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Workaholic fathers 'leave orphans'

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1501/150130-workaholic-fathers-4.html>

Pope Francis has warned fathers about working long hours. He criticised workaholic dads for being 'absent' from families and for making their children 'orphans'. He spoke to a congregation at the Vatican and asked fathers to spend more time with their children and get more involved in family life. He said an absent father means children have problems growing up and is one reason why kids get into trouble.

The Pope said workaholic dads not spending time with their family was now common. He said: "Fathers are so focused on themselves...that they even forget their families." He added that the bad feeling of being orphaned that kids can have is worse than we think. He said children are orphans because their fathers work so much, and they do not act like fathers when they are at home. He warned that fatherless families could be accepted as the norm.

Sources: <https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/pope-criticizes-workaholic-dads-says-theyre-symbolically-absent>
<http://www.sconews.co.uk/news/43247/pope-warns-absent-working-fathers-leave-orphans/>

MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. working long | a. growing up |
| 2. making their children | b. hours |
| 3. He spoke to a | c. trouble |
| 4. spend more time | d. 'orphans' |
| 5. get more involved | e. with their children |
| 6. children have problems | f. why |
| 7. one reason | g. in family life |
| 8. kids get into | h. congregation |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--|-------------------------|
| 1. workaholic | a. that kids can have |
| 2. not spending time with their family | b. dads |
| 3. Fathers are so focused | c. fathers work so much |
| 4. they even forget | d. the norm |
| 5. the bad feeling of being orphaned | e. was now common |
| 6. children are orphans because their | f. families |
| 7. fatherless | g. their families |
| 8. accepted as | h. on themselves |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Pope Francis has (1) _____ working long hours. He criticised workaholic dads (2) _____ from families and for making their children 'orphans'. (3) _____ congregation at the Vatican and asked fathers (4) _____ time with their children and get more involved in family life. He (5) _____ means children have problems growing up and (6) _____ kids get into trouble.

The Pope (7) _____ not spending time with their family was now common. He said: "Fathers (8) _____ on themselves...that (9) _____ their families." He added that the bad feeling of being orphaned that kids (10) _____ than we think. He said children (11) _____ their fathers work so much, and they do not act like fathers when they are at home. He warned that fatherless families could (12) _____ the norm.

FATHERS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about fathers 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)

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)

