

YEAR 2016 : A REVIEW



1) Your Christmas :

What presents did you get ? I had/ I was given.....
What presents did you give? I gave my..... a.....
The best gift ... / The worst gift... / The gift I loved the most...
The funniest... / The most boring gift...
It was awesome // awful because...

2) New Year's Resolutions:

This year, I promise to... / I swear I will.... / I promise to stop ...-ing..... / I intend to...

3) The year 2016 in review: what do you remember?

Try to complete these main events



a) January 1st :(country) took the presidency of the European Union and succeeded to(country) N°__

 January 10th : The English singer, songwriter and actor died. He was a figure in popular music for over five decades. He died of a liver cancer in his house in (US city) N°__

b) February 8th: The New Year (or Spring Festival) starts in (country).

This year celebrates the (animal) N°__



 February 12th At least 30 people died and 60 were injured in a bombing in the capital of Turkey, N°__

c) March 9th : A total (weather event) occurred and was visible in France. It occurs when the passes between and the Sun. N°__



March 22nd : Three coordinated suicide bombings occurred in (country) 32 civilians and three perpetrators were killed, and more than 300 people were injured. (a terrorist organization) claimed responsibility for the attacks N°__

 April 16th A huge (natural catastrophe) struck (country). It killed more than 600 people. Severe damage occurred with numerous structures collapsing. N°__

April 21st : The American singer-songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, and record producer died. N°__



e) May 1st: A (natural catastrophe) began southwest of Fort McMurray, Alberta, (country) On May 3, it swept through the community, destroying approximately 2,400 homes and buildings and forcing the largest wildfire evacuation in Albertan history. N°__



May 5th: British politician Sadiq Khan became Mayor of (UK city) He is a member of the Party. He was born in South London to a working-class British Pakistani family N°__



May 14th: The winner of the Song contest was (country) with the song "1944", N°__



f) June 1st: The Gotthard Base (construction) opened on that day. It is the world's longest and deepest traffic (construction), and it is located in (country) N°__



June 23rd:



a) The (name) referendum took place in the (country) to gauge support for the country either remaining a member of, or leaving, the European Union. The referendum resulted in 51.9% of voters voting in favor of leaving the European Union. N°__

b) A severe thunderstorm produced a large, violent (natural catastrophe) over Jiangsu province, (country). It killed at least 99 people and injured 846 others. N°__



g) July 10th: (country) won the 2016 UEFA European Championship tournament for the first time, following a 1-0 victory after extra time over the host team, France, in the final played at the Stade de France. N°__

July 13th: A British politician, Theresa May, became (political job) of the United Kingdom and Leader of the Party. She is the second female Prime Minister of the United Kingdom and Leader of the Conservative Party after (woman). N°__



July 14th: A cargo (means of transport) was deliberately driven into crowds celebrating (celebration) on the Promenade des Anglais in Nice, France, resulting in the deaths of 86 people and injuring 434. N°__



h) August 5th: The 2016 (sport event) officially known as the Games of the 31st Olympiad, was a major international multi-sport event held in (city and country), from 5 August to 21 August 2016. N°__



August 17th : Airlander 10, a hybrid (means of transport) designed and manufactured by (nationality) manufacturer Hybrid Air Vehicles, flew for the first time. It has the distinction of being the largest aircraft flying today.
N°__



i) September 24th : The National Museum of
 (origin) History and Culture opened in a ceremony led by U.S. President Barack Obama in (US city). It has close to 37,000 objects in its collection related to such subjects as civil rights, slavery, and segregation. N°__

j) October 4th (natural catastrophe) Matthew was an extremely destructive and long-lived tropical cyclone. Over 1,600 estimated deaths have been attributed to the (weather condition), including 546 to 1,600 in (country) N°__



October 7th : Juan Manuel Santos Calderón was announced as recipient of Nobel (category) Prize, for his efforts negotiating a peace treaty with the FARC guerillas in the country. He is the 32nd and current President of (country). N°__



k) November 8th : The (political party) businessman (name) defeated the (political party) former Secretary of State (name) in the American presidential election. N°__

November 22nd : Rescuers recovered 8 bodies and saved 1400 (people) adrift on the Sea. N°__

l) December 19th : A truck was driven into the (celebration) market next to the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church in (city), left 12 people dead and 56 others injured. One of the victims was the truck's original driver who was found shot dead in the passenger seat. N°__



December 25th : A jetliner of the (nationality) Defence Ministry crashed into the Black Sea shortly after taking off from Sochi while en route to Syria. All 92 passengers and crew aboard died. 64 were members of the Alexandrov Ensemble (group of people) N°__



4) Now match these events with the corresponding pictures



5) Re-read 2016 main events and find the English equivalents of these expressions:

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| Une décennie | Le foie | Blessé |
| Arriver / Se produire | Auteur (coupable) | |
| Revendiquer | S'écrouler | |
| Un compositeur | Un disque | Balayer / S'étendre |
| Un feu de forêt | De classe ouvrière | |
| Une compétition | Le plus profond | Evaluer / Mesurer |
| Soit...soit | Un orage | |
| Un tournoi | Une foule | Un évènement |
| Un aéronef | Près de | Esclavage |
| Un ouragan | D'une grande longévité | Un lauréat |
| Actuel | Ancien | A la dérive |
| Abattu | Décoller | Members d'équipage |