

# YEAR 2015 : 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 2015 in review: what do you remember? Try to complete these main events.

a) January 1<sup>st</sup> : Lithuania officially adopted the euro as its currency and became the 19th member of the Eurozone. n°2

January 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> : 12 people died of a terrorist attack at the headquarters of *Charlie Hebdo* magazine in Paris. Then, the two terrorists went hiding in an industrial estate, and at the same time, a third accomplice took hostages in a supermarket. n°24

b) February 8<sup>th</sup> : The Ivory Coast won the 2015 Africa Cup of Nations in Equatorial Guinea. n°14

February 12<sup>th</sup> : 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. n°7

February 22<sup>nd</sup> : The 87<sup>th</sup> Academy Awards took place in Los Angeles. n°11

c) March 20<sup>th</sup> : A total solar eclipse occurred and was visible in France. It occurs when the Moon passes between Earth and the Sun, thereby totally or partly obscuring the image of the Sun for a viewer on Earth. n°3

March 24<sup>th</sup> : An Airbus A320-211 crashed in the French Alps. All 144 passengers and six crew members were killed. The crash was deliberately caused by the co-pilot who had previously been treated for suicidal tendencies and been declared "unfit to work" by a doctor. n°10

d) April 2<sup>nd</sup> : Gunmen stormed the University College in Garissa, Kenya, killing 148 people. The militant group and Al-Qaeda offshoot, Al-Shabaab, took responsibility for the attack. n°1

April 25<sup>th</sup> : Nepal was struck by a 7.8 magnitude earthquake, killing 9.000 people. n°13

e) May 2<sup>nd</sup> : Princess Kate Middleton gave birth to her daughter Charlotte. n°4

May 7<sup>th</sup>: UK General Elections took place and were won by the Conservative Party and David Cameron who stays Prime Minister. n°18

May 27<sup>th</sup>: Nebraska became the 19<sup>th</sup> State to abolish Death Penalty. n°12

f) June 25<sup>th</sup>: Kobani massacre: ISIL (Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant) fighters detonated three car bombs in Kobani, Syria, and opened fire at civilians, killing more than 220. n°6

June 26<sup>th</sup>: The US Supreme Court held in a decision that the fundamental right to marry is guaranteed to same-sex couples all over the country. n°17

g) July 14<sup>th</sup>: NASA's New Horizons spacecraft performs a close flyby of Pluto, becoming the first spacecraft in history to visit the distant world. n°8

July 20<sup>th</sup>: Cuba and the United States reestablish full diplomatic relations, ending a 54-year stretch of hostility between the nations. n°20

h) August 17<sup>th</sup>: A bombing took place inside the Erawan Shrine at the Ratchaprasong intersection in Pathum Wan District, Bangkok, Thailand, killing 20 people and injuring 125. n°16

August 25<sup>th</sup>: Thalys train attack heroes are awarded France's top honour Légion d'Honneur. n°21

i) September 9<sup>th</sup>: Queen Elizabeth II broke Queen Victoria's record and became the longest British reigning monarch ever. n°5

September 16<sup>th</sup>: A Burkinabé coup d'état was launched in Burkina Faso, when members of the Regiment of Presidential Security (RSP) detained the country's government. President Kafando was restored as President on 23 September. n°22

j) October 10<sup>th</sup>: A suicide bomb kills at least 100 people at a peace rally in Ankara, Turkey, and injures more than 400 others. n°25

October 23<sup>th</sup>: Hurricane Patricia becomes the most intense hurricane ever recorded in the Western Hemisphere, with winds of 200 mph. n°23

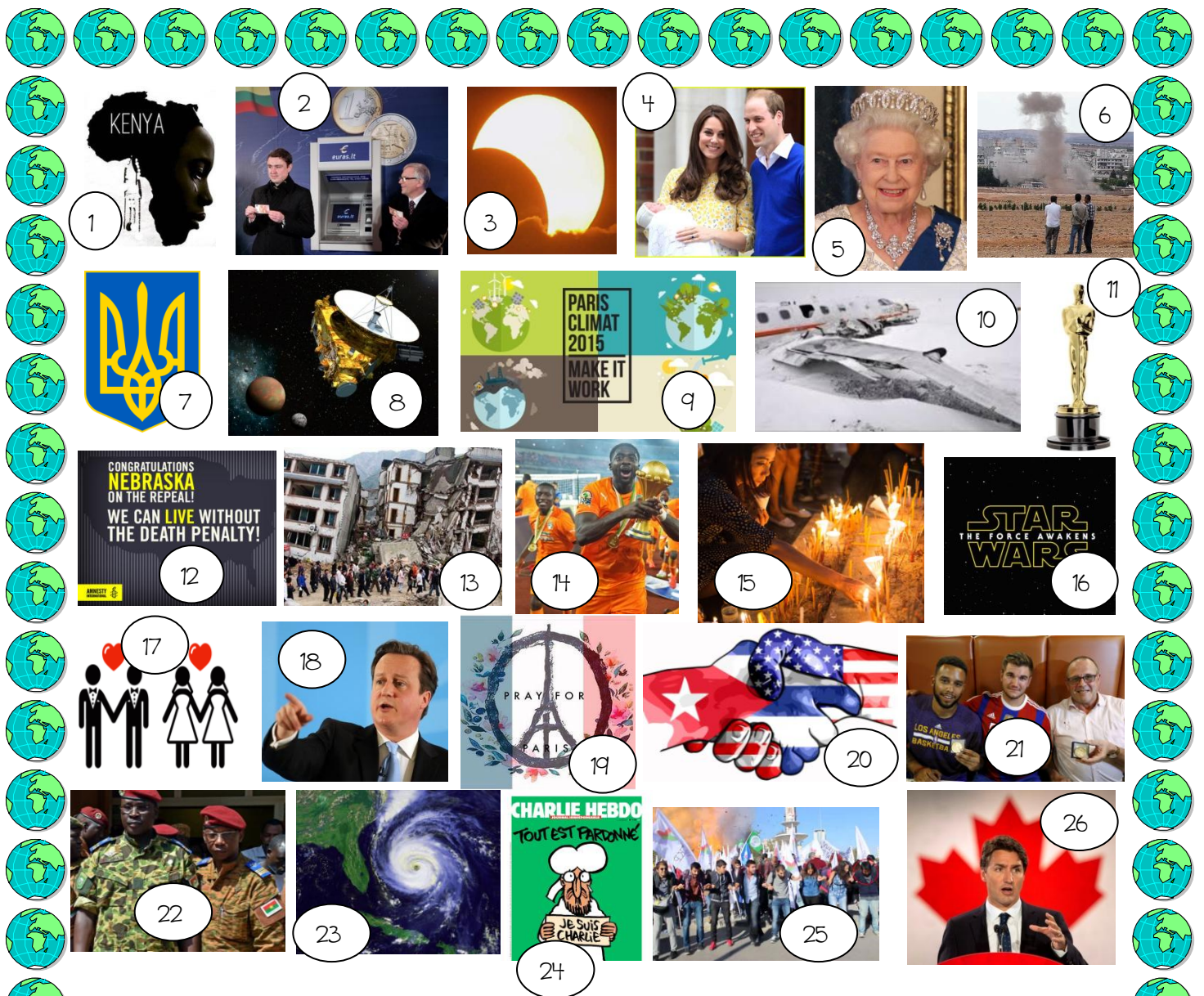
k) November 4<sup>th</sup>: Justin Trudeau became the Prime Minister of Canada. n°26

November 13<sup>th</sup>: Multiple attacks claimed by Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) in Paris, France, resulting in 130 fatalities. n°19

l) December 12<sup>th</sup>: A global climate change pact is agreed at the COP 21 summit, committing all countries to reduce carbon emissions for the first time. n°9

December 14<sup>th</sup>: The Force Awakens (Star Wars Episode 7) premiered in Los Angeles. It is the first film in the new Star Wars sequel trilogy. n°16

4) Now match these events with the corresponding pictures



5) Re-read 2015 main events and find the English equivalents of these expressions:

- La monnaie *Currency*      Quartiers Généraux / Rédaction *Headquarters*  
 Un complice *An accomplice*      Prendre en otage *Take hostage*  
 Trouver un accord *To reach an agreement*      Un cessez-le-feu *A ceasefire*  
 Un retrait (armes, troupes...) *A withdrawal*      Armes lourdes : *Heavy weapons*  
 Une récompense *An award*      Avoir lieu : *To occur*  
 Ainsi *Thereby*      Membres d'équipage *The crew*      Inapte *Unfit*  
 Entrer en trombe *To storm in*      Branche, ramification *An offshoot*  
 Tremblement de Terre *An earthquake*      Peine de Mort *Death Penalty*  
 Rendre (une décision) *To hold in*      Vaisseau Spatial *A spacecraft*  
 Période *A stretch*      Blesser *To injure*      Marche pacifique *A peace rally*  
 Ouragan *A hurricane*      Victimes *Fatalities*      Changement climatique *A climate change*  
 Une suite *A sequel*