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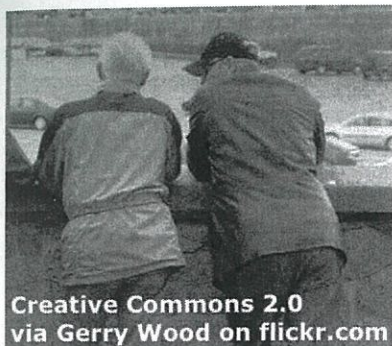
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## Pope says gossiping is 'worse than COVID'

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Pope Francis has said gossiping is worse than COVID-19. He said gossip is a danger that divides communities. He added that the devil is the "biggest gossip" who is seeking to create division with his

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

The Pope was making his first public audience since the pandemic started. His latest speech on gossip is not the first time he has made strong remarks on the topic. In 2016, he warned people not to "fuel the terrorism of gossip". He urged people to 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, bite your tongue. Hard." Two years later he brought the subject up 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 but scandalmongers and busybodies."

Sources: [cbsnews.com](https://www.cbsnews.com) / [inforum.com](https://www.inforum.com) / [cnn.com](https://www.cnn.com)

### Writing

Gossip is lethal "because the tongue kills, like a knife". Discuss.

### Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

gossiping / communities / the devil / division / blessing / plague / COVID-19 / trolls / audience / pandemic / speech / terrorism / urge / lethal / tongue / knife / busybodies

### True / False

- Pope Francis said communities divide gossiping. T / F
- Francis said the biggest gossip was the devil. T / F
- Francis advised people to listen to trolls on the Internet. T / F
- The Pope suggested praying and being quiet if something goes wrong. T / F
- The Pope made his first speech in public for many months. T / F
- The Pope suggested gossip was a form of terrorism. T / F
- Francis suggested biting one's tongue if there is an urge to gossip. T / F
- Francis said the tongue is deadly and kills like a virus. T / F

### Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. <b>danger</b>      | a. comments        |
| 2. <b>divides</b>     | b. pandemic        |
| 3. <b>plague</b>      | c. topic           |
| 4. <b>advises</b>     | d. talk            |
| 5. <b>silence</b>     | e. risk            |
| 6. <b>speech</b>      | f. mischief-makers |
| 7. <b>remarks</b>     | g. quiet           |
| 8. <b>temptation</b>  | h. splits          |
| 9. <b>subject</b>     | i. desire          |
| 10. <b>busybodies</b> | j. recommends      |

### Discussion – Student A

- What do you know about Pope Francis?
- What do you think of gossip?
- What do you think of people who gossip?
- How much of a gossip are you?
- Why might the Pope think gossip is worse than COVID-19?
- When was the last time someone gossiped about you?
- What do you think of people who gossip on social media?
- Is it better to pray than to gossip?



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1. What is gossiping?

2. What did Pope Francis say about gossiping?

Who did he say was the biggest gossip?

What does the Pope advise people to do?

3. What did the Pope say in 2016?

4. What do you know about Pope Francis?

5. Give me examples of some "rumors/gossip" you've heard.

a.

b.

c.

6. What's a busybody?

7. What's the best way to deal with (handle) gossip?