

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 ? **Ingrid Bétancourt.**
2. Which 28-year-old Australian actor died of an accidental prescription drug overdose on January 22nd 2008 ? **Heath Ledger.**
3. What was the top-grossing¹ film of 2008 ? **The Dark Knight.**
4. Which American won 8 medals at the Olympic Games in Beijing in August 2008 ? **Michael Phelps.**
5. Who won the American Presidential Election on November 4th 2008 ? **Barack Obama.**
6. What happened in Sichuan, China in May 2008 ? **An earthquake in Sichuan, China caused nearly 80,000 deaths.**
7. Which personality was attacked with shoes during a Press Conference in Iraq in December 2008 ? **George W. Bush.**
8. Which event occurred in September and October 2008 and touched the whole world's markets ? **The crash of the stock markets which led to the Global Financial Crisis.**
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 ? **Charlton Heston.**
10. What country was the place of violent riots in March 2008 ? **Tibet (Lhasa).**

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

Happy New Year 2009