

## 1983 Vocabulary Matching

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

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|----|-----------------|-------|---|--|
| 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.*

- 1 .....
- 2 .....
- 3 .....
- 4 .....
- 5 .....
- 6 .....
- 7 .....
- 8 .....
- 9 .....
- 10 .....

## 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.

*Listen. Write your partner's sentences.*

- 1 .....
- 2 .....
- 3 .....
- 4 .....
- 5 .....
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- 7 .....
- 8 .....
- 9 .....
- 10 .....

## 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.*

## Research and Write

*Research one of the topics of 1983 below using the library or the Internet.*

Black July

Strategic Defence Initiative

Flashdance

The Brinks Mat Robbery

Global Positioning System

The El Niño Effect

Karen Carpenter

Tokyo Disneyland

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

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