

1983 Vocabulary Matching

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

1	billion	.....	a	a country in East Africa
2	breath	.....	b	illness of the mind or body
3	collapse	.....	c	a belt worn in cars or on planes to keep oneself safe
4	compulsory	.....	d	a long period when there is little or no rain
5	disorder	.....	e	attracted to people of the same sex as oneself
6	drought	.....	f	a person who follows someone for a long time
7	El Niño	.....	g	existing or happening everywhere in the world
8	Ethiopia	.....	h	one thousand million, 1,000,000,000
9	ethnic	.....	i	a sudden failure of something
10	flood	.....	j	small enough to be able to hold in one's hand
11	gay	.....	k	an object used in fighting or war, such as a gun or a bomb
12	GPS	.....	l	the condition of having no work
13	hand-held	.....	m	love or affection not returned by the other person
14	jealous	.....	n	a bomb which kills the bomber as well as others
15	marriage	.....	o	one thousand kilograms
16	million	.....	p	a South American ocean current which causes unusual weather
17	nuclear	.....	q	a place where criminals are forced to live as a punishment
18	prison	.....	r	keep
19	retain	.....	s	a noisy and violent public protest or demonstration
20	riot	.....	t	one thousand thousand, 1,000,000
21	seat belt	.....	u	the air which goes in or out of your lungs while breathing
22	severe	.....	v	what one has to do, because it is the law or the rules
23	stalker	.....	w	extreme, or very difficult
24	storehouse	.....	x	relating to the energy of atoms
25	suicide bomb	.....	y	unhappy because of what a person wants but cannot get
26	ton	.....	z	a large amount of water that covers land which is normally dry
27	unemployment	.....	♁	stands for "global positioning system"
28	unrequited love	.....	⊕	a large building for keeping valuable things
29	weapon	.....	☺	a legal relationship of a man and woman as husband and wife
30	worldwide	.....	☹	of a national, racial, religious or linguistic group

1983 Songs - Fluency Practice

The songs and a listening worksheet are available at <http://www.eflclub.com/music.html>.

Listen and repeat.

“Every Breath You Take” is a song sung by The Police.

It was written by the lead singer of The Police during the collapse of his marriage.

It is about the unrequited love of a jealous stalker.

“Billie Jean” is a dance-pop R&B song written by Michael Jackson.

It is based on the experiences of Michael’s older brothers when he was still young.

“Billie Jean” was the first song by a black person to appear on MTV channel.

“Flashdance... What a Feeling” is a song from the movie “Flashdance”.

Both the song and the movie were very popular in 1983.

“Do You Really Want to Hurt Me” is a song written and sung by Culture Club.

It is based on the gay relationship of the singer and the drummer of the band.

This photo was taken in 1983. Can you talk about it for one minute?



What happened in 1983?

Say these sentences.

- 1 Four million Ethiopians died during a severe drought.
- 2 The United States placed nuclear weapons in the UK and West Germany.
- 3 Unemployment in the United States rose to twelve million people.
- 4 El Niño caused floods and droughts worldwide.
- 5 Irish Republican Army members escaped from a high security prison.
- 6 President Ronald Reagan proposed defending the US from space.
- 7 A volcano in Hawaii started to erupt slowly.
- 8 The first hand-held mobile phones were introduced to the public.
- 9 Margaret Thatcher retained power in the UK.
- 10 Three tons of gold were stolen from a storehouse in the UK.

Listen. Write your partner's sentences.

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What happened in 1983?

Say these sentences.

- 1 Suicide bombs destroyed French and American embassies in Lebanon.
- 2 Thousands protested against US nuclear weapons bases in Europe.
- 3 Ethnic riots occurred in Sri Lanka.
- 4 It was minus 89 degrees Celsius at a research station at the South Pole.
- 5 The Irish Republican Army exploded a bomb near a famous London store.
- 6 President Reagan announced that GPS would become available to the public.
- 7 China's population reached one billion.
- 8 Tokyo Disneyland opened.
- 9 Seat belts became compulsory for drivers in the UK.
- 10 Popular singer Karen Carpenter died of anorexia nervosa, an eating disorder.

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Face To Face

Ask and answer the questions with your partner.

- 1 Where did millions of people die of thirst in 1983?
- 2 Where were embassies blown up in 1983?
- 3 What do you think of nuclear weapons?
- 4 Do you use GPS, and if so, how do you access it?
- 5 What bad weather has your country had recently?
- 6 What is the coldest temperature you have felt?
- 7 If you visited London, what would you do?
- 8 Who do you know whose marriage has collapsed?
- 9 Please tell me about an unrequited love experience.
- 10 Have you ever seen the movie, "Flashdance"?
- 11 What do you think of music television programs?
- 12 Do you really want to hurt me?
- 13 What do you do when you want to lose weight?
- 14 How much gold do you think you could carry?
- 15 How many times have you been to Disneyland?

Face to Face

Ask and answer the questions with your partner.

- 1 Where did the US place nuclear weapons in 1983?
- 2 Where did ethnic riots take place in 1983?
- 3 What is the population of the world today?
- 4 Do you have a good sense of direction?
- 5 Would you like to visit Antarctica?
- 6 How often do you forget to wear a seat belt?
- 7 If you went to Hawaii, what would you do?
- 8 Have you ever experienced unrequited love?
- 9 Do you ever feel you are being watched?
- 10 What do you think of musical movies?
- 11 Do you know anyone who is gay?
- 12 What do you know about Karen Carpenter?
- 13 What kind of ethnic food do you like?
- 14 Do you like to wear gold jewelry?
- 15 What do you use your mobile phone for?

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.

