

WHAT HAPPENED IN 2006 ?



ACTIVITY 1

Year 2006 is over – 12 mad months of events is now history. How closely did you follow the news last year ? Do the following trivia quiz to find out.

1. Which two famous stars got married and had a baby in 2006 ?
2. Which French law, which made it possible to dismiss young people, was violently protested in April and May 2006 ?
3. Which virus, spread by mosquito bites, caused many deaths in the Indian Ocean and is now a threat to the Mediterranean coast ?
4. What was the top-grossing* film of 2006 ?
5. Which girl, kidnapped and held captive in a basement for eight years, escaped in August 2006 ?
6. Which community was at the center of media attention in October after a gunman shot dead four girls at a school ?
7. Which internationally famous man was sentenced to death in November and executed by hanging in December ?
8. Which French woman made her first appearance in public in February after she received the world's first face transplant ?
9. Which famous widow, who assumed her husband's campaign for racial equality and social justice after his assassination in 1968, becoming one of the most prominent figures in the movement, died at the age of 78 in January 2006 ?
10. Which famous French soccer star, led his team to the finals in the 2006 World Cup tournament, but was ejected after head-butting Italian defender Marco Materazzi in the chest ?

* *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:

Which two famous stars got married and had a baby in 2006 ? – CORRECT

~~Which two famous stars did get married and did have a baby in 2006? – WRONG~~

Which girl escaped in August 2006 ? – CORRECT

~~Which girl did escape in August 2006? – 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 Jennifer Aniston and Vince Vaughn split up ? – CORRECT

~~When Jennifer Aniston and Vince Vaughn split up? – WRONG~~

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

Write complete questions and then use them to find out what 2006 was like for your classmates.

1. What (you/do) in 2006 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 2007 that you lacked in 2006?
5. What date from 2006 (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 2007