

Reading time → the year 2015 in review

Match these newspaper headlines with the pictures.



01. January 11th

More than 40 world leaders march in honor of the 17 victims of terrorist attacks on the satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo and a Jewish supermarket.

02. February 12th

Leaders from Russia, Ukraine, Germany and France reach an agreement on the conflict in eastern Ukraine that includes a ceasefire and withdrawal of heavy weapons.

03. March 24th

An Airbus A320-211 operated by German wings crashes in the French Alps, killing all 150 on board.

04. April 25th

A magnitude 7.8 earthquake strikes Nepal causing 9,000 deaths and destroying about half a million homes.

05. May 2nd

Duchess of Cambridge gives birth to a baby girl.

06. June 17th

A white gunman kills nine black people at a historic black church in Charleston, South Carolina, reviving racial tensions in the United States.

07. July 23rd

NASA's Kepler Mission discovers a bigger and older cousin to Earth.

08. August 25th

Thalys train attack heroes are awarded France's top honour Légion d'Honneur.

09. September 10th

Queen Elizabeth II becomes the longest reigning British monarch.

10. October 23rd

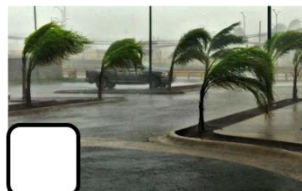
Hurricane Patricia becomes the most intense hurricane ever recorded in the Western Hemisphere, with winds of 200 mph and a pressure of 879 mbar.

11. November 13th

An unprecedented string of jihadist shootings and suicide bombings at France's national sports stadium, the concert hall Le Bataclan and bars and restaurants in Paris leave 130 dead and hundreds injured. ISIS claims responsibility.

12. December 12th

A global climate change pact is agreed at the COP 21 summit, committing all countries to reduce carbon emissions.



Writing time

Write about 5 events that happened in the world in 2015. Use the dates and the past simple form of the verbs. For instance → **On May 2nd** Kate Duchess of Cambridge **gave** birth to her daughter Charlotte.

Guessing time

Match each item in the left-hand column to the correct description in the right-hand column. Write the letter.



Person, place or thing	Description
_____ 1. New Zealand	A. This man pledged to donate \$45 billion to charities over his lifetime.
_____ 2. Ebola	B. This company was found to be cheating on emissions tests.
_____ 3. ISIS	C. Massive explosions at a chemical storage facility killed 165 people in this big Chinese city.
_____ 4. Mark Zuckerberg	D. This country beat Australia to retain Rugby World Cup.
_____ 5. Cuba	E. This agency announced the discovery of liquid water on Mars.
_____ 6. 1,000,000	F. The release of this American epic space opera film directed by J. J. Abrams pleased millions of fans worldwide.
_____ 7. NASA	G. This was legalized in every US state after a Supreme Court vote of 5-4.
_____ 8. Gay marriage	H. This terrorist organization was responsible for attacks in many countries.
_____ 9. Volkswagen	I. Japan marked the 70 th anniversary of the atomic bombing of this city.
_____ 10. Solar Impulse	J. This solar-powered aircraft completed an historic flight after circling the globe.
_____ 11. one-child	K. An outbreak of this led to the deaths of 11,000 people in West Africa.
_____ 12. <i>Star Wars: The Force Awakens</i>	L. The number of refugees and migrants arriving in Europe topped this number.
_____ 13. Auschwitz concentration camp	M. Beijing announced the end of this hugely controversial policy.
_____ 14. Hiroshima	N. The US and this country agreed a historic deal to re-establish full diplomatic relations after 55 years of tensions.
_____ 15. Tianjin	O. Holocaust survivors marked the 70 th anniversary of its liberation.

Homework

Rédige deux autres phrases pour compléter ce "year 2015 in review".
Inspire-toi des événements sportifs et des catastrophes naturelles.