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**Anotace:** Reading worksheet about pope election.

**Klíčová slova:** reading, pope, election

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Although there are about 203 cardinals from 69 countries in the world these days, the maximum number of electors who participate in the selection is only 120 and all the electors have to be under 80. The election begins between 15<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> days after the pope’s death.

The voting process takes place in Vatican City. Voting is secret and is done by secret ballot. To vote the new pope, two-thirds-plus-one majority is needed. Two votes take place every day, in the morning and in the evening. If the new pope isn’t elected after 12 or 13 days, the new rule is applied – only the simply majority is required to elect pope.

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- 6 If one of the cardinals didn’t vote, the election is invalid.
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**Possible post-reading tasks:**

⇒ Explain the Latin meaning of the word CONCLAVE. Why is the pope election called CONCLAVE?

**VOCABULARY:**

Resign – rezignovat, odstoupit

Vote – hlas, hlasování / hlasovat, volit

Selection – výběr

Select – vybrat

Take place – konat se, uskutečnit se

Ballot – tajná volba, tajné hlasování

- tajně hlasovat

- hlasovací lístek

Majority – většina

Apply – použít, uplatnit, aplikovat

Require – vyžadovat, žádat

Collect – sebrat, shromáždit

Supreme Pontiff – papež

Papal – papežský

Catholic Church – katolická církev

Invalid – neplatný

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