

YEAR 2017 : 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 2017 in review: what do you remember?

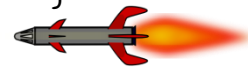
Try to complete these main events

a) January 1st : António Guterres, a Portuguese statesman, replaced Ban Ki Moon as Secretary-General of the United Nations. N°24



January 20th – Donald Trump was sworn in as the 45th President of the United States. Trump, a Republican New York City businessman, became the first non-political office holder to be elected President of the United States. N°9

b) February 11th North Korea prompted international condemnation by test firing a ballistic missile across the Sea of Japan. N°14



February 26th : A solar eclipse occurred in Patagonia. The Moon passed between the Earth and the Sun, thereby partly obscuring the image of the Sun for a viewer on Earth. N°7

c) March 18th : Death of Chuck Berry, an American singer, songwriter, musician, and one of the pioneers of rock and roll music. N°10



March 29th : The United Kingdom triggered article 50 of the Lisbon Treaty, starting the Brexit Negotiations, the talks for the United Kingdom to leave the European Union. N°3



d) April 3rd : A terrorist attack using an explosive device took place on the Saint Petersburg Metro, in Russia, killing 15 people. N°13




April 6th In response to a suspected chemical weapons attack on a rebel-held town, the U.S. military launched 59 Tomahawk cruise missiles at an air base in Syria. N°1



e) May 7th : Emmanuel Macron won the second round of the French presidential election against Marine Le Pen. N°18


May 13th: The winner of the Eurovision Song contest was Portugal with the song "Amar Pelos Dois", N°4

 May 22nd: A bomb exploded as people were leaving Manchester Arena following a concert by the American singer Ariana Grande. Twenty-three people were killed. N°12


f) June 1st: Amidst widespread criticism, the U.S. announced its decision to withdraw from the Paris Climate Agreement in due time N°6

 June 14th: A fire at Grenfell Tower in London killed 71 people. N°17


g) July 3rd: World champions Germany won their first title following a 1-0 win over Chile in the 2017 FIFA Confederations Cup final. N°20

 July 10th: Iraqi Civil War: Mosul was declared fully liberated from the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant N°8


h) August 17th: A terrorist drove a van into pedestrians in Barcelona, Spain, killing 13 people and injuring at least 130 others. Nine hours later, five men thought to be members of the same terrorist cell drove into pedestrians in nearby Cambrils, killing one woman. N°21

 August 25th -30th: Hurricane Harvey struck the United States as a Category 4 hurricane, causing catastrophic damage in Texas, mostly due to record-breaking floods. At least 90 deaths are recorded. N°15

i) September 13th: The International Olympic Committee awarded Paris and Los Angeles the right to host the 2024 and 2028 Summer Olympics N°5

 September 19th: A 7.1 earthquake struck central Mexico, killing more than 350, leaving up to 6,000 injured and thousands more homeless. N°23

j) October 1st: 58 people killed and 546 injured when Stephen Paddock opened fire on a crowd in Las Vegas during a concert. This is the deadliest mass shooting perpetrated by a lone gunman in U.S. history. N°25

 October 27th: Catalonia declared independence from Spain, but the Catalan Republic was not recognized by the Spanish government or any other sovereign nation. N°2

K) November 2nd: A new species of orangutan was identified in Indonesia, becoming the third known species of orangutan as well as the first great ape to be described for almost a century. **N°19**



November 15th: A **Leonardo da Vinci** painting, **Salvator Mundi**, sold for US\$450 million at Christie's in **New York**, a new record price for any work of art. **N°22**

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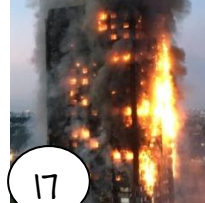
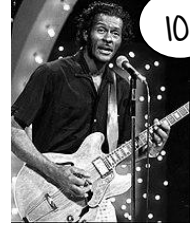
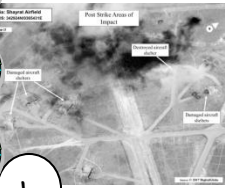


L) December 6th: The United States officially recognized **Jerusalem** as **Israel's** capital. **N°16**



December 6th: Death of **Johnny Hallyday**, most famous French **rock** singer. He died of a lung cancer. **N°11**

4) Now match these events with the corresponding pictures



5) Re-read 2017 main events and find the English equivalents of these expressions:

Un homme d'Etat : A statesman Etre investi de ses fonctions : To be sworn in
Membre du gouvernement : Office holder Inciter, pousser : to Prompt
Avoir lieu : Occur Ainsi : thereby Un spectateur : A viewer
Un compositeur : A songwriter Déclencher : Trigger Un engin : a device
Arme chimique : Chemical weapon Tour : A round Un concours : A contest
Amidst : Parmi Généralisé : widespread Se retirer : withdraw
Un accord : An agreement En temps voulu : In due time Un incendie : A fire
Des piétons : Pedestrians Blesser : Injure Une cellule : A cell
Enregistrer : To record Accorder : To Award Accueillir : To host
Un tremblement de terre : An earthquake Un sans-abri : Homeless
Ouvrir le feu : Open fire Une foule : A crowd Tuerie de masse : Mass shooting
Une espèce : a species Un grand singe : A great ape Poumon : Lung