

WHAT HAPPENED IN 2008 ?



ACTIVITY 1

Year 2008 is over – 12 mad months of events are now history. How closely did you follow the news last year ? Do the following trivia quiz to find out.

1. Which famous Franco Columbian politician was rescued in July 2008 after being held hostage in the jungle for 6 years ?
2. Which 28-year-old Australian actor died of an accidental prescription drug overdose on January 22nd 2008 ?
3. What was the top-grossing¹ film of 2008 ?
4. Which American won 8 medals at the Olympic Games in Beijing in August 2008 ?
5. Who won the American Presidential Election on November 4th 2008 ?
6. What happened in Sichuan, China in May 2008 ?
7. Which personality was attacked with shoes during a Press Conference in Iraq in December 2008 ?
8. Which event occurred in September and October 2008 and touched the whole world's markets ?
9. Who was the famous American actor who played *Moses*, who was also president of the National Rifle Association and died on April 5th 2008 aged 84?
10. What country was the place of violent riots in March 2008 ?

¹ qui a obtenu la meilleure recette

GRAMMAR FOCUS

All questions from Activity 1 are **subject questions**, which means we do not use **auxiliary verbs (do, does, did, can..., etc)**.

Examples:

Who won the American Presidential Election on November 4th 2008 ? – CORRECT

~~Who did win the American Presidential Election in November 4th 2008 ? – WRONG~~

Which American won 8 medals at the Olympic Games in Beijing ? – CORRECT

~~Which American did win 8 medals at the Olympic Games in Beijing ? – WRONG~~

In other questions, we normally put **auxiliary verbs before the subject**.

Examples:

Who did you get married to ? – CORRECT

~~Who you got married to? – WRONG~~

When did Britney Spears and Kevin Federline split up ? – CORRECT

~~When Britney Spears and Kevin Federline split up? – WRONG~~

ACTIVITY 2 (based on a post from ukmix.org forum)

Write complete questions and then use them to find out what 2008 was like for your classmates.

1. What (you/do) in 2008 that you'd never done before?
2. (you / keep) your last New Years' resolutions?
3. What countries (you / visit)?
4. What (you / want) to have in 2009 that you lacked in 2008?
5. What date from 2008 (be) the most important for you?
6. What (be) the best thing you bought?
7. Whose behavior (annoy / you)?
8. What (you / spend) your money on?
9. What (you / wish) you'd done more of?
10. What (you / wish) you'd done less of?
11. Who (you / spend) the most time on the phone with?
12. (You / hate) anyone now that you didn't hate this time last year?
13. What (be) the best book you read?
14. Which celebrity/public figure (you / fancy) the most?
15. Who (be) the best new person you met?

Happy New Year 2009