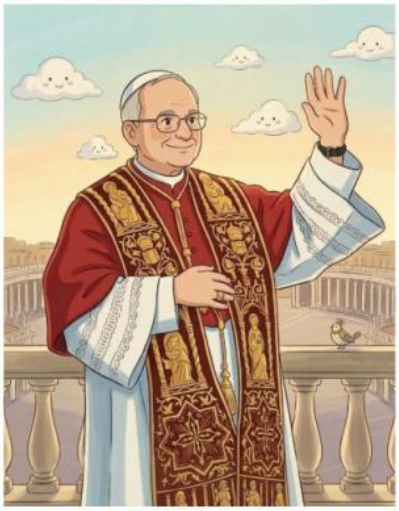
Pope Leo XIV: Fill-in-the-Blanks Exercise



Instructions: Complete the text using **was**, **were**, **wasn't**, or **weren't**.

- Pope Leo XIV **1.** _____ born in Chicago in 1955.
- Before becoming a leader in the Church, his original name **2.** _____ Robert Francis Prevost.
- As a young man, he **3.** _____ a math student at Villanova University.
- Surprisingly, becoming a Pope **4.** (x) _____ his original dream.
- Later, he **5.** _____ ordained as a priest in 1982.
- For many years, he **6.** _____ a missionary in Peru.
- In Peru, local people **7.** _____ grateful for his help as a bishop.
- He **8.** (x) _____ afraid to travel far from home to help people in need.
- His decisions **9.** (x) _____ always easy, but he stayed strong in his faith.
- His years in South America **10.** (x) _____ forgotten by the people of Peru.
- In the beginning, his family **11.** (x) _____ expecting him to move all the way to South America.
- Eventually, his efforts to support local communities **12.** (x) _____ ignored by the Vatican.
- In 2023, he **13.** _____ made a cardinal by Pope Francis.
- He **14.** (x) _____ ready to slow down, even after working hard for decades.
- Cardinals from all around the world **15.** _____ gathered in Rome when they elected him Pope in 2025.
- His two older brothers, Louis and John, **16.** _____ living in the United States when they heard the news.
- He **17.** _____ chosen as the first American Pope in history.
- Catholic communities everywhere **18.** _____ very happy to welcome Pope Leo XIV.
- Many church members **19.** _____ excited to hear his very first message as Pope.
- His friends and family **20.** (x) _____ surprised by his election because they always knew he was a kind leader.

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