Directions: Listen to the audio as many times as you need to, and then fill in the blanks.

Birth _____ in many countries are _____ to _____ low levels. _____ in Japan and South Korea are _____ questions about the _____ economic _____ of their countries. A _____ conference in Italy has _____ the country's _____ demographic _____. Italy has _____ of the _____ birth rates in the world. The government is _____ of considerable _____ on _____ and the welfare _____ as Italy's _____ rapidly _____. The _____ of the Catholic Church, _____ Francis, has _____ that having children is _____ more _____ for many _____. He _____ that starting a _____ in Italy is now a "_____ effort" that only the _____ and _____ can _____.

Pope Francis _____ Italians to have more _____, even _____ rising _____. He _____ young couples for making "_____, _____" choices that are _____ in _____ low birth rates. He _____ this is _____ Italy's _____ future. He _____ the situation a "demographic _____". Italy _____ a record _____ number of _____ last year of

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392,000, which _____ with an _____ number of _____ – 713,000. The Pope _____ couples to have _____ instead of _____. He _____ a woman who _____ him to _____ her "baby," which was _____ a dog. The BBC _____ that Italy is often _____ "the country of_____ _____". It _____ Elon Musk as tweeting that: "Italy is _____."

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