

WHAT HAPPENED IN 2023?

Cut out the texts and glue them in your exercise book:

January

Cristiano Ronaldo left Manchester United after criticizing the club publicly and joined the Saudi Arabian club Al Nassr with “the biggest salary ever in football”.

April

Computer experts released a letter calling for a six-month pause for any work on Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools stronger than GPT-4. They wanted governments to develop laws to make sure AI tools are safe.

July

Heatwaves spread across Europe and the first three weeks of July were the hottest global three-week period ever. The world recorded its hottest day ever.

October

The most dangerous militant Palestinian group, Hamas, launched a surprise attack on Israel. They killed hundreds of people and took over 150 prisoners. Israel responded and declared war on Hamas, killing hundreds in attacks on the Gaza Strip.

February

A 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck in Turkey and Syria. It was the deadliest in modern history. It killed more than 59,000 people and injured around 14,000.

May

Charles III was officially crowned King in a special “coronation” ceremony. It was the first time in 70 years (the longest reign ever). People across the nation watched and celebrated the historic event.

August

A series of wildfires broke out in the U.S. state of Hawaii and spread across the island of Maui on August 8th. The fires killed at least 115 people and left over 1,100 others missing. The worst in the history of the island.

November

Taylor Swift became Spotify’s most-streamed global artist of the year with 26.1 billion streams, with Miley Cyrus’ “Flowers” the most popular song.

March

1.28 million people protested in nationwide demonstrations throughout France against government plans to raise the retirement age from 62 to 64. It’s the highest age ever.

June

A fishing vessel with between 300 to 750 refugees and migrants from Libya capsized south of Greece. 104 men survived but more than 600 men, women and children died.

September

In Hong Kong and cities across southern China battled flooding caused by the heaviest rains in over 140 years.

December

For the first time, countries agreed on the need to transition away from fossil fuels at the COP 28 in the United Arab Emirates. The most important decision yet.

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Cut out the pictures and match them to the texts:

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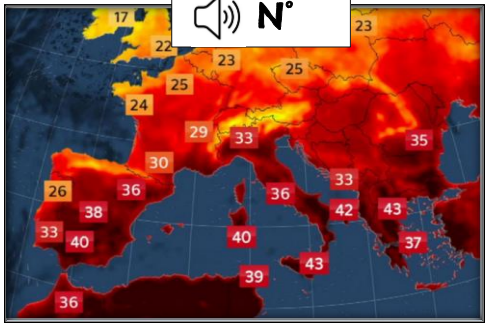
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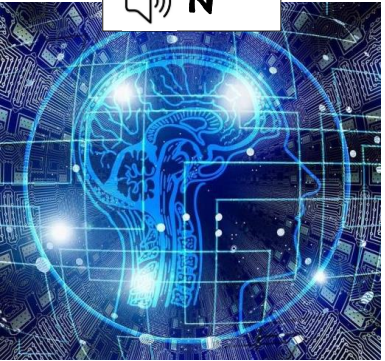
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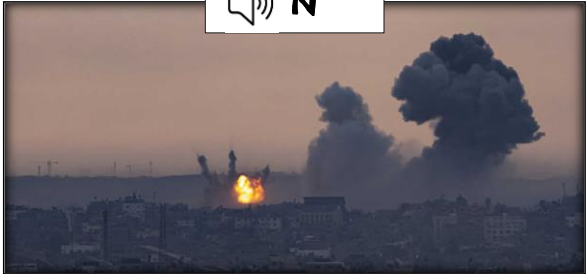
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