

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 : The **Netherlands** took the presidency of the European Union and succeeded to **Luxemburg** N°2

January 10th : The English singer, songwriter and actor **David Bowie** died. He was a figure in popular music for over five **decades**. He died of a **liver** cancer in his house in **New York**. N°4

b) February 8th : The New Year (or Spring Festival) starts in **China**. This year celebrates the **monkey**. N°14

February 12th At least 30 people died and 60 were **injured** in a bombing in the capital of Turkey, **Ankara** N°7

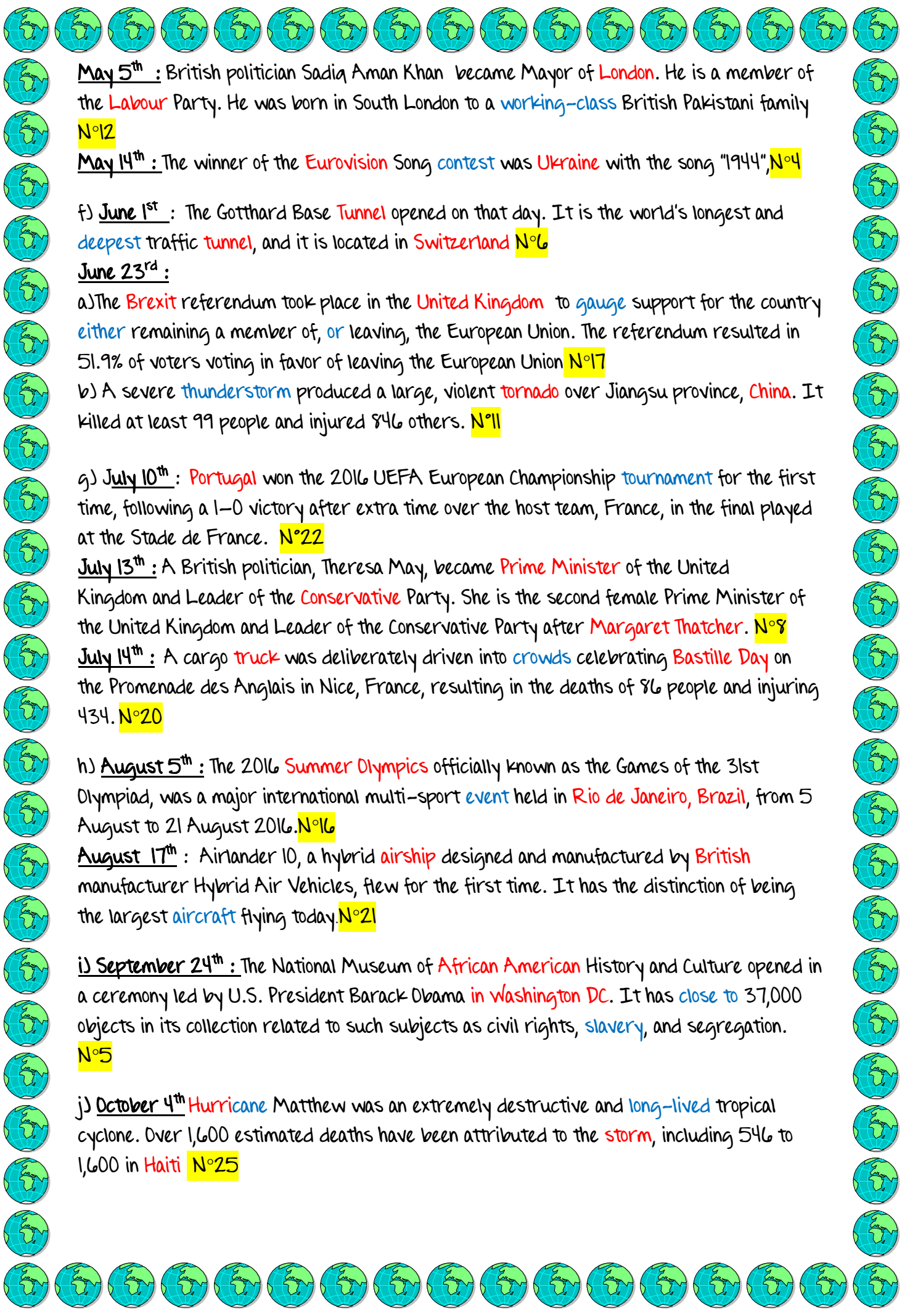
c) March 9th : A total **solar eclipse** occurred and was visible in France. It occurs when the **Moon** passes between **Earth** and the Sun. N°3

March 22nd : Three coordinated suicide bombings occurred in **Belgium**. 32 civilians and three **perpetrators** were killed, and more than 300 people were injured. **Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL)** claimed responsibility for the attacks N°10

d) April 16th A huge **earthquake** struck **Ecuador**. It killed more than 600 people. Severe damage occurred in Kumamoto with numerous structures **collapsing**. N°1

April 21st : The American singer-songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, and **record** producer **Prince** died. N°13

e) May 1st: A **wildfire** began southwest of Fort McMurray, Alberta, **Canada**. 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°18



May 5th : British politician Sadiq Khan became Mayor of London. He is a member of the Labour Party. He was born in South London to a working-class British Pakistani family

N°12

May 14th : The winner of the Eurovision Song contest was Ukraine with the song "1944", N°4

f) June 1st : The Gotthard Base Tunnel opened on that day. It is the world's longest and deepest traffic tunnel, and it is located in Switzerland N°6

June 23rd :

a) The Brexit referendum took place in the United Kingdom 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°17

b) A severe thunderstorm produced a large, violent tornado over Jiangsu province, China. It killed at least 99 people and injured 846 others. N°11

g) July 10th : Portugal 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°22

July 13th : A British politician, Theresa May, became Prime Minister of the United Kingdom and Leader of the Conservative Party. She is the second female Prime Minister of the United Kingdom and Leader of the Conservative Party after Margaret Thatcher. N°8

July 14th : A cargo truck was deliberately driven into crowds celebrating Bastille Day on the Promenade des Anglais in Nice, France, resulting in the deaths of 86 people and injuring 434. N°20

h) August 5th : The 2016 Summer Olympics officially known as the Games of the 31st Olympiad, was a major international multi-sport event held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 5 August to 21 August 2016. N°16

August 17th : Airlander 10, a hybrid airship designed and manufactured by British manufacturer Hybrid Air Vehicles, flew for the first time. It has the distinction of being the largest aircraft flying today. N°21

i) September 24th : The National Museum of African American History and Culture opened in a ceremony led by U.S. President Barack Obama in Washington DC. It has close to 37,000 objects in its collection related to such subjects as civil rights, slavery, and segregation.

N°5

j) October 4th Hurricane Matthew was an extremely destructive and long-lived tropical cyclone. Over 1,600 estimated deaths have been attributed to the storm, including 546 to 1,600 in Haiti N°25

October 7th: Juan Manuel Santos Calderón was announced as **recipient** of Nobel **Peace** Prize, for his efforts negotiating a peace treaty with the FARC guerillas in the country. He is the 32nd and **current** President of **Colombia**. **N°23**

November 8th: The **Republican** businessman **Donald Trump** defeated the **Democrat** former Secretary of State **Hillary Clinton** in the American presidential election. **N°26**

November 22nd: Rescuers recovered 8 bodies and saved 1400 **migrants** **adrift** on the **Mediterranean** Sea **N°19**

December 19th: A truck was driven into the **Christmas** market next to the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church in **Berlin**, 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°16**

December 25th: A jetliner of the **Russian** 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 **choir** **N°9**

4) Now match these events with the corresponding pictures



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

Une décennie *A decade* Le foie *Liver*
Blessé *Injured* Arriver / Se produire *Occur*
Auteur (coupable) *A perpetrator* Revendiquer *Claim responsibility*
S'écrouler *Collapse* Un compositeur *A songwriter*
Un disque *A record* Balayer / S'étendre *Sweep*
Un feu de forêt *A wildfire* De classe ouvrière *working-class*
Une compétition *A contest* Le plus profond *Deepest* Evaluer / Mesurer *Gauge*
Soit...soit *Either ...or...* Un orage *A thunderstorm*
Un tournoi *A tournament* Une foule *A crowd*
Un évènement *An event* Un aéronef *An aircraft* Près de *Close to*
Esclavage *Slavery* Un ouragan *A hurricane*
D'une grande longévité *Long-lived* change Un lauréat *A recipient*
Actuel *Current* Ancien *Former* A la dérive *Adrift*
Abattu *Shot dead* Décoller *Take off* Members d'équipage *Crew*