
Summer 2024 Review

Top Stories of the Past 3 Months — Quiz Challenge

Game Rules:

- This **team-based** game is divided into **three distinct phases**. The team which comes ahead with the highest score wins the quiz challenge. **1 point** will be allotted for **each correct answer**.
- **Phase 1 — Answer the 20 quiz questions.**
- **Phase 2 — Match each headline with the related story before the time limit expires.**
- **Phase 3 — Vocabulary. From the context, guess the French translation of the listed words.**
- **Requirement: Exclusive use of the English language** during preparation time.
- Under **no circumstances** are any of the teams to use **outside help** (i.e. no internet search).
- As **team members** you are all **expected to contribute** by sharing your knowledge or intuitions.
Tip: “A wild guess is usually better than no answer at all”.

Questions

JUNE 2024

1. What international sporting event was held* in Germany, and was won by Spain?
2. Julian Assange left the UK after being freed* from prison. Which non-profit* organization famous for having published classified documents did he found*?
3. In which Latin American country did Claudia Sheinbaum win the presidential election to become the first female president?
4. The ICC Men's T20 World Cup, hosted in various West Indies venues* such as Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Saint Lucia, is a tournament for which sport?
5. What annual astronomical event were people celebrating at Stonehenge, England on June 20, 2024, when the sun reaches* its highest point in the sky?
6. What celestial body did China's lunar probe bring back samples* from?

JULY 2024

1. Which body part was former President Donald Trump shot in and injured* in an assassination attempt at a presidential campaign rally in Butler, Pennsylvania?
2. Which country in Oceania told social media and search engine* websites to protect minors from inappropriate material or face national restrictions?
3. What is the name of the art form found in Leang Karampurang cave*, showing three people and a red pig, that is over 51,000 years old, the world's oldest?
4. What natural disaster named Beryl caused nine deaths in the eastern Caribbean?
5. Which US company known for its commercial airplanes pleaded guilty* to a fraud charge over crashes of its 737 MAX aircrafts*?
6. What operating system* showed blue screens of death due to a faulty CrowdStrike security update affecting millions of computers and disrupting* airports worldwide?
7. What international multi-sport event, which started with an opening ceremony on 26 July, was held in Paris?

Phase 1

AUGUST 2024

1. Which country in South Asia saw its Prime Minister, Sheikh Hasina, resign* and flee* to India due to nationwide protests?
2. Which Eastern Caribbean island earned* its first ever Olympic medal when Julien Alfred won the gold medal in the Women's 100 meters?
3. Which country in East Asia experienced its worst two-day stock market* decline ever, with the Nikkei 225 index falling by more than 12%?
4. Which famous coral rocky structure in Australia, the world's largest, has reached a 400-year record high in water temperature, causing more mass bleaching*?
5. What car safety feature produced by Takata is being recalled due to risks of explosion?
6. Who is the Democratic Party candidate that chose Tim Walz as her running mate after Biden dropped out* of the presidential race?
7. What substance, essential for life, has been found 10-20 km below Mars' surface?

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Answer Sheet

Team name:

Phase 1

JUNE 2024

1.
2. W..... (Organization)
3. _____ (Country)
4. (Sport)
5. (Summer) S _____
6. (The) (Celestial body)

JULY 2024

1. (His right) (Body part)
2. _____ (Country)
3. (A cave) (Art form)
4. (A/An)
5. (Company name)
6. M _____ W _____
7.

AUGUST 2024

1. B _____ (Country)
2. (Country, Caribbean island)
3. (Country)
4. The G _____ B _____ R _____
5. (A/An)..... (Car safety feature)
6.
7.

Phase 2

MATCHING HEADLINE

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- A Sha'Charri Richardson gets surprise silver Olympic medal after being beaten by St. Lucia runner
- B Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina resigns, sending 'shock waves' across the region
- C Frame by frame: Trump survives assassination attempt
- D **Mexico's historic elections corrects political gender imbalance**
- E Deadly Hurricane churns toward Mexico after lashing Jamaica
- F Climate patterns influence coral bleaching on the Great Barrier Reef
- G **Underground reservoir on Mars could fill oceans on the planet's surface, study finds**
- H **Spain inflicts another painful loss on England**
- I Ford issues do-not-drive advisory for some vehicles with faulty airbags
- J England secures spot in T20 World Cup semis

K

Why has aerospace group made a plea deal?

L

Australia gives internet firms 6 months to draft online child-safety rules

M

Japan's Nikkei sees biggest tumble since 1987 crash

N

The Harris-Walz ticket has reinvigorated Democratic voters

O

Oldest narrative cave art in the world found

P

Stonehenge solstice sunrise attracts 15,000 people

Q

Celine Dion closes the Olympic Opening Ceremony with a courageous tour de force

R

Wikileaks founder lands in Australia a free man

S

CrowdStrike faces onslaught of legal action from faulty software update

T

China moon samples reveal water molecules in groundbreaking discovery

Answer Sheet *Phase 3*

Team name:

FRENCH TRANSLATIONS OF VOCABULARY IN CONTEXT

JUNE 2024

- Held (Q1) —
- Freed (Q2) —
- Non-profit (Q2) —
- Founded (Q2) —
- Venues (Q4) —
- Reaches (Q5) —
- Samples (Q6) —

JULY 2024

- Injured (Q1) —
- Search engine (Q2) —
- Cave (Q3) —
- Pleaded guilty (Q5) —
- Aircrafts (Q5) —
- Operating system (Q6) —
- Disrupting (Q6) —

AUGUST 2024

- Resign (Q1) —
- Flee (Q1) —
- Earned (Q2) —
- Stock market (Q3) —
- Bleaching (Q4) —
- Dropped out (Q6) —

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Answers *Phase 1*

JUNE 2024

1. **UEFA European Championship**
2. **WikiLeaks**
3. **Mexico**
4. **Cricket**
5. **(Summer) Solstice**
6. **The Moon**

AUGUST 2024

1. **Bangladesh**
2. **Saint Lucia**
3. **Japan**
4. **The Great Barrier Reef**
5. **(Takata) airbag(s)**
6. **Kamala Harris**
7. **Water**

JULY 2024

1. **(His right) ear**
2. **Australia**
3. **(Cave) painting**
4. **(A) Hurricane**
5. **Boeing**
6. **(Microsoft) Windows**
7. **The Summer Olympics / The Olympic games**

Answers

Answers *Phase 2*

JUNE 2024

1	H
2	R
3	D
4	J
5	P
6	T

JULY 2024

1	C
2	L
3	O
4	E
5	K
6	S
7	Q

AUGUST 2024

1	B
2	A
3	M
4	F
5	I
6	N
7	G

Answers *Phase 3*

JUNE 2024

- Held (Q1) — *Tenu, Organisé*
- Freed (Q2) — *Libéré*
- Non-profit (Q2) — *Organisation à but non lucratif*
- Founded (Q2) — *Fondé*
- Venues (Q4) — *Sites, Lieux, Établissements*
- Reaches (Q5) — *Atteint, Parvient à*
- Samples (Q6) — *Échantillons*

JULY 2024

- Injured (Q1) — *Blessé*
- Search engine (Q2) — *Moteur de recherche*
- Cave (Q3) — *Grotte, Caverne*
- Pleaded guilty (Q5) — *A plaidé coupable, A reconnu sa culpabilité*
- Aircrafts (Q5) — *Aéronefs, Avions, Appareils*
- Operating system (Q6) — *Système d'exploitation*
- Disrupting (Q6) — *Perturbant, Interrompant*

AUGUST 2024

- Resign (Q1) — *Démissionner, Renoncer, Quitter son poste*
- Flee (Q1) — *Fuir, S'enfuir*
- Earned (Q2) — *Gagné, Remporté*
- Stock market (Q3) — *Marché boursier, Bourse*
- Bleaching (Q4) — *Blanchiment, Blanchissement*
- Dropped out (Q6) — *S'est retiré, A abandonné, A quitté*