

1986 Vocabulary Matching

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

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| 1 | accident | | a | to organize a country or company very differently than before |
| 2 | alternative | ..... | b | a sudden or unexpected event that causes harm or injury |
| 3 | arms | ..... | c | to have an important part of something |
| 4 | ceremony | ..... | d | a complete set of DNA |
| 5 | comet | ..... | e | the central part of a city where problems often occur |
| 6 | cure | ..... | f | weapons |
| 7 | disarm | ..... | g | an established practice or plan of what to do |
| 8 | disease | ..... | h | when many people in one region temporarily catch a disease |
| 9 | epidemic | ..... | i | the financial support of a person or group |
| 10 | exile | ..... | j | coal, oil, or gas, that are made from remains of living things |
| 11 | existence | ..... | k | a small piece of material to put on skin or hide a mark or hole |
| 12 | feature | ..... | l | a large scary creature of the imagination or real |
| 13 | fossil fuel | ..... | m | a poisonous addictive chemical found in tobacco |
| 14 | gene | ..... | n | free expression of one's honest thoughts or feelings |
| 15 | genome | ..... | o | a ball of ice and dust which has a tail of gas and orbits the sun |
| 16 | illness | ..... | p | a type of pop music which uses synthesizers a lot |
| 17 | inner city | ..... | q | ghost |
| 18 | laptop | ..... | r | a feeling of sickness without necessarily knowing its cause |
| 19 | major | ..... | s | to happen without being planned |
| 20 | monster | ..... | t | a situation when a person is forced to leave his or her country |
| 21 | nicotine | ..... | u | a unit of DNA that has specific instructions |
| 22 | occur | ..... | v | the large planet which is between Saturn and Neptune |
| 23 | openness | ..... | w | something else to choose |
| 24 | patch | ..... | x | a small thin computer that you can carry |
| 25 | phantom | ..... | y | a formal celebration of an event |
| 26 | policy | ..... | z | the fact of something being alive or present |
| 27 | restructure | ..... | ☞ | something which usually helps an ill person to get better |
| 28 | sponsorship | ..... | ⊕ | important or big, and not minor |
| 29 | synthpop | ..... | ☺ | a specific illness of people caused by infection |
| 30 | Uranus | ..... | ☾ | to put down or take away weapons |

1986 Songs - Fluency Practice

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

Listen and repeat.

“Take My Breath Away” is a love song sung by Berlin.

It was featured in the movie “Top Gun” and became successful after that.

“Say You Say Me” is a pop song sung by Lionel Richie.

It was written for a film about a Russian ballet dancer who had fled his country.

“West End Girls” is a synthpop song sung by Pet Shop Boys.

It was influenced by hip hop music, and is about the pressures of inner city life.

The song was recently performed at the 2012 London Olympics closing ceremony.

“That’s What Friends Are For” is a soul song sung by Dionne Warwick and Friends.

Dionne Warwick’s friends were Stevie Wonder, Elton John and Gladys Knight.

The song was recorded in order to raise money to help find a cure for AIDS.

This photo was taken in 1986. Can you talk about it for one minute?



What happened in 1986?

Say these sentences.

- 1 The United States and the Soviet Union agreed to disarm.
- 2 There was a major accident at a nuclear power plant in Ukraine.
- 3 America bombed Libya to protest its sponsorship of terrorist organizations.
- 4 The Space Shuttle Challenger exploded shortly after take off.
- 5 It became illegal to smoke on public transport in America.
- 6 President Marcos of the Philippines went into exile after 20 years of rule.
- 7 Scientists tried to discover the existence of a monster in a lake in Scotland.
- 8 Mad cow disease was first identified after an epidemic in the UK.
- 9 The first laptop computers went on sale.
- 10 The Phantom of the Opera musical opened in London.

Listen. Write your partner's sentences.

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What happened in 1986?

Say these sentences.

- 1 Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev met in Iceland to discuss the Cold War.
- 2 The Soviet Union introduced policies of restructuring and openness.
- 3 The United States sold arms to one of its enemies, Iran.
- 4 A spacecraft arrived at Uranus and sent pictures back to Earth.
- 5 A nicotine patch was introduced to help people to stop smoking.
- 6 The prime minister of Sweden was shot and killed.
- 7 Comet Halley came close to Earth.
- 8 The Human Genome Project was launched.
- 9 A boxer became heavyweight champion of the world at the age of twenty.
- 10 Argentina won the FIFA World Cup.

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Face To Face

Ask and answer the questions with your partner.

- 1 Where did Reagan and Gorbachev meet in 1986?
- 2 What major scientific project was launched in 1986?.....
- 3 Which famous musical opened in London in 1986?
- 4 When do you think there will be a cure for AIDS?
- 5 Where is it illegal to smoke in your country?
- 6 What do you think of bombing a country in protest?
- 7 If you went to the Philippines, what would you do?
- 8 Would you like to know more about your genes?
- 9 Do you like to watch musicals?
- 10 Do you think space travel is dangerous?
- 11 What things do you know that come from Sweden?
- 12 Are you happy to eat beef from any country?
- 13 Did you watch the 2012 London Summer Olympics?
- 14 Have you ever seen a ghost?
- 15 Do you own a laptop computer?

Face to Face

Ask and answer the questions with your partner.

- 1 Where was there a major nuclear accident in 1986?
- 2 What strange illness among cows occurred in 1986?
- 3 Which team won the FIFA World Cup in 1986?
- 4 Is nuclear power a good alternative to fossil fuels?
- 5 Do you know anyone who has given up smoking?
- 6 Does your country have a policy of openness?
- 7 If you went to Iceland, what would you do?
- 8 What epidemics have there been recently?
- 9 Have you seen Phantom of the Opera?
- 10 How often do you use public transport?
- 11 What Argentinian products can you think of?
- 12 Have you ever raised money? What for?
- 13 What do you think of hip hop?
- 14 Do you believe in monsters such as Nessie?
- 15 What are friends 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 1986 below using the library or the Internet.

The 1986 FIFA World Cup

Mad Cow Disease

The Chernobyl Disaster

Perestroika and Glasnost

The Human Genome Project

Phantom of the Opera

The Loch Ness Monster

Space Shuttle Challenger

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

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