - FOR - IN - ON

1. She was _____ university when she heard about the death of her father.
2. We usually go on holidays _____ plane but this year we are going to Italy _____ car.
3. Let's go _____ a walk. The weather is so great!
4. The train was travelling _____ a speed of over 150 km an hour.
5. She got _____ the bus at Oxford Street and got off five stops later.
6. Despite the bad weather all trains are running _____ time.
7. Bats are mammals that are highly active _____ night.
8. This village isn't even _____ the map. It's so small.
9. We usually go to dance class on Mondays.
10. _____ nightfall over 10 inches of snow had fallen.
11. Doctors hope that the spread of the virus will slow down _____ the summer.
12. Dad always reads his daughter bedtime stories _____ the evening.
13. Let's meet _____ noon. We can have lunch and sort things out.
14. The cat was playing with a ball _____ the corner of Michael's room.
15. She has been a member of the committee _____ 6 years.
16. What are we having _____ dinner today?
17. _____ average, the unemployment rate has been going up 1 per cent a year.
18. Take a seat. I'll be with you _____ a minute.
19. We decided to meet _____ the station.
20. The boss would like to have the report _____ the end of the day at the latest.

if + had + past partic. / subj+ would+ have + past partic.

IF-CLAUSES - Type 3: Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb given.

1. If I had studied more, I would have passed the exam. **(STUDY, PASS)**
2. Mark _____ me if he _____ my cell number.
(PHONE, NOT LOSE)
3. We _____ a taxi if the public transport workers _____ on strike. **(NOT TAKE, NOT BE)**
4. Mom _____ us to the beach if it _____. **(TAKE, NOT RAIN)**
5. If I _____ you were coming, I _____ you at the airport. **(KNOW, MEET)**
6. I _____ them a present if they _____ me to their wedding. **(BUY, INVITE)**
7. If we _____ a map with us, we _____ the village in time. **(TAKE, REACH)**
8. If Emma _____ up earlier, she _____ the train. **(GET, REACH)**
9. If I _____ shopping, what _____? **(NOT GO, YOU EAT)**
10. If you _____ the fine, you _____ to prison. **(PAY, BE SENT)**
11. She _____ me if she _____ I was busy. **(NOT VISIT, KNOW)**
12. We _____ to Spain if there _____ the right flight. **(FLY, BE)**
13. My dad _____ mom if she _____ a poor lady. **(NOT MARRY, BE)**
14. If the wall _____ properly it _____ down. **(BE BUILT, NOT BREAK)**
15. If I _____ more careful, I _____ so many mistakes. **(BE, NOT MAKE)**
16. I _____ there in time if the weather _____ better **(ARRIVE, BE)**
17. If I _____ more time, I _____ my homework. **(HAVE, DO)**
18. If Nina _____ well, my aunt _____ her to the zoo. **(BEHAVE, TAKE)**
19. If I _____ to the stereo, I _____ the doorbell.
(NOT LISTEN, HEAR)
20. If he _____ with us to the cinema, _____ himself. **(COME, ENJOY)**