

1977 Vocabulary Matching

Match the words on the left to their definitions on the right.

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| 1 American Dream | | a | relating to a king or queen or members of their family |
| 2 amnesty | | b | poor judgement about language or what should be appropriate |
| 3 anger | ..... | c | to stop being angry at someone because of what they did |
| 4 anniversary | ..... | d | punishment by death |
| 5 bad taste | ..... | e | a world police organization which fights international crime |
| 6 capital punishment | ..... | f | a device specifically designed for chopping a person's head off |
| 7 consider | ..... | g | a period of ten years |
| 8 decade | ..... | h | a group of soldiers who are ordered to shoot and kill a prisoner |
| 9 democratic | ..... | i | a type of music which people often danced to in the 1970s |
| 10 disco | ..... | j | not legal, not allowed by law |
| 11 elect | ..... | k | a kind of dance music of the 1950s which had a loud beat |
| 12 election | ..... | l | to get rid of completely |
| 13 eradicate | ..... | m | the day when an important event happened in a previous year |
| 14 execute | ..... | n | to kill as a punishment |
| 15 firing squad | ..... | o | a vehicle or aircraft which travels between two places |
| 16 forgive | ..... | p | fair and based on the principles of democracy |
| 17 GPS | ..... | q | to believe to be |
| 18 greedy | ..... | r | a group of people who work together for a shared purpose |
| 19 guillotine | ..... | s | to choose a person for a job by voting |
| 20 homelessness | ..... | t | very big |
| 21 hopelessness | ..... | u | the basic rights that all people should have |
| 22 huge | ..... | v | a time when many people choose a person for a job |
| 23 human rights | ..... | w | global positioning system, which locates your exact position |
| 24 illegal | ..... | x | one of six yearly international prizes given for great work |
| 25 Interpol | ..... | y | the condition of having no home |
| 26 Nobel Prize | ..... | z | the belief that anyone can be rich and happy if they work hard |
| 27 organization | ..... | ☹ | wanting more money, food or things than you need |
| 28 rock and roll | ..... | ☺ | a decision by a government to allow prisoners be free |
| 29 royal | ..... | ☹ | the condition of having no hope |
| 30 shuttle | ..... | ☹ | the condition of being angry |

1977 Songs - Fluency Practice

To access a listening exercise with short clips of the songs below, visit www.efclub.com/music.html.

Listen and repeat. Then, without the textbook, try to repeat after your partner.

“Dancing Queen” is a disco pop song sung by ABBA.

The song is about a young girl having fun while dancing at a disco.

It was a huge hit throughout the world.

“Hotel California” is a rock song sung by The Eagles.

The song is about greedy lifestyles and the American Dream.

“Don’t Leave Me This Way” is a disco soul song sung by Thelma Houston.

The song is about the effect of breaking up with a partner.

“God Save the Queen” is a punk rock song sung by The Sex Pistols.

The song expressed the anger and hopelessness of young people at the time.

TV and radio stations in the UK considered the song bad taste and refused to play it.

This photo was taken in 1977. Can you talk about it for one minute?



What happened in 1977?

Say these sentences.

- 1 Smallpox was eradicated from the world.
- 2 Jimmy Carter was elected president of the United States.
- 3 President Carter forgave people who had avoided going to war in Vietnam.
- 4 A NASA space shuttle made its first free flight in space.
- 5 An oil pipeline in Alaska was completed.
- 6 In the United States, a man was executed by firing squad.
- 7 A serial killer was captured in New York City.
- 8 British people celebrated Queen Elizabeth's 25th wedding anniversary.
- 9 Human rights organization Amnesty International won the Nobel Peace Prize.
- 10 "Star Wars" was on at the cinema.

Listen. Write your partner's sentences.

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Say these sentences.

- 1 A cyclone in India killed 20,000 people and left over three million homeless.
- 2 Spain had its first fair and democratic elections in over four decades.
- 3 Rock and roll singer Elvis Presley died.
- 4 The United States started to use GPS for defence purposes.
- 5 Egypt became the first Arab nation to recognize Israel.
- 6 In France, the guillotine was used for the last time.
- 7 New York City had no electricity for twenty-five hours.
- 8 Punk rock bands and fashion became popular among young people.
- 9 Portugal allowed children's family names to come from the mother, too.
- 10 Interpol warned people against making illegal copies of video tapes.

Face to Face

Take turns asking and answering questions. Have fun talking. Write her answers.

- 1 Which sickness was eradicated in 1977?
- 2 Where was the guillotine used until 1977?
- 3 Which sickness do you want eradicated?
- 4 What are the causes of homelessness?
- 5 Would you forgive someone who avoided war?
- 6 Are your countries elections fair and democratic?
- 7 Which would you prefer, guillotine or firing squad?
- 8 What do you think should happen to serial killers?
- 9 What kind of things make you angry?
- 10 Do you like to celebrate royal events?
- 11 What does the American Dream mean to you?
- 12 Who do you know who has a greedy lifestyle?
- 13 What do you think of punk rock?
- 14 Do you ever use a GPS?
- 15 What do you think of Star Wars?

Face to Face

Take turns asking and answering questions. Have fun talking. Write her answers.

- 1 Which organization won a Nobel Prize in 1977?
- 2 Which rock and roll singer died in 1977?
- 3 How many people are homeless in your country?
- 4 How can homelessness be eradicated?
- 5 Is there a person whom you can never forgive?
- 6 Which countries do not have democratic elections?
- 7 What do you think of capital punishment?
- 8 What human rights story are you concerned about?
- 9 Have you ever had no electricity for a while?
- 10 How many years have your parents been married?
- 11 What family name will you use for your children?
- 12 From where does your country get its oil?
- 13 Which do you prefer, disco or rock and roll?
- 14 Would you like to experience flying in space?
- 15 What do you think of copying movies illegally?

Conduct a Survey

Use the topics or words of this unit to help you write a class survey question.

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Ask your question to everyone in the class and record their answers below.

Draw a bar graph of your results.

Write a short summary of your survey.

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Tell your group or class about your survey.

Research and Write

Research one of the topics of 1977 below using the library or the Internet.

Elvis Presley

Space Shuttle Enterprise

Jimmy Carter

Star Wars

Punk Rock

The Silver Jubilee of Elizabeth II

Smallpox

The Vietnam War Draft Dodgers

In your own words, write an essay about your chosen topic.

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