

1. Brainstorm words related to “sin” for two minutes:

2. Which of the deadly sins below is the worst? Rank the sins in order, and support your decisions!

	pride
	anger
	greed
	envy
	laziness

3. With your groups, define each word, correctly pronounce it, explain the meaning and / or usage, and offer an example sentence.

envy

ensure

complex

manipulate

injustice

point of view

predictable

ramification

signify

4. Individually or in pairs/groups, match the words in column A (from the article) with the best choice in column B.

envy (n)		complicated
ensure (v)		unfairness
complex (adj)		consequence
manipulate (v)	1	jealousy
injustice (n)		make sure
point of view (n)		change
predictable (adj)		way of thinking
ramification (n)		show
signify (v)		expected

5. Fill in the blanks with the correct word.

unpredictable	complexities	point of view	signify	ensure
envy	ramifications	manipulation	injustice	

- a. , or jealousy, is a deadly sin, too.
- b. People should try to live a life free of the deadly sins, which will then entrance into heaven.
- c. Church officials thought a more modern list was needed to deal with the of society today.
- d. You shall avoid genetic .
- e. There is a longer list of mortal sins which includes social and economic .
- f. The Catholic Church holds the that stem cells represent a destroyed human life.
- g. It believes other areas of biotechnology and genetics represent outcomes and should be avoided.
- h. The projected changes in climate a serious threat to the human race.
- i. The Vatican has hosted a scientific conference to discuss the of global warming.

6. Read the following article:

According to the Catholic Church, there are seven deadly **sins**. These include **pride**, **lust**, anger, gluttony, **envy**, **greed**, and laziness. The church believes that all people should try to live a life free of the seven deadly sins, which will then **ensure** entrance into heaven. The original sins were written in the sixth century. Because church officials thought a more modern list was needed to deal with the **complexities** of society today, the Vatican has added several new sins.

You shall not pollute the Earth. You shall avoid **genetic manipulation**. These are only two examples from a longer list of **sins** which includes buying, selling, and using drugs, and social and economic **injustices**. These new **sins** require punishment, and differ from other less **sinful** behavior.

The second in charge at the Vatican released the information on **sins**, modern evils, and forgiveness. In particular, he criticized **cloning**, **stem cell** research, and similar acts brought about because of advances in biology and medicine. The Catholic Church holds the **point of view** that **stem cells** represent a destroyed human life, and hence experimentation with them is a deadly evil. But it believes other areas of biotechnology and **genetics** represent **unpredictable outcomes** and should be avoided.

The environment received nearly equal attention from the Vatican, as the projected changes in climate signify a serious threat to the human race. The Vatican has gone green in recent years, and has hosted a scientific conference to discuss the **ramifications** of global warming.

Some priests welcomed the new list of **sins**, as many realize that modernization is required to fit the global world.

7. Decide if the following sentences are true or false, according to the article:

- a. The Vatican has changed the seven deadly sins for the modern world.
 - True
 - False

- b. It's a deadly sin if you pollute the Earth.
 - True
 - False

- c. According to the Vatican, the worst threat to the human race is cloning and stem cell research.
 - True
 - False

- d. The Vatican is against all biotechnology and genetic manipulation because it kills life.
 - True
 - False

- e. The Vatican will host a seminar on global warming soon.
 - True
 - False

7. Answer the following comprehension questions:

- a. What are the seven deadly sins?
- b. What new deadly sins has the Vatican added?
- c. What does the Vatican think about stem cell research?
- d. Why is the Vatican against biotechnology and genetic manipulation?
- e. What has the Vatican done as a result of global warming?

8. Create your own list of deadly sins! Work with a partner to list seven deadly sins on any topic or action of everyday life. Support your decisions, and then share your answers with another pair of students or with the class.

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