

**1- What happened (or not!) in the English-speaking world over the summer? Find out by matching each picture with the corresponding paragraph.**



n°1 - July 12th: An Air India passenger plane bound for London's Gatwick airport crashed shortly after taking off in Ahmedabad, western India, on 12 June, killing 260 people. The crash killed 242 people on board the flight and 19 others on the ground, with only one survivor from the plane. Picture \_\_\_\_\_

n°2 - July 17th: The UK government has announced that the voting age will be lowered to 16 at the next election as part of a wider effort to restore trust in and 'future-proof' democracy. Picture \_\_\_\_\_

n°3 - July 22nd: A vast new solar farm in the Scottish Highlands set a record by producing enough electricity to power the entire country for a full day. Energy experts say Scotland could become completely energy independent within a year if this level of production continues. Government ministers called it a 'historic milestone' for renewable energy. Picture \_\_\_\_\_

n°4 - July 27th: In August's print edition of Vogue, a Guess advert features a flawless blonde model showing off a striped maxi dress and a floral playsuit from the brand's summer collection. In small print in one corner, the ad reveals that she was created using AI. While Vogue says the AI model was not an editorial decision, it is the first time an AI-generated person has featured in the magazine. Picture \_\_\_\_\_

n°5 - July 30th: Australia confirmed its plan to ban social media use for anyone under 16 years old. The law, expected to be introduced next year, aims at protecting teenagers from online harm. Picture \_\_\_\_\_

n°6- The U.S. private space company Orian Span announced the opening of "Aurora Station", the world's first luxury hotel in orbit. The station can host six guests at a time for week-long stays, offering views of Earth and zero-gravity activities. The first reservations reportedly sold out within hours, despite a price of \$5 million per person. Picture \_\_\_\_\_

n°7 - August 7th: After nearly three years, a new season of Wednesday is finally streaming on Netflix and it's just as creepy, shocking and entertaining as Season 1. Picture \_\_\_\_\_

n°8 - August 9th: The southern Japanese city of Nagasaki on Saturday marked 80 years since the U.S. atomic attack. The United States launched the Nagasaki attack on Aug. 9, 1945, killing 70,000 by the end of that year, three days after the bombing of Hiroshima that killed 140,000. Picture \_\_\_\_\_

n°9- U.S Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth sparked outrage after reposting and praising a CNN interview of Pastor Doug Wilson, an extremely conservative religious leader, in which he argued that women should not be allowed to vote. Picture \_\_\_\_\_

n°10- August 14th: American singer Taylor Swift shocked fans worldwide by announcing she will take an indefinite break from music. The 35-year-old said she wants to 'focus on education and personal growth.' Industry insiders say her decision may influence other artists to slow down their careers. Picture \_\_\_\_\_

2- Don't be fooled! There are three pieces of fake news in this list. Talk with your neighbor to decide which ones cannot be true. Be ready to justify:

#### TOOL BOX

<b>Useful starters</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>Story n°... may be true because...</i></li> <li>➤ <i>n°... seems believable as...</i></li> <li>➤ <i>It could have happened since...</i></li> </ul>	<b>To express doubt or disbelief</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>I doubt paragraph 5 ... because...</i></li> <li>➤ <i>It doesn't sound realistic that...</i></li> <li>➤ <i>It is unlikely that...</i></li> <li>➤ <i>It can't have happened because...</i></li> </ul>
<b>To give reasons</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>...because I have never heard of...</i></li> <li>➤ <i>... because if this were true, people would +bv</i></li> <li>➤ <i>...because it would be too expensive / dangerous / unusual</i></li> </ul>	<b>To agree or disagree</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>I agree/disagree (=don't agree) with you because...</i></li> <li>➤ <i>I see your point, <u>but</u>...</i></li> </ul>

3-Vocabulary: Find the English equivalents of the following words or phrases in the 10 stories:

1A destination de:

2-Etre abaissé :

3-plus large, plus vaste:

4-Une étape importante :

5-Energie renouvelable :

6-Parfait :

7- interdire :

8- Avoir pour but de :

9-Loger, accueillir :

10- effrayant :

11-lancer :

12- Déclencher, causer :

13- Avoir le droit de :

14- Développement personnel :

4-Classify these words according to the pronunciation of <ou>: Announced, southern, enough, ground, bound, country, outrage, should

/ aʊ/ as in house	/ ʌ/ as in touch	/ʊ/ as in could

