

# What happened in the world over the summer?

1- Find out by matching each picture with the corresponding paragraphs:

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**July 5<sup>th</sup>:** Keir Starmer succeeded Rishi Sunak, following the 2024 general election in Britain. The new Prime Minister, from the Labour Party, has avoided triumphalism in the days after his crushing electoral victory. Instead, he said the challenge of fixing this wounded country would be a daunting one. → n°

**July 13<sup>th</sup>:** Donald Trump was injured in an attempted assassination at a rally in Pennsylvania. Shots ran out as he was speaking, sparking panic in the crowd as the Secret Service agents swarmed the former president. Trump, who emerged with a blooded face, said he was shot in the ear. The male gunman was shot and killed by the Secret Service. → n°

**July 15<sup>th</sup>:** Spain beat England 2-1 in the European Football Championship final, to lift its fourth title. La Roja won all seven games without needing penalties and broke the record for goals scored in a single tournament, with 15. Football often divides opinion - but everyone was united to hail Spain's Euro 2024 success as fully deserved. → n°

**July 19<sup>th</sup>:** Business and services around the world underwent a massive IT outage that affected computer systems for hours. Businesses, banks, hospitals and airlines were among the worst-hit after cyber-security firm CrowdStrike issued a faulty software update which affected Microsoft Windows. CrowdStrike apologized for the disruption, that caused, among other things, the cancellation of thousand of flights → n°

**July 22<sup>nd</sup>:** President Joe Biden made a surprising announcement, revealing that he would not seek reelection against Donald Trump. This decision caused a stir in the political landscape, however Biden endorsed Vice President Kamala Harris to take on Trump and encouraged his party to unite behind her. → n°

**July 24<sup>th</sup>:** The 2024 Summer Olympics, officially Games of the XXXIII Olympiad, were an international multisport event that occurred in France from 24 July to 11 August. Paris was the host city with events held in 16 additional cities spread across Metropolitan France, including the sailing centre in Marseille and one subsite for surfing in Tahiti, French Polynesia. → n°

**July 30<sup>th</sup> :** Far-right riots and anti-immigration protests started taking place in England. They followed a mass stabbing in Southport on July 29<sup>th</sup>, in which three children were killed. The attacker was falsely alleged on social media to be a Muslim and an asylum seeker. The riots have involved racist attacks, looting and arson and have been the worst disorder in the UK since the 2011 England riots → n°

**July 31<sup>st</sup> :** "Inside Out 2" became the highest-grossing animated film ever, earning \$1.46 billion worldwide and surpassing "Frozen II," which previously held the record with \$1.45 billion. Inside Out's creative, innovative story about the voices inside a kid's brain reflects actual, factual neuroscience. → n°

**August 2<sup>nd</sup> :** French swimmer Léon Marchand got his fourth gold medal at the 2024 Summer Olympic Games. He is now an Olympic Champion in the 200 m medley, 200 metre breaststroke, 200 metre butterfly, and 400 metre medley. He has become the fourth swimmer in Olympic history to have won four individual gold medals at a single Game. At the age of 22, he has already entered the International swimming Hall of Fame. → n°

**August 7<sup>th</sup>:** Two astronauts who were supposed to spend only eight days aboard the International Space Station got "stuck" in space until 2025 due to safety concerns. → n°

**August 9<sup>th</sup>:** A new Banksy artwork depicting a wolf on a satellite dish in London was removed, possibly stolen, less than an hour after it was unveiled by the elusive street artist on August 9<sup>th</sup>. Photos from the scene carried by local media showed a person climbing up a ladder to retrieve the satellite dish, while another held the ladder for them. The street artist confirmed on Instagram that the work was his own. → n°

**August 13<sup>th</sup> :** A new evacuation alert for the Greek seaside town of Nea Makri was ordered, as fierce wildfires continued to affect the suburbs of Athens. Thousands of people were evacuated after firefighters warned that homes, businesses and schools were under threat. European nations, such as Italy, France and Romania, announced assistance for Greece → n°

**2- Vocab: find the English translations of the following words / phrases in the texts**

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être blessé :	incendie volontaire:
la foule:	le film le plus rentable :
un visage ensanglanté:	la brasse :
pleinement mérité:	coincés dans l'espace:
s'excuser:	une antenne parabolique :
une perturbation:	une échelle:
avoir lieu:	une ville balnéaire:
des émeutes:	menacés :

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