Listen to the audio carefully and get ready to answer the questions.

MULTIPLE CHOICE – QUIZ

1) What did Pope Francis say gossip divides?
a) communities
b) doctors
c) the world
d) religious leaders

2) Who did Pope Francis say was the biggest gossiper?
a) his best friend
b) a man in Australia
c) the devil
d) a journalist

3) What kind of effort did the Pope ask people to make?
a) a mighty effort
b) a good effort
c) a poor effort
d) a big effort

4) Where did the Pope say gossip was particularly dangerous?
a) in churches
b) on social media
c) in restaurants
d) in schools

5) What did the Pope say people should offer if something goes wrong?
a) prayer and silence
b) money
c) advice and help
d) bright ideas

6) What caused the Pope to stop making his public audiences?
a) poor health
b) a lack of time
c) gossip
d) the pandemic

7) What did the Pope say we should not fuel?
a) petrol cars
b) hate
c) the terrorism of gossip
d) log fires

8) What did the Pope say we should bite if we have an urge to gossip?
a) a piece of meat
b) our tongue
c) our fingers
d) the dust

9) What did the Pope say the tongue can kill like?
a) a virus
b) an assassin
c) a knife
d) the wind

10) What did a woman say gossips were besides scandalmongers?
a) mischief-makers
b) busybodies
c) meddlers
d) troublemakers

MISSING WORDS.

Listen again and put the words missing.

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 create division with his lies. The Pope spoke about the dangers of gossiping during his (2) _____ blessing at the Vatican. He said: "Please brothers and sisters, let's (3) _____ to not gossip. Gossip is a plague worse than COVID. Worse. Let's make a big effort. No gossiping." The Pope has regularly (4) _____ about the dangers of gossiping, especially on social media. He (5) _____ people not to listen to Internet trolls, saying: "If something goes wrong, offer silence and prayer for the brother or sister who (6) _____ a mistake, but never gossip."

The Pope was making his first public audience (7) _____ the pandemic started. His latest speech on gossip is not the first time he has made strong remarks (8) _____ the topic. In 2016, he warned people not to "fuel the terrorism of gossip". He urged people (9) _____ resist the temptation to spread gossip. He said: "If you get an urge to say something against a brother or a sister, to drop a gossip bomb, (10) _____ your tongue. Hard." Two years later he brought the subject (11) _____ again. He told worshippers in St Peter's Square that gossip is lethal "because the tongue kills, like a knife". A visitor to the Vatican agreed. She said: "Gossips are nothing (12) _____ scandalmongers and busybodies."