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## Staycation

Every year, for its travel loving readers, *The New York Times* publishes a list of its top must-see destinations. But, with closed borders and grounded planes, what can a guide like this possibly offer us in 2021? So, this year the newspaper decided to ask its readers a simple question: what is your favourite place in the whole world? It received more than 2000 answers including personal anecdotes, travel stories and accounts of daily life in foreign countries, which served as a reminder that travel is not only about exploring, but also finding out about ourselves in the process. For this edition, our feature article invites you on voyages that are both geographic and personal.

These last few weeks have, for many, shown the importance of hope and dreams to keep our spirits up during this pandemic. The successive periods of lockdowns have statistically affected our well-being with mental health fast becoming a public health issue. One part of the population that has been particularly affected is young people. With that in mind, American psychiatrists have decided to subscribe to TikTok in order to offer their advice. In the section, *Société*, you will discover how therapists are using social media to raise awareness among teenagers about mental health.

Finally, a big star of the web celebrated its 20th birthday recently: the online encyclopedia, Wikipedia. Although it is used by virtually everyone, it has also received its fair share of criticism. The platform is the result of an ambitious and idealistic project - to render information accessible and free to all. In our Culture section, you can find out how it continues to develop and serve...

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New robot meets its dog colleague



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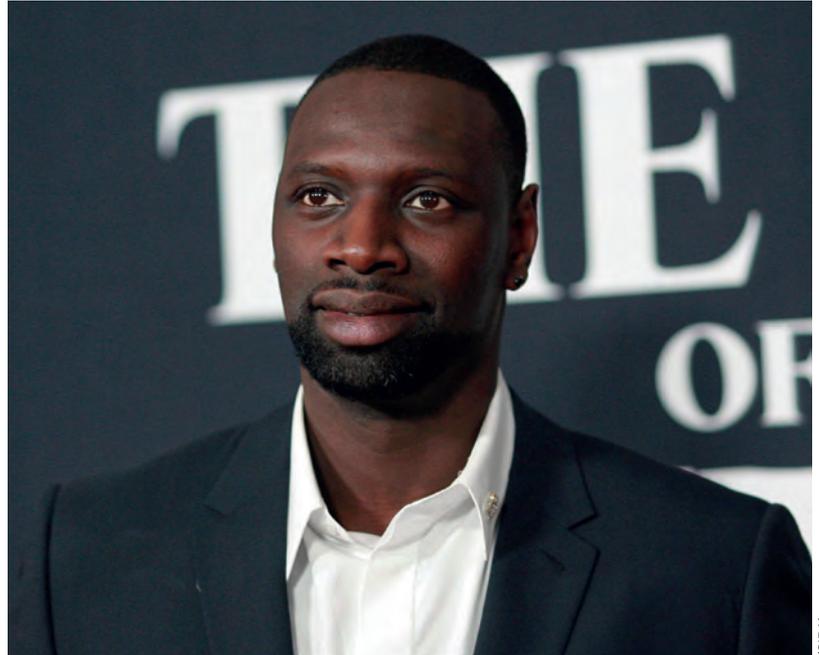
This semi-autonomous “robot dog” has just joined the U.S. Air Force. It is called the “Ghosts robotics vision 60” and is a new kind of military AI. It was conceived to replace – and be more efficient – than actual military dogs. This robot can patrol any given area, can be guided remotely and is equipped with a camera which allows those monitoring to see through its eyes. In this picture, a military dog trainer introduces Hammer, a military dog, to its new, robotic colleague.

**air force** one branch of the military for air support / **ghost** phantom / **kind** sort / **AI** = artificial intelligence / **to replace** to substitute / **actual** real / **to patrol** to keep watch over (an area) by regularly walking or travelling around / **remotely** from a distance / **to monitor** to observe, check, control / **trainer** a person who trains, instructs, teaches.

## Omar Sy

**Omar Sy's** international career may get yet another boost. *Lupin*, the series in which he plays the starring role, has become a huge success in the U.S., and has become the first ever French series to feature on the American Netflix Top 10. The TV series, written by George Kay, the British writer who worked on *Killing Eve*, is a loose adaptation of the stories of the famous burglar, Arsene Lupin, by Maurice Leblanc. Another example of how successful Anglo-French collaborations can be within the film industry.

**yet again** / **boost** encouragement, here, increase in status / **starring role** leading/principal role / **huge** immense / **hit** success / **to feature** to appear, figure / **loose** not exact or faithful to the original / **burglar** thief.



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**Nicola Sturgeon**

Relations between England and Scotland have been tense ever since the Brexit referendum, and the idea of Scottish independence is gaining in popularity. In response, Boris Johnson decided to travel to Scotland for a day, to re-assert the claim that: "Working together as one truly United Kingdom is the best way to build our COVID recovery." This trip, which took place during the country's third lockdown, was met with little enthusiasm. The First Minister, **Nicola Sturgeon** asserted that the trip was an example of "non-essential travel", and that politicians should adhere to the same quarantine rules as everyone else.

**ever since** since, from the moment of / **Brexit** = Britain + exit (the European Union) / **support** solidarity, endorsement / **to re-assert** to reaffirm / **claim** argument / **truly** really / **recovery** recuperation / **lockdown** confinement / **to be met with** to be welcomed with / **rule** regulation.



**Anthony Fauci**

The leading infectious disease expert in the U.S. finally opened up about what it was like to work alongside Donald Trump during the pandemic. **Anthony Fauci** is famous for having contradicted Trump's false claims about the disease on numerous occasions – including times when the latter asserted that masks weren't useful or that drinking disinfectant would prevent contagion. Fauci confessed that he often felt powerless and overwhelmed by the way the government handled the crisis. On top of this, he also admitted receiving threats from Trump supporters, which helped him to grasp "the level of divisiveness" the country is facing.

**leading** eminent, top / **to open up** to reveal, divulge / **alongside** next to, cooperating with / **to prevent** to stop (from happening) / **powerless** impotent, unable to act / **overwhelmed** overcome, here, helpless, in distress / **to handle** to deal with, manage / **threat** expression of intention to inflict harm / **supporter** defender, follower / **to grasp** to understand / **divisiveness** dissension, discord.



**Marjorie Taylor Greene**

Donald Trump may have left the White House – but he still has many supporters in Congress. One of the most famous is **Marjorie Taylor Greene**, a Republican Congresswoman from Georgia, who is also a Qanon supporter and conspiracy theorist. Since the start of her term, Taylor Greene has been exposed for spreading misinformation and hate speech on social media. In January, she filed articles of impeachment against Joe Biden, alleging an abuse of power. So far, her party hasn't reacted – by either supporting or condemning her. Taylor Greene is a good example of the dilemma the Republicans currently face: should they break free from Trump's extremism, or embrace it?

**term** period in office / **to expose** to denounce / **to spread, spread, spread** to disseminate / **misinformation** false information / **hate speech** discourse which incites violence towards a particular group/person based on race, religion, sexual orientation etc. / **to file** to submit / **impeachment** legal procedure to remove from office for breaking the law / **to allege** to accuse / **currently** at present, at the moment / **to break, broke, broken free** to liberate oneself from sth or sb / **to embrace** to accept enthusiastically.



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# WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE PLACE ON EARTH?

## Places we can dream of...

Each year, *The New York Times* publishes its own travel guide, featuring fifty or so recommended destinations. This year, however, with the pandemic and travel bans, the newspaper decided to ask its readers for their all-time favourite place in the world. 2,000 answers, from all over the planet, were received, and here are a few of them.

**A**t this time of year, *The New York Times*' Travel desk usually publishes its lavish 52 Places to Go list, a compendium of suggestions for the destinations that are especially worth visiting in the coming year. In 2021, we turned to another group of passionate travelers, our readers, and asked them to tell us about their most beloved places.

### ISFAHAN, IRAN

**2.** My memories of Isfahan come in snippets: the hiss of the nan panjereh, an intricate funnel-cake dessert; the smiling, chattering taxi drivers; the winding alleyways in the Grand Bazaar. There's a difference between the people and the government. I wish Americans could see the vibrant curiosity of the people who live here.  
**• Neeknaz Abari, 22, was raised in Washington, D.C., and works at a consulting firm in Dallas.**

### EGYPT'S SIWA OASIS

**3.** Siwa haunts my dreams. This oasis, nearly 400 miles from Cairo, is a place of infinite vistas and intimate conversations. Only one

road goes to Siwa; it's a valley of figs and palms, hot and cold springs. Inhabited since Paleolithic times, Siwa is where the past, present and future seem to exist at once. There you will find a mountain filled with Ptolemaic tombs and the Temple of the Oracle, both thousands of years old.

**• Catherine Litten of Hyattsville, Maryland.**

### DAKAR, SENEGAL

**4.** I landed in Dakar to the bluest sky I've seen, hundreds of sprawling baobab trees, sandy dust and angelic light. Dakar is a place where tradition runs through every corner: the Wolof language, the sharing of meals – especially thieboudienne, or red rice with fish. It's a city with such a clear sense of self, ideals and history, a city that refuses to be like anywhere else.

**• Faridah Folawiyo is an art historian from Lagos, Nigeria.**

### LAKE MICHIGAN

**5.** Visits to Lake Michigan have gradually taken on increasing seasonal regularity: marveling at ice waves in winter, enjoying

April wildflowers, swimming late into autumn. We spent the summer quarantining with family so we could have help caring for our son. Our first week back to Michigan, I took him up to the lake. He was around 3 months old at the time. I walked down to the water with him in my arms. I wanted him to experience this thing that has been so profound in my own life.

**• Jillian Snyder is a humanities and English lecturer.**

### ASUNCIÓN, PARAGUAY

**6.** Stepping off the plane in Asunción, the Paraguayan capital, is like opening an oven: The heat fogs up your glasses, and the air smells of diesel smoke and grilled meats. The colorful buses racing through the city inevitably have to slow down for the mango and lapacho trees in the roads. Paraguay is all about the people. It is the sort of place where multiple people will offer to drop you off or pick you up from the airport.

**• Abigail Williamson is an English language teacher in Massachusetts.**

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**1.** desk work table, here, department / **lavish** extravagant / **compendium** list / **to be worth** to merit / **coming** next / **beloved** favourite.

**2.** **snippet** small part / **hiss** sibilant sound / **intricate** elaborate / **funnel cake** type of cake made with choux pastry cooked in hot oil / **chattering** talking continuously / **winding** sinuous / **alleyway** narrow passage between buildings / **vibrant** dynamic, lively / **consulting firm** company of consultants.

**3.** **nearly** almost / **mile** 1 mile = 1.609 km / **vista** panorama, view /

**fig** here, fig tree (**fig** type of soft sweet fruit) / **palm** type of tropical tree / **spring** source of water / **times** era / **at once** at the same time, simultaneously / **to be filled with** to be full of.

**4.** **to land** to arrive / **sprawling** covering a large area, also, gigantic in size / **sandy** fine and powdery / **dust** fine particles of dirt / **to run, ran, run through** to pass through, to be present / **corner** part / **meal** food eaten at a certain time (breakfast, lunch, dinner).

**5.** **gradually** little by little / **to take, took, taken on** to acquire / **to marvel** to admire sth very much / **ice wave** movement of cascading crushed ice /

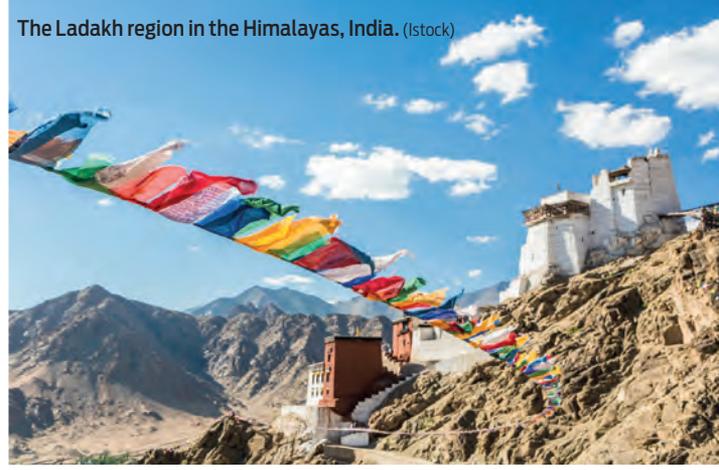
**wildflower** uncultivated flowering plant / **to care for** to look after / **around** about / **to experience** to live, to feel / **humanities** academic subject such as languages, literature, history and philosophy / **lecturer** university professor.

**6.** **to step off** to get off / **oven** electrical kitchen appliance for cooking food / **heat** warmth, high temperature / **to fog up** to become covered with water vapour (making it difficult to see) / **to smell, smelled or smelt** to have an odour of / **smoke** product of combustion / **colorful** painted in many different bright colours / **to race** to speed, to move very fast / **to drop off** to take sb to a destination / **to pick up** to collect (in a car).

Northern lights in Alaska, U.S.A. (Istock)



The Ladakh region in the Himalayas, India. (Istock)



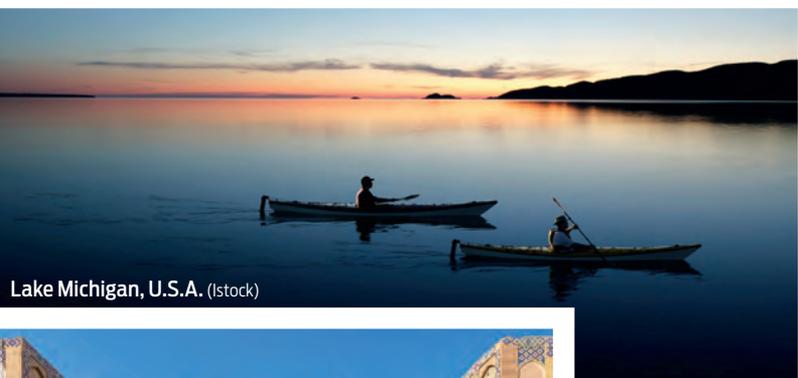
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Lake Michigan, U.S.A. (Istock)

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Isfahan, Iran. (Istock)



The Sahara desert, close to Siwa Oasis, Egypt. (Istock)



**VIDEO BONUS**

Why do we love to travel? What does the idea of travel symbolise for our culture? Explanation of the history of this practice from philosopher and psychologist, Alain de Botton.  
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>>> **JIMMY'S BEACH, NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA**

7. This is my favorite place for walking my dog, Diesel: We stop to examine the sea grass and shells. Once, we also found middens, the piles of shells from ancient Aboriginal feasts.

• **Suzie Shaw is a retired high school teacher in Sydney, Australia.**

**THE UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE**

8. I had no specific idea of what Cambridge, England, looked like before I moved there. It was very grand and Gothic, but beyond that, I was struck by the sheer, ritualized extravagance that goes into the substance of life in Cambridge University; we had formals every Friday with a three-course dinner and wine pairings.

• **Peggy Xu is from Johns Creek, Georgia, and is studying law.**

**THE LADAKH REGION OF THE HIMALAYAS**

9. There's intimacy at the top of the world. Ladakh is my understanding of what heaven would be — grounded in this earth. Before Ladakh, I thought being a traveler meant going to new places every year. This region has taught me what can deepen and mature when you return and return, and let a place remake you.

• **Jody Greene is a Zen Buddhist and literature professor at the University of California, Santa Cruz.**

**THE BATH HOUSES OF HOKKAIDO, JAPAN**

10. As the winter takes hold, I find myself dreaming of hot baths and nature at Nutapu-

7. **New South Wales** state in the southeast of Australia / **shell** hard covering of a mollusc / **midden** prehistoric mound of shells and animal bones / **feast** large meal / **retired** no longer in work because of old age.

8. **grand** majestic / **to be struck** to be impressed / **sheer** pure / **substance** here, foundation / **formal** formal dinner at Cambridge University where students have to wear formal clothes and professors wear academic gowns / **three-course** with a starter, main course and dessert / **wine pairing** wine for each course / **law** academic subject studying regulations, jurisprudence, legal procedures etc..

9. **intimacy** closeness with another person / **top** summit, peak / **heaven** paradise / **grounded** here, while still present on / **earth** here, world / **to deepen** to become more profound/stronger / **to mature** to develop over the years.

10. **to take, took, taken hold** to start to have an effect, to establish/

kaushipe Lodge, a remote onsen in the woods. Japan is awash with these geothermal bath houses that many people use in their daily routine. They act as part bath and part social club, where older people gather to gossip about local life. In Japan you go in completely naked. (Brits feel horrendously awkward at the thought.)

• **Michael Sheridan is an engineering consultant from London.**

**CÓRDOBA, SPAIN**

11. There is a magical coexistence of Arab, Jewish and Christian culture in Córdoba, and the city has more UNESCO World Heritage Sites than any other. But it's not just the beautiful buildings that bewitch you. The narrow streets in springtime have the smell of jasmine and orange blossoms, and once a year the city's residents throw open their homes' inner courtyards, revealing intricate gardens and intimate glimpses of their private lives.

• **Fernando Moreno Reyes, 45, lives in Madrid.**

**GATES OF THE ARCTIC NATIONAL PARK AND PRESERVE, ALASKA**

12. One can visit this park only by taking a small bush plane — traveling over the Arctic Circle — from Fairbanks. Each summer around solstice, when there is 24 hours of daylight, my family spends time in Anaktuvuk Pass, the native Alaska village located entirely in the park. We look forward to the slow pace of life.

• **Bree Kessler is a public space researcher who lives in Alaska with her husband and 4-year-old son.**

**remote** isolated / **onsen** Japanese hydrothermal spring / **woods** forest / **to be awash with** to be full of / **to gather** to come together / **to gossip** to chat / **naked** without clothes on, nude / **horrendously** terribly / **awkward** ill-at-ease, embarrassed.

11. **to bewitch** to enchant / **narrow** not wide / **orange blossom** flower of the orange plant / **to throw, threw, thrown open** to open completely with enthusiasm / **inner** interior / **courtyard** interior garden surrounded by buildings / **intricate** elaborate / **glimpse** brief look.

12. **preserve** nature reserve / **bush plane** small airplane capable of flying to isolated, undeveloped places / **native** indigenous / **to look forward to** to be enthusiastic about, to await with anticipation / **pace** rhythm, speed.

**TABLE MOUNTAIN, CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA**

13. We were all in transition: breakups, leaving jobs. The trip felt serendipitous — the remedy to all that. We did not have a chance to plan anything, and everything we did was right at the moment, adding to the adventure. We took the last cable car to the top of Table Mountain at sunset — the whole mountain glowing with soft light.

• **Daniela Radpay from Austin, Texas, traveled to Cape Town with two of her siblings.**

**THE WORLD**

14. I was only a few years old when my father became an aircraft mechanic for Pan American World Airways. My middle-class Queens family, suddenly was taking vacations to places like Mexico City, Moscow, Marrakech and Kyoto. I took my first around-the-world flight alone at 18. Where everyone else is sitting in a plane, watching a movie, I'm at my window. There are many times when I have even spoken to the person sitting behind me, saying, "Oh, look at that!"

• **Carrie Dovzak, 63, is retired and lives in Berkeley, California.**

13. **breakup** end of a romantic relationship, separation / **trip** journey, voyage / **serendipitous** lucky, fortuitous / **cable car** funicular / **sunset** time when the sun goes down and night begins / **to glow** to radiate / **soft** gentle / **sibling** brother/sister.

14. **aircraft mechanic** aeronautical engineer / **flight** voyage in an aeroplane.



**Vous connaissez sûrement le verbe 'to throw' dans le sens de jeter.**

Exemple : **to throw a ball**

Mais connaissez-vous également ces expressions?

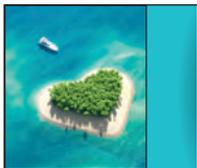
**they throw open their homes** ( \$ 11 )

*ils ouvrent leurs maisons au public*

**they threw a party** *ils ont organisé une petite fête*

**they threw everyone into confusion**

*ils ont semé la confusion*



# Focus

## 🌟 The Great Lakes, in Franche-Comté

With cold temperatures and large lakes, **the Plateau des Milles Étangs in the Vosges** may remind you the Great Lakes area, in the Midwest. 60% of the plateau is covered in forest, mostly conifers, which may add to the illusion.

**large** vast, big / **to remind** to make a person think of or remember sth / **to be covered in** to feature, to be full of / **mostly** principally.



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# TRAVEL TO THE U.S.A... IN FRANCE.

France is the most visited country in the world. In 2018, 89.4 million tourists came to France.

**abroad** overseas, outside the country.

## 🌟 Heading to Hawaii?

With its turquoise waters and white sand, **Lodo Beach, on the northern side of Corsica**, is as stunning as the beaches of its Pacific cousin. Moreover, it is only accessible by boat, making it quieter and more peaceful.

**sand** fine grains of rock covering beach / **stunning** amazing, spectacular / **moreover** furthermore, what's more / **quiet** calm / **peaceful** here, tranquil, calm.



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## 🌟 The "Colorado Provençal"

If you head to the village of Rustrel, in the Vaucluse, you can visit what locals call the **"Colorado Provençal"**. It is a former industrial site of 30 hectares, with golden and reddish cliffs reminiscent of the American desert.

**to head to** to go to / **former** previous / **reddish** kind of red, red-like / **cliff** high area of rock with a steep precipice / **to be reminiscent of** to remind, evoke.



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## 🌟 Is this Paris or New York?

Did you know that Paris has its own **Statue of Liberty**? The smaller, 11 meter replica was gifted to the French capital in 1889, to commemorate the centennial of the French Revolution. It is situated in the middle of the Seine, in the 15th arrondissement.

**replica** copy / **to gift** to offer (as a present) / **centennial** anniversary marking one hundred years.



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**40%** of all travel jobs have been eliminated in the U.S. since March 2020.

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# DISNEYLAND AS A VACCINATION SITE? AIRPORTS AS TEST CENTERS? THE TRAVEL INDUSTRY PITCHES IN

The travel industry changes direction to help the COVID-19 cause (to pitch in to join forces and help)

In the United States, to mitigate the effects of the low level of activity, the tourist industry is reinventing itself in unexpected ways. Recently, amusement parks, historic sites, and other places of entertainment, have turned into vaccination centres. Interview with the owners of these unusual clinics.

**F**ive months ago, San Francisco International Airport opened the first airport rapid coronavirus testing site in the United States. Nine months ago, some of the world's most luxurious hotels, including Claridge's in London and the Four Seasons in New York, began housing front-line doctors and nurses. And now another entity in the travel world is performing its own pandemic shift: Disneyland. This week the Anaheim, California, theme park began serving as a vaccination supersite.

**2.** The coronavirus, which has killed more than 384,000 Americans and infected millions more, has brought the travel industry to its knees. The U.S. Travel Association, a trade group that promotes travel to and within the country, estimates that nearly 40% of all travel jobs have

**1. to house** to accommodate / **front-line** working in the direct line of a conflict / **nurse** person who looks after people who are ill / **to perform** to do / **own** particular, individual / **shift** change.

**2. to bring, brought, brought to its knees** to almost destroy, to greatly weaken / **trade group** organisation of businesses that operate in a specific industry / **within** in /

been eliminated since the virus took hold in March. As a result, many domestic travel companies and operators have begun donating their resources and newly vacant spaces to help get the pandemic under control.

**3.** Disneyland has been shuttered since mid-March, but on Wednesday, a section of its Toy Story parking lot was full. Emergency medical workers and local residents over the age of 75 queued for the first of five Orange County, California, "Super POD" (Point Of Dispensing) sites, and Andrew Do, chairman of Orange County's board of supervisors, says they will soon be able to inoculate 7,000 people a day there.

**4.** "Disneyland Resort is proud to help support Orange County and the City of Anaheim with

**to take, took, taken hold** to take control and become difficult to stop / **domestic** national / **operator** company operating a service for someone / **vacant** empty, unoccupied.

**3. to shutter** to close / **emergency** here, trained to work in an urgent situation / **to dispense** to distribute (here, **Point of Dispensing** vaccination site) / **chairman** president / **board of supervisors** elected governing body of a county in some US states with legislative and executive powers.

**4. resort** place with many hotels/facilities for tourists, here, theme park / **proud** full of pride / **to support** to help /



Boston Marathon Race Director Dave McGillivray looks out from the stands at Gillette Stadium and Fenway Park, January 28, 2021. He has been tapped by the state to help coordinate the use of the stadiums as vaccination sites. (SIPA)

the use of our parking lot," said Dr. Pamela Hymel, Disney Parks' chief medical officer. "After a year in which so many in our community have faced unprecedented hardship and uncertainty, there is now reason for optimism."

**5.** Unlike its sister resort in California, Florida's Disney World reopened to guests in July. And it, too, is considering opening an on-site vaccine distribution center in the near future, according to the Orlando Sentinel.

## OTHER PARTS OF THE TRAVEL INDUSTRY ARE HELPING TOO

**6.** Many corners of the travel industry are looking for a way to pitch in to help end the pandemic. More than a dozen U.S. airports now double as virus testing sites. Inside many terminals, XpresSpa has pivoted from offering airport massages and manicures to rapid coronavirus tests.

**7.** Monterey Bay Aquarium in Monterey, California, has been closed to guests since March; in December, it lent one of its ultracold freezers

hardship difficulties.

**5. unlike** contrary to / **guest** client, customer / **to consider** to envisage / **according to** as stated/reported by...

**6. corner** here, sector / **to pivot to** to change direction.

**7. to lend, lent, lent** to give sb the use of sth for a short time / **freezer** piece of electrical equipment where objects can be stored for a long time at very low temperatures /

## The Biden administration has pledged to supply **10.5 millions** doses of vaccine per week to Americans.



at the empty, snow covered field at Fenway Park, of Massachusetts to run mass vaccination operations



A nurse administers the COVID-19 vaccine at a mass vaccination site set up in the parking lot of Six Flags Magic Mountain in Valencia, California, January 2021. (SIPA)

to a hospital in nearby Salinas; the freezer can maintain a temperature of minus 94 degrees Fahrenheit, which is required to safely store some coronavirus vaccines.

**8.** Many of the Orange County residents who get their vaccine jabs at Disneyland will have gone for coronavirus testing at the Anaheim Convention Center, which, like convention centers across the country, saw traffic screech to a halt in March. Jay Burress, president and CEO of Visit Anaheim, estimates the freeze cost the city \$1.9 billion in lost revenue. He responded by donating unused supplies to local nonprofits.

**9.** "How do we reopen safely? That's been our goal all along," said Burress. "To market our destination, either as a leisure destination or a convention destination when hotels aren't even open for leisure travel, is spinning your wheels."

**nearby** closeby / **required** necessary / **safely** without exposing to danger/harm / **to store** to keep.

**8. jab** injection / **to screech to a halt** to suddenly stop / **CEO = Chief Executive Officer**, president of a company / **freeze** sudden suspension of activity / **billion** = thousand million / **to respond** to react / **supply** stock, provision / **nonprofit** organisation whose mission is to help people rather than make a profit.

**9. goal** objective / **all along** since the beginning / **leisure** here, tourist / **to spin, spun, spun one's wheels** to be a waste of time, to be futile.

**10.** Sharon Decker is president of North Carolina's Tryon Resort, which includes 250 rooms and an equestrian center in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. She wasn't surprised in October when officials reached out to see if she would be willing to donate her arena as a vaccination site. The site opened in mid-December.

**11.** "We forged a real partnership with public health officials," she said. "It had to be true public-private partnership to pull this off. But when you have shared goals, for a healthy economy and healthy businesses, you can figure it out."

### "THE BUSINESS SECTOR NEEDS TO HAVE A SEAT AT THE TABLE"

**12.** Public-private partnerships will be key to getting the United States out of the pandemic, said Steven Pedigo, an expert in urban economic development.

**10. foothills** small mountains/hills next to a higher mountain range / **official** here, authorities / **to reach out** to contact sb / **to be willing to** to be prepared to / **arena** stadium.

**11. public health officials** health authorities / **to pull off** to accomplish, to successfully do sth / **shared** common (to share to both have) / **healthy** well functioning / **to figure out** to find (a solution).

**12. business sector** private sector / **key** essential, vital, crucial.

**13.** "There are only a few entities that understand mass logistics. One is the military, and the other is the private sector," he said. "The business sector needs to have a seat at the table to talk about how we respond comprehensively, to ensure we are building a strategy around the pandemic that isn't just prioritizing public health but is also keeping the economy up and running." ●

**13. comprehensively** fully, extensively / **to ensure** to guarantee, to make sure / **up and running** functioning.



### Comment stationner ?

Un parc de stationnement se dit a **parking lot** (US) (€ 3) / **a car park** (GB).

On ne peut pas simplement dire 'a **parking**'.

Mais on parle de :  
**a parking bay** un emplacement  
**a parking space, a parking place** une place de stationnement  
**"No Parking"** stationnement interdit

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# THERAPISTS ARE ON TIKTOK. AND HOW DOES THAT MAKE YOU FEEL?

## TikTok therapy

In the face of mounting mental health issues among young people, American psychologists and psychiatrists have decided to subscribe to TikTok. They are using the platform to teach the basics of psychology via short playful videos, which are proving very successful.

**W**elcome to therapy TikTok, where a steady stream of mental health professionals are trying to meet an anxious generation of young people where they are on social media. Gone are the soft-voiced analysts perched beside tissue boxes and a couch. These shrinks hit a milly rock while listing signs of unhealthy boundaries, demonstrate an anxiety relief technique to

**1. steady** regular / **stream** flow / **health** physical well-being, here, medical / **social media** social networks / **soft** gentle, quiet / **couch** sofa / **shrink** psychotherapist / **to hit, hit, hit** here, to do / **milly rock** viral hip-hop dance invented by American rapper 2 Milly / **unhealthy** detrimental to one's physical/emotional well-being / **boundary** limit / **relief** reduction in a feeling of distress /



SUR LE BOUT DE LA LANGUE

### Pourquoi appelle-t-on un 'psy' (psychiatre ou psychologue) a *shrink* (§ 1) en langage familier ?

Ce mot, passé dans le langage courant dans les années 1950, était à l'origine une plaisanterie qui se référait aux **headshrinkers** (réducteurs de tête) de la tribu des Jivaro qui pratiquaient le rituel de réduire la tête de l'ennemi capturé.

**to shrink** = rétrécir

a trending Saweetie rap and wiggle their hips while explaining symptoms of dissociation.

**2.** Limited to 60 seconds, these videos strain to offer context or elaborate, instead offering easy digestible answers to big questions: "What is intergenerational trauma?" "What are healthy ways to express rage"

**3.** Mental health content has flourished on the app during a year when "everyone's been high-functioning depressed," said Micheline Maalouf, a licensed therapist in Orlando who has 1 million followers under the username @mashmushe. And while therapists have gained popularity on Instagram and YouTube in the past, TikTok offers a more immediate sense of intimacy.

### THERAPY GOES VIRAL

**4.** Shani Tran, a licensed clinical counselor in Minneapolis, created her account @theshaniproject in January 2020 to post videos of herself dancing. Then she started posting about therapy. A video she made

**trending** popular / **Saweetie** American rapper and songwriter / **to wiggle** to move from side to side / **hip** part of the body at the top of the leg.

**2. to strain** to make an effort despite difficulties.

**3. to flourish** to prosper / **app** = application / **high-functioning** ref. to **high-functioning depression** form of depression which does not prevent the person from doing daily responsibilities / **licensed** accredited, certified / **follower** subscriber.

**4. clinical counselor** therapist / **account** profile /

about what it's like to have a Black therapist went viral. "Can you be my therapist?" commenters asked. "Do you do virtual sessions?" "The notifications just kept coming," Tran said. "I remember feeling a little overwhelmed."

**5.** While an influx of followers can be confusing for therapists who are just looking to let off a little steam online, some view it as an opportunity to expand their client base. Marquis Norton, a licensed professional counselor in Hampton Roads, posts under the TikTok account @drnortontherapy. He started his account in February. By summer, he had 100,000 followers. He thinks of his social media accounts as marketing for his private practice.

**6.** "What's concerning, I think for everybody, is oversimplification," said Lisa Hen-

**to go, went, gone viral** to spread very quickly thanks to the internet and social media / **overwhelmed** overcome with emotion, submerged.

**5. influx** sudden arrival in large numbers / **confusing** complicated, disorienting / **to let, let, let off steam** to verbally express oneself to release strong feelings/emotional tension / **to expand** to increase, to make bigger / **practice** consulting office.

**6. concerning** worrying /



(stock)



person, a licensed professional counselor. She worries that on TikTok, where videos are necessarily short, mental health treatments can be presented as quick, easy fixes, instead of “a long slog of hard work.” “It can be misleading,” she said, “more so than intentionally harmful.”

7. Therapists need to be careful to urge patients to not self-diagnose, Tracy said. The tips she offers online are educational, she stressed, not diagnostic.

### CREATING BOUNDARIES

8. Some popular creators establish strict boundaries for people seeking out their practice. Lindsay Fleming, a licensed professional counselor with over 393,000 followers, asks potential clients who say they know her from TikTok to see a different clinician at the private practice she runs in Park Ridge, Illinois.

**fix** quick solution / **slog** session of hard work / **misleading** deceptive / **harmful** damaging, detrimental.

**7. to be careful** to be cautious / **to urge** to incite / **tip** advice / **to stress** to emphasise, to insist.

**8. to seek, sought, sought out** to look for, to try and obtain / **to run, ran, run** to manage, to be in charge of.



(Mind UK)

### 3 mental health tips:

Mind, the UK's leading mental health charity, has published **advice concerning mental health** during the pandemic. It includes the following:

- **Find a routine and stick to it.** Though activities are limited by the pandemic, it is important to find something you like to do at home, and to keep doing it regularly. Make sure your routine includes a bit of exercise. Even a bit of **stretching**, or a short walk will make a difference.
- **As winter comes to an end, get outside.** Get as much natural light and nature as you can. This has a proven positive effect on mental health.
- **Make sure you don't overload yourself with information.** If you absolutely want to keep up with the news, do so at a given time of the day and only trust reliable sources.

**If you'd like to read more, head to [www.mind.org.uk](http://www.mind.org.uk).**

**leading** eminent, top / **charity** not for profit organisation that helps people in need / **advice** recommendation, counsel / **to stick, stuck, stuck to** to keep to, to adhere to / **stretching** series of simple exercises to extend one's muscles / **to overload** to put too much pressure on / **to keep, kept, kept up with** to follow, stay informed about / **given** here, certain / **to trust** to have confidence in / **reliable** dependable, here, serious.

9. To avoid legal and ethical concerns, therapists on TikTok often do not accept direct messages, and some don't respond to comments on their videos – even when they receive a barrage of requests. Tracy gets tagged in videos of teenagers recording their parents yelling at them and TikToks in which people share their traumas. “The magnitude of suffering that I become aware of every day is very overwhelming,” she said.

10. For therapists who suddenly find themselves with a massive online following, the pressure can feel constraining. In late January 2020, a few weeks after Maalouf, the Orlando-based therapist, put her first video on TikTok, she posted a clip of herself sitting on the couch in her office, legs crossed. “I'm here as an adult on TikTok,” the text above her reads, “... and also a therapist.” That night, her phone kept buzzing.

**9. to avoid** to prevent / **barrage** torrent, deluge / **request** act of asking for sth, demand / **to tag** to mention on social media / **to record** to film / **to yell** to shout / **to share** here, to publish online for other people to see / **to become, came, come aware of** to learn about, to see.

**10. late** end (of) / **office** place where one works / **above** over / **to read, read, read to** say / **to buzz** to ring, to vibrate.

**Mental health content has flourished on the app during a year when many of us have been more depressed than usual.**

11. When she woke up, she stared at her phone and did a double take. She had gained 80,000 new followers. Maalouf has become increasingly diligent about how she presents her content. “I can't make mistakes,” she said. “I can't half-ass it.”

12. Sometimes she channels those emotions when making videos, knowing that content on anxiety tends to resonate with her audience. Her recent tutorial on how to soothe a panic attack – holding ice in your hands, repeating “I'm safe.” – has over 75,000 views, and is flooded with comments. “I wish my therapist sounded as patient and calming as you do,” one reads. Another asks about anxiety attacks at night. Maalouf's response: “Check out my previous video!” ●

**11. to stare** to look fixedly at / **to do a double take** to look twice because of disbelief/surprise / **increasingly** more and more / **diligent** attentive, careful / **to half-ass** to do sth inefficiently without one's full effort.

**12. to channel** to direct / **to resonate** to evoke a feeling of shared emotion / **audience** followers / **to soothe** to calm / **safe** protected, not in danger / **to flood** to inundate / **to sound** here, to be / **to check out** to take a look at / **previous** last.



In the village of Patwatoli, young students coming from impoverished families manage to defy statistics and enter prestigious university programmes, leading to a success

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# THE INDIAN VILLAGE WHERE EVERY FAMILY HAS AN ENGINEER

Surge of engineering degrees for children in a poor village in India

The village of Patwatoli in India is quite unusual. Its residents are mostly weavers living a very modest existence, yet they have managed to send their children to prestigious engineering schools and universities.



**H**e had tossed and turned all night. When he finally got out of bed at 4am, Anand Kumar realised his parents had too.

2. The 17-year-old was confident he had worked hard for his exam – the joint entrance exam (JEE), which is the ticket to India's finest engineering institutions – but the anxiety was undeniable. Huddled together in their living room last week, the family sat refreshing the JEE

1. **to toss and turn** to turn over and over due to an inability to sleep.

2. **confident** sure, certain / **joint** combined, double / **ticket** here, way to accomplish sth / **fine** here, prestigious / **to huddle together** to gather closely together / **to refresh** to renew, here, update /

homepage repeatedly on two smartphones as they waited for the results to be uploaded.

3. The site crashed several times before Anand could check his ranking – 369 out of the 150,000 students who sat the exam across India. Elated, he touched his father's feet and held his mother tight, as tears streamed down her cheeks.

**homepage** first page of a website / **to upload** to put online.

3. **to crash** to stop functioning / **several** numerous / **ranking** position in a graded scale, classification / **out of** from a total of / **to sit, sat, sat** to take (an exam) / **across** throughout, all over / **elated** very happy, overjoyed / **tight** in a close embrace / **tear** drop of water coming from the eyes / **to stream down** to flow, to run down.



## Différents usages de "to toss" :

- to toss and turn all night** (s1) passer une nuit agitée
- to toss a coin** jouer à pile ou face
- to toss a pancake** faire sauter une crêpe
- to toss the salad** retourner, remuer la salade
- to toss in butter** ajouter un morceau de beurre et remuer
- to toss ideas back and forth** échanger toutes sortes d'idées



Successful career in India or abroad. (SIPA)

4. Anand is among 16 students from Patwatoli, a village in Bihar's Gaya district, who have done well in the JEE this year. In the last two decades, almost 250 boys and girls from this small village have cracked the JEE to make it to the coveted Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs). For a village of fewer than 1,500 households, the number is unusually high. Every family in Patwatoli has someone who is either a student or a graduate of IIT.

### AGAINST ALL ODDS...

5. The young men and women from this community of weavers pull off this feat against remarkable odds. Almost every other house in Patwatoli also serves as a weaving workshop. Most families make bedsheets and the traditional Indian towel, *gamucha*, with slender profit margins that are barely enough for survival. Many take loans or spend their life savings to send their children to special coaching classes to prepare for the JEE.

4. **to be among(st)** to be one of / **to do, did, done well** to succeed / **decade** period of ten years / **almost** nearly / **to crack** to solve a puzzle, here, to succeed in obtaining a high mark in the exam / **to make, made, made it** to be accepted to study at / **coveted** greatly prized, respected / **household** home, family / **either... or** one or the other / **graduate** person with a university degree.

5. **weaver** textile artisan who makes cloth / **to pull off a feat** to succeed in an accomplishment / **against remarkable odds** despite many difficulties / **every other...** one out of two / **workshop** small room or building where goods are produced / **bedsheet** bed linen / **towel** piece of fabric used for drying the body / **slender** very small, very little / **profit margin** margin of revenue after cost / **barely** scarcely / **enough** sufficient / **to take, took, taken a loan** to borrow money / **savings** money put to one side as a reserve.

6. Only a handful of students own a laptop. But acing one of India's most competitive academic tests remains the best way to leave a life of poverty. A graduate from one of the technology institutes can expect a salary upwards of around £16,000 – 12 times India's per capita income. Several engineers from Patwatoli are employed with top Indian, US, UK and international companies.

7. "The IIT boom hit Patwatoli in the early 2000s," says Dev Narayan, 26, an IIT graduate now working in Singapore. "Until then, there were no proper schools here, no good college nearby and nil job prospects. Girls were rarely literate, boys dropped out after class 10. Even as JEE coaching centres mushroomed across India, Patwatoli had never heard of IIT."

8. The pioneer of Patwatoli's engineering success was its first IIT graduate, Jeetender Prasad who has legendary status in the villagers' stories. "We don't know what prompted him to attempt the exam ... it was in the early 1990s. He lives in the US now. But his success spawned our common goal, which is like a movement," says Sushish Kumar, one of the top scorers in the JEE of 2014.

9. In 1999, when seven out of 16 boys secured a spot in IIT, it set Patwatoli on a path towards change. "We realised it's not difficult to crack JEE, and we wanted to help others," says Vijay Kumar, 39. When the students returned home for the summer in 2000, they visited every school in the district to announce a talent search exam. It tested children on maths and science and picked youngsters to train for the JEE.

10. The efforts by him and his friends were soon formalised as Navprayas, a student-run organi-

6. **a handful of** a few, a small number of / **to own** to possess / **laptop** portable computer / **to ace** to master, obtain an excellent result in / **to remain** to continue (to be) / **way** course of action, means / **to expect** to anticipate, look forward to / **upwards of** more than / **income** revenue, salary.

7. **early** the beginning (years) of... / **until then** up to that point / **proper** adequate, appropriate / **college** university / **nil** zero / **job prospects** employment opportunities / **literate** able to read and write / **to drop out** here, to quit school / **even while** / **to mushroom** to grow like mushrooms, here, to multiply.

8. **to prompt** to cause, persuade, motivate / **to attempt** to try, take / **to spawn** to give rise to / **top scorer** here, students that achieved one of the best results.

9. **to secure a spot** to obtain a place / **to set, set, set** to put / **path** direction, trajectory / **to return home** to go home / **to pick** to select, choose / **youngster** young person.

10. **to run, ran, run** here, to manage /

**26.3%** of young people in India enrol in secondary education. Although it is less than most developed nations, significant progress had been achieved by the country over the past ten years.

**significant** important / **to achieve** to accomplish.

sation that remains at the heart of educational efforts in Patwatoli. Every year, during the summer break, undergraduate IIT students volunteer to help students with maths and science.

11. The possibilities have also empowered women in the village. Where once child marriage was the norm and girls dropped out of school, in the past five years three women have won places at IIT and several others are at prestigious engineering institutes.

12. Saloni Kumari, 21, says things are changing, albeit slowly. "If 10 years ago women were getting married at 16, today, some are being allowed to complete their graduation and work a few years before tying the knot," says the second-year engineering student. The daughter of a labourer, she says it took some convincing for her father to enrol her for the coaching classes, but he did, spending £65 a month when the total household income rarely exceeds £105 a month.

13. The IIT dream is helping push the traditional weaving business into further decline. Like many others, Anand was driven by an ambition for a life outside Patwatoli. "Ten years ago, my father invested all his savings into purchasing a loom. But profits dwindled and he sold it off. Both my parents took up daily wage work. I don't want to live this life of labour and neither do I want them to suffer. I see IIT as my ticket out," he says. ●

**undergraduate** student in the first three years of a university course / **to volunteer** here, to work for free.

11. **to empower** to emancipate / **once** at one time, in the past / **to be the norm** to be a normal practice.

12. **albeit** although / **to allow** to authorize / **to complete** to finish, conclude / **to tie the knot** to marry / **labourer** manual worker / **to enrol** to sign up.

13. **further** even more / **to drive, drove, driven** to motivate / **to purchase** to buy, acquire / **loom** machine for making cloth / **to dwindle** to diminish, decline / **to sell, sold, sold off** to sell quickly and cheaply / **both** the two / **to take, took, taken up** to start / **daily wage** payment for each day worked / **neither** nor / **ticket out** way out, way of escape



## Robot kitchen

A British tech company has created the first ever kitchen robot capable of cooking an entire meal – and even doing the washing-up afterwards. The “Moley Kitchen” took six years to build, requiring the expertise of 100 engineers from all around the world. It is capable of fetching ingredients from the fridge, cooking them on a hob and plating them up. Ultimately, it will be able to cook 5,000 dishes, and to learn how to make family favourites!

**meal** food eaten at a certain time (breakfast, lunch, dinner) / **washing-up** here, liquid soap used to clean dishes / **afterwards** after / **to fetch** to get, to collect / **hob** top, flat surface of a cooker with hotplates / **to plate up** to place the food on the plate before serving / **ultimately** eventually / **dish** plate of food.



## Ice bathing

Most swimming pools were closed during the summer of 2020, making outdoor swimming more popular than ever. But as the winter months arrived, some continued to go outside to take a dip in their local lake. *The Guardian* recently published an article stating that a record number of British people tried ice-bathing this year. The practice, which consists in emerging oneself in frozen water, is already popular in colder countries – Finland, for example, has 260 winter swimming-centres. *The Guardian* described

the practice as “a wonderful way to fill up with endorphins, get a nature fix and have a thrilling adventure, without having to travel.”

**swimming pool** artificial basin of water for swimming / **outdoor** outside, exterior, in the open air / **to take, took, taken a dip** to jump in the water/pool / **to state** to indicate / **ice-bathing** plunging/swimming in icy/ice cold water / **to fill up with** here, to release plenty of / **fix** dose, here, quick solution / **thrilling** exciting.

## Le chiffre de la quinzaine

**\$20,300**



(SIPA)

This photo of Bernie Sanders, taken during the recent presidential inauguration, went viral on the internet. Users Photoshopped the senator in other unrelated pictures, making him appear sitting at the table at the Yalta Conference, or hanging out with Forrest Gump on his famous bench. In response to the trend, a young woman had the idea of crocheting a Bernie doll, that recreated this iconic moment. It sold for \$20,300 on eBay – and the proceeds were donated to charity.

**to go, went, gone viral** to spread very quickly thanks to the internet and social media / **unrelated** not connected / **to hang, hung, hung out** to spend time (with) / **to crochet** to create a piece of needlework by looping thread with a hooked needle / **doll** toy figure of a person / **iconic** emblematic / **proceeds** money coming in, income / **charity** non-profit organisation which helps a cause.



(SIPA)

## Children and screen time

According to *The New York Times*, children and teenagers have spent on average twice as much time in front of a screen as previously, since the beginning of the pandemic. The rise of home schooling, reduced number of extra-curricular activities, and the inability to socialise “in real life” have contributed to this trend. Teachers and parents have sounded the alarm, with parents often applying restrictions to the amount of time their children spend online at home. Many, however, see this as collateral damage of the pandemic: do young people really have any other way to connect with each other at the moment?

**according to** as stated by, reported by / **on average** approximately, generally / **rise** increase / **home schooling** remote learning (while schools are closed) / **extra-curricular** after-school, non-academic / **to sound an alarm** to warn.



JOAN GREENWOOD

# Le gérondif comme raccourci

## Piqûre de rappel

Le gérondif se termine en '-ing'.

On peut l'utiliser pour décrire une activité sans employer de conjonction ni la forme complète du verbe.

Exemples :

He fell off the ladder **repairing** the roof = **while he was repairing** the roof

**Finding** no instructions in the box, he phoned the manufacturer = **because he didn't find** any instructions

**Having enjoyed** the first film, he was eager to see the second one = **because he had enjoyed** the first film

## 2 Mêmes consignes que pour l'exercice 1.

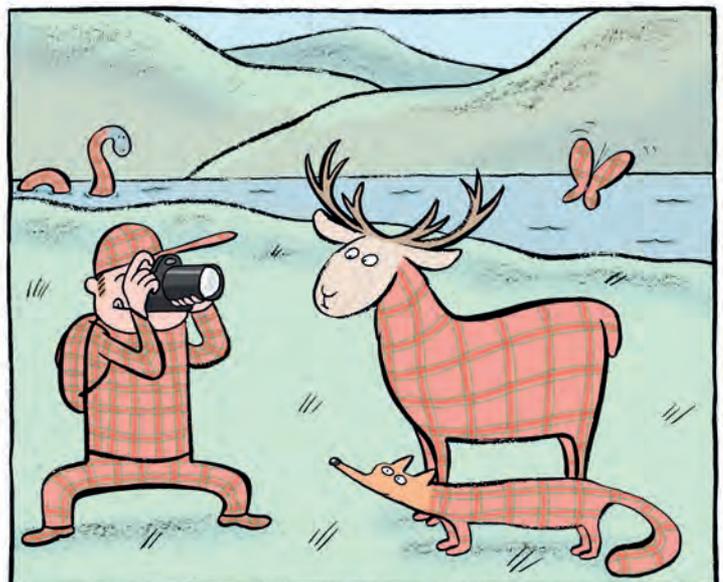
1. **He broke down** miles from anywhere. **He had left** his phone at home. He had to walk to the nearest village.
2. **When he was touring** the Highlands he managed to photograph lots of wild animals.
3. **Because she was living** with international students, she picked up lots of foreign phrases.
4. **When she worked** in the library, she met several famous authors.
5. **We finished** the job early so we all went out for a drink.
6. **After he had taken** a small notebook out of his pocket he proceeded to question the witnesses.

SOLUTIONS : 1. **Having broken down** miles from anywhere and **having left** his phone at home, he had to walk to the nearest village. 2. **Touring** the Highlands, he managed to photograph lots of wild animals. 3. **Living** with international students, she picked up lots of foreign phrases. 4. **Working** in the library, she met several famous authors. 5. **Having finished** the job early, we all went out for a drink. 6. **Having taken** a small notebook out of his pocket, he proceeded to question the witnesses.

## 1 Remplacez les éléments en gras par une phrase contenant le gérondif. Parfois il faut mettre le gérondif en début de phrase.

1. She broke her leg **when she was skiing**.
2. I decided to cook myself some pasta because **I was feeling hungry**.
3. Take care **when you cross the road**.
4. She fell off the ladder **when she tried to put up the new curtains**.
5. Did you see her **when she went into the shop**?
6. **I didn't know his phone number** so I couldn't contact him.
7. She's in the garden. **She is planting some flowers**.
8. She **was shopping** for Christmas presents. She spent all her money.

SOLUTIONS : 1. She broke her leg **skiing**. 2. **Feeling** hungry, I decided to cook myself some pasta. 3. Take care **crossing** the road. 4. She fell off the ladder **trying** to put up the new curtains. 5. Did you see her **going** into the shop? 6. Not **knowing** his phone number, I couldn't contact him. 7. She's in the garden, **planting** some flowers. 8. She spent all her money **shopping** for Christmas presents.



Touring the Highlands, he managed to photograph wild animals.

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# Soignez votre orthographe

## Le saviez-vous?

Une *station de métro* se dit **an underground station (GB), a subway station (US)**

Mais on ne traduit pas toujours **"station"** par **"station"** !

*station de ski* **a ski resort**

*station balnéaire* **a seaside resort**

*station thermale* **a thermal spa**

*station de taxis* **taxi rank**

**the train station** *la gare*

**the bus/coach station** *la gare routière*

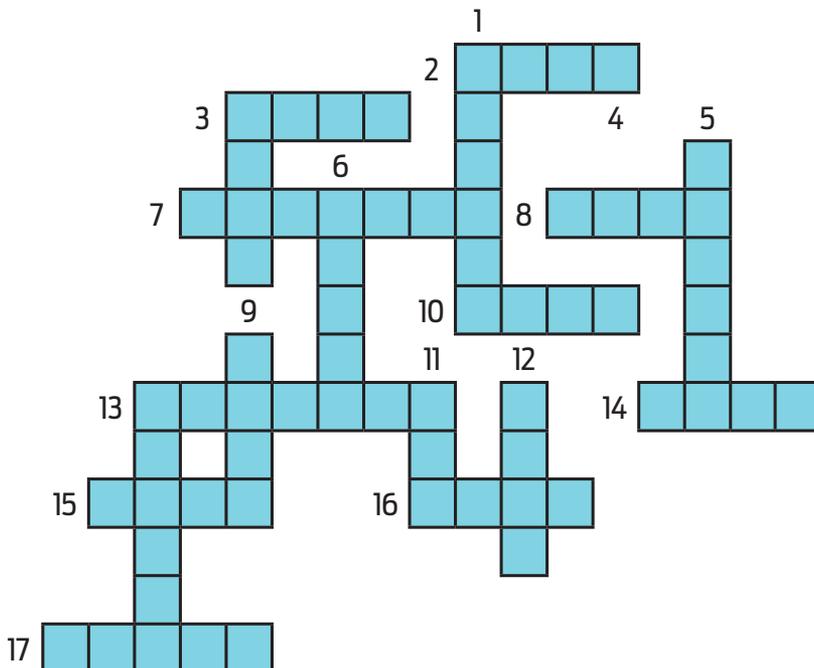
## 1 Trouvez les 12 fautes d'orthographe.

A spy who operated in occupied France for months during the second world war has become the first woman of south Asian descent to be given a blue plaque in London. Her formerly family home in Bloomsbury has been recognised by English Heritage after first being nominated 14 years ago. The award comes after work by a group that was set up in 2016 to address the lack of diversity in the scheme.

**SOLUTIONS:** occupied, months, become, woman, descent, plaque, former, been, Heritage, nominated, came, address

## 2 Tendez l'oreille

Toutes les réponses contiennent le son [ee] comme dans 'feet'



1. a classification for football teams
2. not remain in a vertical position
3. a plant can grow from this
4. pork, lamb, beef, for example
5. a polite word to ask for something
6. something special
7. a gathering of people
8. part of your foot
9. what you do with a book
10. the opposite of west
11. what you do with food
12. the join of two pieces of material
13. do this to keep alive
14. get better
15. give food to someone
16. a group who work or play together
17. you do this in your sleep or even during the day

**SOLUTIONS:** 1.league 2.learn 3.seed 4.meat 5.please 6.treat 7.meeting 8.heel 9.read 10.east 11.eat 12.seam 13.breathe 14.heal 15.feed 16.team 17.dream

# Jeux de mots : Le temps

À retenir

## 1 Periods of time

Remettez les lettres de ces mots dans l'ordre et classez les ensuite "du plus court au plus long".

kewe    ratrque    nripgs    mtueni    aeddec  
 unutma    ruho    etmseers    raye  
 ytecnur    neitrw    umlenilim  
 notmh    ocsnd    yda    mursme

SOLUTIONS : second, minute, hour, day, week, month, quarter, spring, summer, autumn, winter, semester, year, decade, century, millennium

### L'expression idiomatique

**time and tide wait for no man** le temps perdu ne se rattrape pas  
**there's a time and place for everything** il y a un temps pour tout  
**till the cows come home** jusqu'à la Saint-Glinglin  
**one day at a time** à chaque jour suffit sa peine  
**once in a blue moon** tous les 36 du mois  
**the time is ripe** c'est le moment opportun

## 5 mots à mémoriser dans ce numéro

**in the nick of time**

à point nommé

**4 o'clock on the dot**

à 4 heures pile

**at the crack of dawn**

à l'aube

**in the small hours**

au petit matin

**day in, day out**

tous les jours

## 2 Changez une lettre à la fois pour passer du premier mot au dernier mot.

<b>TIME</b>	
.....	it comes in and goes out
.....	not in a mess
.....	very small
.....	diminutive of Anthony
.....	small horse
.....	pale and thin
<b>PUNT</b>	a flat boat

<b>CLOCK</b>	
.....	kind of coat
.....	heavy metallic sound
.....	an exact replica
.....	with no one else
.....	expiate
.....	bigger than a pebble, smaller than a rock
<b>SHONE</b>	what the sun did yesterday

SOLUTIONS : time, tide, tidy, tiny, Tony, pony, puny, punt / clock, cloak, clonk, clone, alone, atone, stone, shone

Ne manquez pas dans le prochain numéro la nouvelle page PRATIC'ABLE : le télétravail





(Wikimedia)

## Why was this painting stolen three times?

*Two Laughing Boys with a Mug of Beer*, a painting by Frans Hals, had been hanging in a small museum in the Dutch town of Leerdam for about 250 years. Hals is one of Holland's most famous artists, but this painting is famous for another reason: it has been stolen on three different occasions. *The New York Times* recently tried to answer the question raised by this curious fact: why this painting, and not any other? It turns out that theft attracts more theft: paintings are often stolen, and the more often, the more likely they are to disappear again – a burglary is, after all, a clear indicator that something is valuable. The Hals painting disappeared for the last time in August 2020 and still hasn't been recovered.

**to steal, stole, stolen** to rob, to take illegally / **to hang, hanged or hung, hanged or hung** here, to be on show / **to raise** to bring to attention / **theft** act of stealing sth / **burglary** the act of breaking in to a building to steal / **to recover** to find.



(SIPA)

## Alexei Navalny

Ten of thousands of people, across nearly 40 Russian cities protested against the imprisonment of the Russian opposition leader, Alexei Navalny. He is the Kremlin's fiercest critic, having released several reports accusing Vladimir Putin of corruption and malpractice. In August 2020, he was poisoned with a military grade nerve agent – his supporters managed to save him and helped him to flee to Germany. When he returned to Russia at the end of 2020, he was immediately jailed. The protests demanding his release have been severely repressed – including journalists and participants being prevented from recording images.

**to protest** to demonstrate against / **fierce** ferocious, here, vehement / **to release** to bring out, publish / **malpractice** fraud / **military grade** for military use only / **nerve agent** neurotoxic substance / **to flee, fled, fled** to escape, here, to leave / **to jail** to put in prison / **to demand** to insist on / **release** liberation / **to repress** to take measures to restrain, control / **to prevent** to stop (from happening) / **to record** to film.



(SIPA)

## The isolated cinema

Göteborg Film Festival, Sweden's largest film event, found an unusual way to keep going in spite of the pandemic. Taking social distancing guidelines to a whole new level, the organisers decided that the festival would take place on a remote island just off the Swedish coast. And, to add to the dramatic atmosphere, only one movie-goer could attend it. The chosen candidate was selected through an interview process, and spent seven days watching films inside the former lighthouse keeper's house.

**unusual** different, novel, original / **guideline** directive / **to take, took, taken sth to a whole new level** to advance, change, causing sth to move to a new point, further stage / **remote** distant, isolated / **off** = off the coast of / **moviegoer** film lover / **to attend** to be present at / **former** previous, old / **lighthouse keeper** guardian of a tower equipped with a powerful light to warn or guide ships.



(SIPA)

## What is in the Paris Climate Agreement?

Donald Trump's decision to leave the Paris Agreement was widely condemned – and Joe Biden rejoining it has been met with relief. But what exactly is it, and why is it so important? Its 175 signatories (174 countries + the European Union) have pledged to keep the rise of global temperatures to 2°C, and preferably 1.5°C. Each country has its own target, and richer nations have pledged to help poorer ones reach their goals. The next annual conference of the members (COP) will take place in Glasgow this year.

**Paris Agreement** first international agreement signed in 2016 to deal with climate change / **widely** largely, generally, by many / **to be met with** to be welcomed with / **relief** reduction in a feeling of distress / **to pledge** to promise, commit to do / **rise** increase / **global** worldwide / **target** objective, aim / **goal** objective.

Climate activists from Extinction Rebellion hold a silent, socially distanced protest in Parliament Square, demanding a more ambitious government response regarding climate change, London, May 2020. (SIPA)



THE INDEPENDENT | DAISY DUNNE

# WHAT WOULD IT TAKE TO REACH NET ZERO BEFORE 2050 IN THE UK?

**Can the UK respect its objective of net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050?**

In 2020, Boris Johnson committed the United Kingdom to becoming carbon neutral by 2050 - a target it shares with a number of other countries, including France. To reach this goal, the government needs to introduce legislation for adapting and investing in new technologies. But it is also up to individuals to modify their lifestyle: what changes do the British in particular need to embrace to ensure a green future?

**T**he UK made history in 2019 when it became the first major economy to set a legal target of reaching net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. Meeting the target will require far-reaching change to all corners of British life, from what we eat to the cars we drive.

2. The pledge, made by former prime minister Theresa May on the advice of the country's independent climate experts, was soon followed by similar targets from other big economies such as the EU and Japan in 2020. China, the world's largest emitter, also set a target for "carbon neutrality" – though for a later date of 2060. Meeting these pledges will be key to tackling the climate crisis, scientists say.

3. "We were stunned by the criticism from some quarters about the target lacking ambition," Chris Stark, chief executive of the Climate Change Committee (CCC), the UK's independent climate advisers, tells *The Independent*. "We all felt in the CCC that the net zero advice was very ambitious."

4. The criticism spurred the CCC into coming up with new analysis to explore whether reaching net zero before 2050 would be a physical possibility, Stark says.

5. Analysis from the CCC shows that it, in theory, the UK could get to net zero as early as 2042. But this could only occur if a tough list of requirements are met. For example, people would need to eat far less meat and dairy and fly less frequently, and technologies that are currently still in their early stages of development would need to be drastically scaled up, Stark explains.

1. **to make, made, made some history** to do sth of historic significance / **legal** judicial / **target** objective / **to reach** to achieve, to accomplish, to arrive at / **greenhouse gas emissions** gas which contributes to the rise in the Earth's atmospheric temperature / **to meet, met, met** to achieve, to respect / **far-reaching** extensive / **corner** aspect.

2. **pledge** promise, commitment / **former** ex-, previous / **advice** recommendation, counsel / **later** ulterior / **to tackle** to deal with, to try to find a solution to a problem.

3. **stunned** shocked, surprised / **criticism** critique, expression of disapproval / **quarters** people, group / **to lack** to not have enough / **chief executive** president.

4. **to spur** to motivate, to incite / **to come, came, come up with** to think of, to propose.

5. **tough** strict, difficult / **requirement** condition / **far** much / **dairy** products made with milk / **to fly, flew, flown** to travel by aeroplane / **currently** at the moment / **in the early stages** in the initial phases, at the beginning / **to scale up** to increase, to produce on a large scale.

6. "The kind of thing you'd need to see if you were to get an earlier than 2050 net zero date is much more diet change," he says. "We would need a 50 per cent reduction in meat and dairy consumption by 2050. We would have to be reducing our demand for flying by 15 per cent compared to what it was pre-pandemic."

7. "We would need to see uptake of new technologies right across the economy. We'd need to switch over to electric vehicles by 2030. This is part of the prime minister's current climate plan but he's allowing hybrids out until 2035, we wouldn't be able to have that in that scenario."

8. In addition, the UK would need to heavily scale up its ability to remove CO2 from the atmosphere, he says. For example, the UK would need to plant 70,000 hectares of forest each year from 2035. The government's current target is to plant 30,000 hectares of forest a year – a target it is still far away from achieving.

9. "We'd have to have the maximum possible greenhouse gas removals in this scenario, including commercial-scale 'direct air capture,'" he says. Direct air capture is a technology still in the early stages of development for removing CO2 straight from thin air.

10. For the net zero target to be reached before 2050, the policies to bring about such large-scale changes would need to work first time – leaving no room for missteps, he adds.

### NO SOONER THAN 2050...

11. The CCC recommends that the UK should take rapid action across all sectors of the economy in order to meet net zero by 2050. Aiming for 2050 rather than an earlier date will still require major changes to British life, says Stark.

12. Targeting 2050 rather than an earlier date also allows a small amount of breathing space

6. **kind** sort / **diet** food regimen, eating habits / **consumption** act of consuming/eating.

7. **uptake** increase in the use of / **right across** everywhere in / **to switch over** to change to / **current** present / **to allow out** to authorise the use of.

8. **heavily** considerably / **ability** capacity / **to remove** to eliminate / **to achieve** to accomplish, to reach.

9. **commercial-scale** on a commercial level / **straight** directly / **thin air** nothing, here, pure air, ambient air.

10. **to bring, brought, brought about** to cause sth to happen, to provoke / **large-scale** extensive, huge, massive / **misstep** mistake.

11. **to aim for** to have as an objective / **major** significant, big, extensive.

12. **to target** to have as an objective /



### far-reaching

'the target will require **far-reaching change**' (s1) *des changements d'une grande portée, très importants*

Comparez :

**far-fetched** *tiré par les cheveux, bizarre*

**far-flung** *éloigné*

**far-off** *lointain*

**far-seeing** *prévoyant*

**far-sighted** *hypermétrope, presbyte*

to account for the possibility that policies introduced to cut emissions may not be an immediate success, he adds.

13. "The key point in our analysis is that the next decade is the critical phase," says Stark. "In our assessment, we're looking for the highest possible ambition across all of the sectors, but we're also allowing for the fact that not everything will work every time."

14. It is worth noting that current government policies, including those from Boris Johnson's recent 10-point climate plan, will not be enough to reach net zero by 2050, he says.

15. It is widely expected that the government will announce new green policies in the coming months in a bid to show leadership before it hosts a major climate summit in Glasgow in November. The CCC will continue to track the UK's progress towards reaching its net zero target over the coming months and years, says Stark.

16. "We'll continue to look at the question in future about whether you can go faster to cut emissions than what we're currently proposing," adds Stark. "If I were speaking to the green community I'd be championing early action rather than new target dates. Because it's that early action that could open up the opportunity to get to net zero sooner." ●

**to account for** here, to allow for / **policy** plan of action adopted by a government / **to introduce** to adopt / **to cut, cut, cut** to reduce.

13. **decade** period of ten years / **critical** crucial / **assessment** study, evaluation.

14. **it is worth (+ ger.)** it merits (+ ger.) / **to note** to observe.

15. **widely** generally / **to expect** to anticipate / **coming next** / **in a bid to** in an attempt to, in order to try to / **to host** to organise / **to track** to monitor, to observe.

16. **to champion** to promote / **early** soon, here, as soon as possible.



## VIDEO BONUS

Who are the creators of 'fake news', conspiracy theories, and other examples of misinformation? The BBC takes a look.  
[www.vocable.fr/videos-anglais](http://www.vocable.fr/videos-anglais)

### THE ECONOMIST

# BIG TECH AND CENSORSHIP

## Can the tech giants decide on who is denied freedom of expression?

(**censorship** official prohibition of communication)

Following the recent riots at the Capital building in Washington D.C., social networks were singled out as principle purveyors of "hate speech" and misinformation. In the last few weeks, their CEOs have led very public anti-Trump campaigns, banishing the former president and his most fervent supporters from their platforms. But are the tech giants of Silicon Valley best placed to determine the limits of our freedom of speech?

**T**he first reaction of many people was one of relief. On January 6th, with 14 days remaining of his term, the social-media president was suspended from Twitter after years of pumping abuse, lies and nonsense into the public sphere. Soon after, many of his cronies and supporters were shut down online by Silicon Valley, too. The end of their cacophony was blissful. But the peace belies a limiting of free speech that is chilling for America—and all democracies.

2. The bans that followed the storming of the Capitol were chaotic. On January 7th Facebook issued an "indefinite" suspension of

1. **relief** reduction in a feeling of distress / **to remain** to be left / **term** here, period of mandate in power / **to pump into** to inject into / **abuse** insults / **lie** untruth, piece of false information / **nonsense** absurdity / **crony** old friend, here, political collaborator / **to shut, shut, shut down** to close down / **blissful** here, a respite / **to belie** to conceal (fig.) / **free speech** freedom of expression / **chilling** disturbing, frightening, worrying.

2. **ban** suspension, censure, cancellation / **storming** assault / **to issue** here, to deliver, pronounce /

Donald Trump. Twitter followed with a permanent ban a day later. Snapchat and YouTube barred him. An array of other accounts were suspended. Google and Apple booted Parler, a small social network popular with the far-right, from their app stores and Amazon kicked Parler off its cloud service, forcing it offline entirely.

### INCONSISTENT DECISIONS

3. Surely this was acceptable in the face of a mob on the rampage? Legally, private companies can do as they choose. However, some decisions lacked consistency or proportionality. Although Twitter cited a "risk of further incitement of violence" by Mr Trump, the tweets it pointed to did not cross

**to bar** to ban / **array** variety / **to boot** here, to remove, suspend / **network** here, social website where users can communicate with each other by posting messages, photos etc. / **far-right** extreme-right / **to kick off** to remove.

3. **in the face of** here, in response to / **mob** large group of people causing violence / **on the rampage** violent and destructive, out of control / **consistency** coherence / **further** additional / **incitement** inducement / **to point to** here, to refer to, to cite / **to cross** here, to attain, fulfill /

the common legal threshold defining an abuse of the constitutional right to free speech. Meanwhile Ayatollah Ali Khamenei is still on Twitter and death threats are easy to find online.

4. The companies ought to have focused on individual posts for incitement. Instead

**threshold** limit, qualifying level / **meanwhile** during this time / **still** continues to be, remains / **threat** menace.

4. **ought to = should** / **to focus on** to concentrate on / **instead** on the contrary /



### Rappel :

Lorsque "full" est utilisé comme suffixe il n'y a qu'un seul 'l' :  
**blissful** (s 1) *bienheureux*  
**colourful** *aux couleurs vives*  
**beautiful** *beau*  
**wonderful** *merveilleux*  
**a cupful** *le contenu d'une tasse*  
**a spoonful** *une cuillerée*



Even Jack Dorsey, Twitter's CEO, called it a "dangerous precedent".

### WHAT SHOULD BE CENSORED?

**7.** There is a better way to deal with speech online. Making the industry more competitive would help by diluting the **clout** of individual firms and by stimulating new business models that do not **rely on** virality. But for as long as the industry is an oligopoly, another approach is needed.

**8.** The first **step** is to define a test of what should be censored. In America that should be based on the constitutional protection of speech. If companies want to go further by attaching warnings or limiting legal content they need to be transparent and predictable. Difficult judgments should fall to independent non-statutory **boards** that give people the right of appeal.

**9.** Over 80% of Twitter and Facebook users live outside America. In most countries tech firms should adhere to local **laws** on speech—Germany's rules on hate speech, say. In autocracies, like Belarus, they should default to the **standards** they observe in America. Again, judgments about which standards apply in which country could be guided by media boards. This may harm American firms in more places: this week Uganda banned Facebook and Twitter ahead of a contentious election.

**10.** America needs to resolve its constitutional crisis through a political process, not censorship. And the world must seek a better way of dealing with speech online than allowing tech oligopolies to take control of fundamental liberties. ●

they have banned people, including the president, pushing **fringe** voices further from the mainstream. In some cases action was needed but overall there was no clear test for when speech should be banned. The internet's infrastructure, including cloud-computing services, which should be neutral, risks being drawn into divisive partisan battles.

**5.** The other problem is who made the decisions. The tech industry's concentration means that a few unelected and unaccountable executives are in control.

**fringe** members of a political party with extreme views / **mainstream** conventional, general, here, established, moderate / **overall** in general / **test** here, criteria / **speech** formal talk, here, freedom of expression / **to be drawn into** to be pulled into, mixed up with.

**5. unaccountable** who are not held to account / **executive** director, senior employee / **perhaps** maybe /

Perhaps their intent really is to protect democracy, but they may also have other, less elevated motives. Some Democrats cheered, but they should evaluate any new speech regime based on its broader application. Otherwise an act that silenced their enemies last week could become a precedent for silencing them in future.

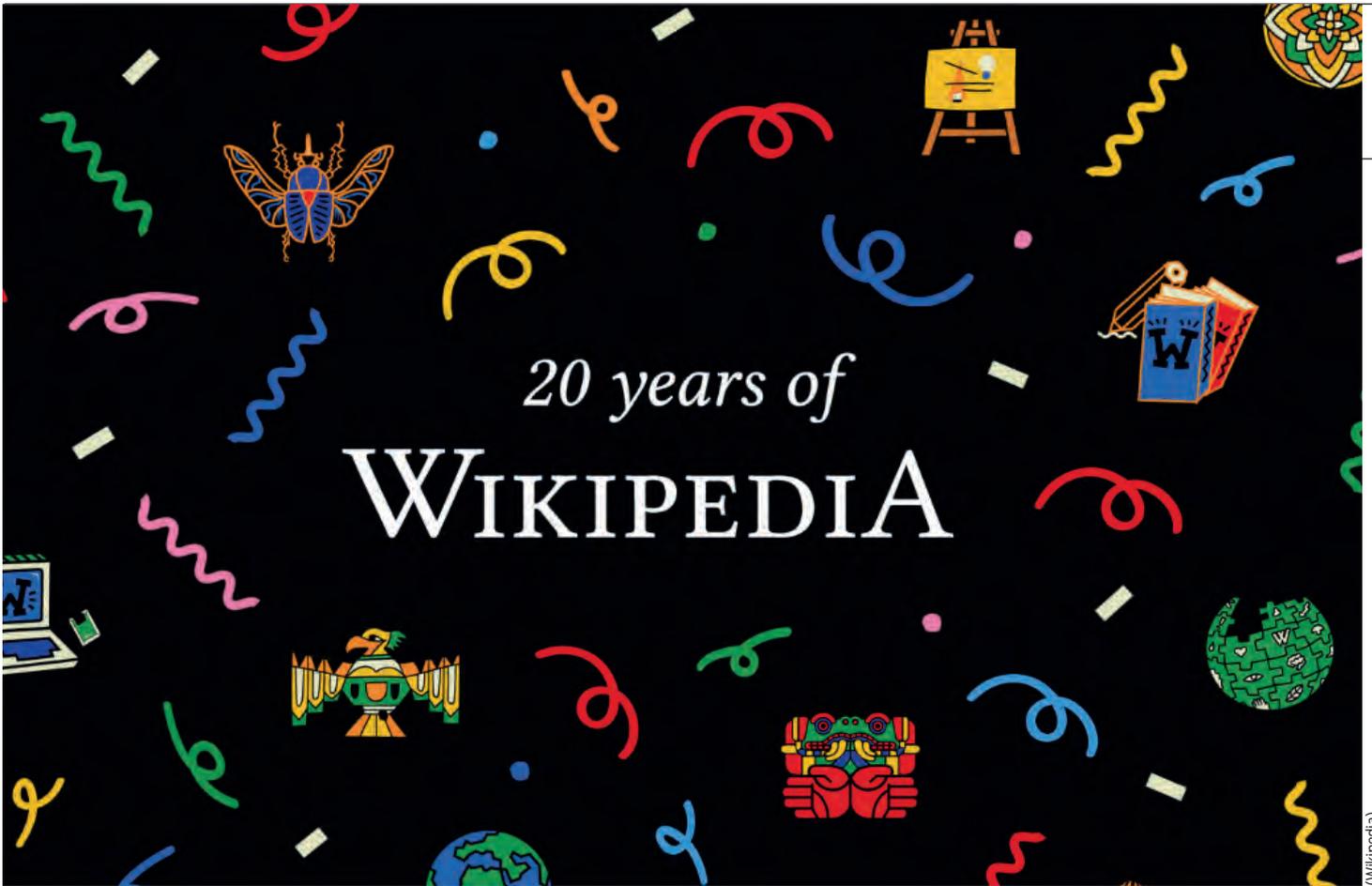
**6.** The regrets were telling. Angela Merkel, Germany's leader, said that private firms should not determine speech **rules**. Alexei Navalny, a Russian dissident, decried an "unacceptable act of censorship".

**intent** intention / **elevated** laudable, well-meaning, well-intended / **motive** motivation / **to cheer** to applaud (fig.) / **broader** more global / **otherwise** or else / **to silence** to prohibit/prevent from speaking.

**6. telling** revealing / **rule** code of regulations /

## The bans that followed the storming of the Capitol were chaotic.

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(Wikipedia)

THE ECONOMIST

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY, WIKIPEDIA

## Wikipedia celebrates its 20th birthday

The most famous encyclopaedia on the internet celebrated its 20th birthday a few weeks ago. Essential tool for internet users, Wikipedia has also been the subject of numerous controversies and is often criticised for its lack of reliability. Its mission, however, is laudable: to render information free and accessible to all.

**W**ikipedia is clear on the matter: Wikipedia is not a reliable source. Yet on this particular question, few people seem to agree with the world's most popular encyclopedia. The site turned 20 in January, as the 13th-most-visited place on the web, offering more than 55m articles written in 300 languages. Worries about fake news, filter bubbles and market power have soured public opinion on the Utopian promises of

the early internet. But Wikipedia—written by amateurs, freely available to all—stands as the great exception. It is the dream that worked.

2. Or at least, mostly worked. Wikipedia's crowdsourced model remains vulnerable to the occasional hoaxer or chancer. In August

it emerged that many articles on the Scots version of the site had been written by an American editor who, by his own admission, was not really a speaker of the dialect. Nor is it free from honest mistakes. That can cause problems: for better or worse, powerful platforms from social-media firms to the World Health Organisation have come to

1. **matter** question, issue, subject / **reliable** dependable to be 100% accurate / **yet** however / **to turn** to become, here, to celebrate a birthday / **to sour** to disappoint /

**available** accessible / **to stand, stood, stood as** here, to assume a vertical position, to proudly occupy a place.

2. **crowdsourced** financed/created by a network of different people / **to remain** to continue (to be) / **hoaxer** person who wants to play a practical joke, joker / **chancer** opportunist /

**Scots** dialect spoken in certain regions of Scotland / **editor** person in charge of the content of a publication / **own** personal / **social-media** social-network / **World Health Organisation = WHO** (= l'OMS) specialised agency of the United Nations concerned with international public health /



## VIDEO BONUS

Happy Birthday, Wikipedia! Here is a quick resumé of its story, by its creators.

[www.vocable.fr/videos-anglais](http://www.vocable.fr/videos-anglais)

treat it as a wellspring of truth online (see article). All the same, the world is much better off for its existence.

3. Indeed, familiarity may have dulled the scale of its achievements. As well as being roughly as accurate as old-style encyclopedias, Wikipedia is also incomparably broader. Curious readers can learn about worthy subjects like Homer, general relativity or the Taiping Rebellion. They can also read about Québécois slang, the nature of magic in the *Harry Potter* novels and the fortunes of Yeovil Town Football Club, which toils in obscurity in the fifth tier of the English league. Denis Diderot, the 18th-century editor of the French *Encyclopédie*, hoped to “assemble all the knowledge scattered over the face of the Earth”. Wikipedia would have delighted him.

**“Denis Diderot, the 18th-century editor of the French *Encyclopédie*, would have been delighted by Wikipedia.”**

4. The project owes much of its success to its unique structure. Funded by donations, Wikipedia earns no profits. It has no venture-capital backers demanding growth at all costs. Without advertisers to satisfy, it can focus exclusively on the interests of its readers and contributors. It is curated and run by people, not machines. There is no recommendation algorithm humming away in the background, choosing what to show readers in order to keep them glued to the site for as long as possible.

### A DIFFERENT KIND OF TECH TITAN

5. Other tech titans should study its success. Relying on algorithms is one reason they have achieved enormous scale with so few employees. Yet the downsides have begun to haunt them. As the social-media giants hire ever more people as moderators, and write ever longer sets of rules about what is allowed, Wikipedia offers a lesson in how to run a human-powered website.

6. It is also a welcome boost for Enlightenment values, which have suffered at the hands of populism and authoritarian capitalism. If Wikipedia's occasional scandals make people approach it with a little scepticism, all the better, for fair-minded scepticism is a healthy attitude in general. Wikipedia sees itself as a work in progress. If a fact is wrong, it invites users to persuade others so that it can be corrected. Its internal culture holds that knowledge comes from evidence, reason

### Wikipedia contains:

**55 million** articles  
in **317** languages  
**0** advertisements  
and welcomes  
**1.7 billion** visitors  
per month.

advertisement publicity / billion = thousand million.

and good-faith debate, not pronouncements from the pulpit or the party.

7. Like any institution, Wikipedia has flaws. It sometimes fails to live up to its own ideals. The nature of crowdsourcing means its quality varies. The most popular articles receive the most scrutiny, and tend to be the best. That leaves a long tail of obscure entries of lower quality. Articles can be overlong, or too technical. Much of its magic comes from the distinctive culture that has built up among contributors—but cultures can be fragile.

8. Perhaps its biggest flaw is that, for all its breadth, it is still too narrow. The site's editors are mostly male, and mostly from North America and Europe (see Graphic detail). A small number do a disproportionate share of the work. That colours both the encyclopedia's choice of entries and the way it covers them. Wikipedians have been trying to change that, but progress has been too slow.

9. A lot is at stake. In rich, liberal countries, where information is widely available, Wikipedia is a convenience. In poorer places, and illiberal ones, it can be quietly revolutionary. ●

**to treat** to consider / **wellspring** source / **all the same** nevertheless, even so / **to be better off** to be in a better situation.

3. **indeed** in fact, in truth / **to dull** to reduce / **scale** degree of importance / **achievement** accomplishment / **roughly** approximately / **accurate** precise / **broad** vast, wide / **worthy** noble, serious / **Taiping Rebellion** civil war in China from 1850-1864 / **slang** informal language / **novel** book, work of fiction / **fortune** events during the course of sb's life / **to toil** to work very hard, to labour / **tier** level, here, division / **knowledge** information / **scattered** dispersed / **to delight** to please greatly.



## Quelques exemples de mots onomatopéiques en anglais :

**hum** (s 5) *vrombir*  
**mumble** *marmonner*  
**hiss** *siffler*  
**tick-tock** *tic-tac*  
**splash** *plouf*  
**crash, bang, wallop!** *badaboum*  
**whack!** *vlan!*

4. **to owe** to have sth as a result of... / **to fund** to finance / **to earn** to make (money) / **profit** financial gain / **backer** person who gives financial support / **to demand** to insist on / **growth** economic development / **advertiser** company which buys space to publicize a product / **to focus on** to concentrate on / **to curate** to organise / **to run, ran, run** to manage / **to hum away** to make a low continuous sound (when a machine is turned on), here, to be activated / **background** at the back / **in order to** to.

5. **to rely on** to depend on / **downside** disadvantage, negative aspect / **to haunt** here, to trouble / **to hire** to employ, to recruit / **set** list / **rule** regulation / **to allow** to authorize.

6. **boost** encouragement, promotion / **for** here, because / **fair-minded** equitable / **healthy** beneficial, good / **to hold, held, held** to believe to be true / **evidence** (inv.) proof /

**pronouncement** declaration / **pulpit** elevated platform in a church where a priest preaches.

7. **flaw** failing, defect / **to fail to** to not successfully do sth / **tail** elongated part at the back of some animals/birds, here, list / **entry** listed definition/explanation.

8. **breadth** diversity / **narrow** limited, restricted / **share** part / **to colour** to influence / **to cover** to treat.

9. **at stake** at risk / **widely** extensively, fully / **convenience** practical utility.



Noor Inayat Khan wearing a military uniform, circa 1943. She was the first woman to be trained as a wireless operator in the UK during WW2. (Wikimedia Commons)

THE GUARDIAN | LANRE BAKARE

# SPY BECOMES FIRST WOMAN OF SOUTH ASIAN DESCENT TO GET BLUE PLAQUE IN LONDON

Spy becomes first woman of south Asian descent to get blue plaque in London

It is a tradition in the United Kingdom to place a blue plaque on houses to signal that a famous person lived there at some point in time. Recently, the home of Noor Inayat Khan was awarded that distinction. She was a spy working for the British during WWII, and has now become the first Asian woman to feature on a blue plaque. Discover the story of this little known historical figure.

A spy who operated in occupied France for months during the second world war has become the first woman of south Asian descent to be given a blue plaque in London. Her former family home in Bloomsbury has been recognised by English Heritage after first being nominated 14 years ago.

2. The award came after work by a group that was set up in 2016 to address the lack of diversity in the scheme. When the working group began, only 33 of the more than 900 plaques were dedicated to black and Asian figures. Even now, only about 14% celebrate women. Anna Eavis, the curatorial director of English Heritage, said it was vital that a more diverse selection of blue plaques were awarded.

3. Khan's biographer, Shrabani Basu, said the spy – who went by the codename Madeleine – was also a talented musician and a published children's author before becoming an unlikely candidate for Britain's "first Muslim war heroine in Europe".

1. former past, previous / to recognise to distinguish (officially), honour.

2. award honour, distinction / to set, set, set up to create, establish / to address here, to fight against / lack absence of / scheme system / figure influential person / curatorial here, of the commission (for the allocation of commemorative plaques).

3. unlikely improbable, unexpected / muslim follower of the Islamic religion.

4. Basu said: "She was fluent in French, she knew the area, and she was a brilliant radio operator. So she went in under cover behind enemy lines and she worked there for three months setting up crucial links and sending information back to London."

## FAMOUS IN BRITAIN, AS WELL AS IN FRANCE!

5. Born in Russia to an Indian father and an American mother, Khan was a descendant of Tipu Sultan, the 18th-century Muslim ruler of Mysore, and spent the majority of her life in France. The country posthumously awarded her the French Croix de Guerre for her efforts behind enemy lines.

"She's highly decorated, but her story was forgotten," said Basu.

6. Khan came to Britain with her family after France fell in November 1940. She became the first female radio operator and was

4. fluent able to speak (a foreign language) without difficulty / area here, region / link liaison, connection.

5. to here, (born) of (parents) / ruler leader, here, sovereign / posthumously after death (of the recipient) / highly very.

sent into Nazi-occupied France by the Special Operations Executive. She was originally thought not best suited to life in the field because she was considered a "dreamer" and her superiors feared that her Sufi faith might mean she lacked a ruthless edge.

7. Basu said Khan's allegiance to Britain was also questioned because of her family's strong links to the Indian independence movement. But despite the doubts and dangers – radio operators were expected to last only six weeks in the field because it was so difficult – Khan worked successfully for three months and was only captured by the Gestapo after being betrayed. She was kept in

Pforzheim prison before being moved to Dachau concentration camp where she was executed in 1944. ●

6. Special Operations Executive leaders of the special operations group of the British secret service on active duty during the Second World War / suited adapted, here, appropriate / field terrain, here, behind enemy lines in France / to fear to be afraid of, worry about / faith religion / ruthless merciless / edge side, here, aspect of one's personality.

7. strong powerful, here, solid, substantial / to be expected to to be predicted to / to betray here, to denounce (by a collaborator with the enemy) / to keep, kept here, to hold, imprison, detain.



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## Is this Lady Diana, or Kristen Stewart?

The American actress was chosen to impersonate the famous Princess in the upcoming royal biopic *Spencer*. The choice was contested at first – as Stewart, like most of the *Spencer* cast, isn't British – but this photo led cinema critics to re-consider their judgment. This Autumn, British actress Emma Corrin was praised for her interpretation of Lady Diana in the latest season of the period drama, *The Crown*. Let's hope that Stewart's interpretation will be equally "crowned" with success.

**to impersonate** to portray / **upcoming** coming soon / **cast** actors and actresses in a film / **to lead, led, led** here, to cause / **to praise** to express approval of, applaud / **period drama** film based on an historical era / **to be crowned with success** here, to attract favourable reviews.



## Does Barbie have a girlfriend?

Over the past few years, Mattel's famous Barbie dolls have suffered criticism, being accused of promoting unrealistic standards of beauty and a conservative vision of women. The company responded by releasing more diverse Barbie dolls, including Barbies with different skin tones, body types and careers. In 2020, it even had a black Barbie running for President. Recently, a picture of Barbie with another female doll, both wearing "love wins" t-shirts,

resurfaced on social media. LGBTQ+ activists and their allies playfully asked the company if they planned to create a girlfriend for Barbie. Will this be the next step on Mattel's diversity agenda?

**doll** toy figure of a person / **criticism** disapproval, censure / **to promote** to encourage, favour / **to release** here, to put on the market / **skin** here, complexion / **to run, ran, run for** to be a candidate for / **LGBTQ = Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer** / **playfully** humorously / **step** stage, phase.



## Welcome aboard the TikTok ship!

26 year-old Nathan Evans had no idea he would be launching a worldwide trend on TikTok when he recorded himself singing *The Wellerman*, a 19th century sea shanty from New Zealand. Suddenly, TikTok users from all around the world started singing along, reviving old sea shanties on the platform – to the point that famous musicians also started to follow the trend. Evans has now quit his job as a postman in Scotland and signed a deal with Polydor to record an official version of the song, which has already entered the UK Top 40!

**welcome aboard...** expression used on a plane/boat to greet passengers / **ship** large boat / **worldwide** international, global / **trend** general tendency, fashion / **to record** to preserve sth digitally / **to sing, sang, sung along** to accompany, to sing simultaneously / **shanty** sailor's song / **to revive** to bring sth back, renew / **deal** contract.



## The ravens of the Tower of London

When it comes to the tower of London, the British are a bit superstitious: legend states that if less than six ravens are kept at the castle, the kingdom will fall. So, when ravenmaster Christopher Skaife announced that one of them had died, bringing the number of birds to just seven, he had to reassure the press. "We do have [one more] than the required six," he stated, "And of course, I still have a spare one, so we're OK at the moment." Britain's future now seems to be safe...

**raven** large black bird of the crow family, considered a harbinger of death / **to state** to say / **castle** fortified house or fortress; residence of royalty or nobility / **kingdom** realm / **ravenmaster** keeper/guardian of the birds / **spare** here, one in reserve.

# Amanda Gorman

A few weeks ago, the poet, Amanda Gorman, was relatively unknown. But the performance of her poem, *The Hill We Climb*, a hymn to unify a divided America, was a highlight of the presidential inauguration ceremony. This article traces the meteoric rise of this young 22-year-old artist.

## 1 Early life

Born in 1998, 22-year-old Amanda Gorman is the youngest poet to have performed at a presidential inauguration. Raised by her mother in Los Angeles, she attended Harvard, graduating in Sociology.

**to perform** to do an act of some kind on stage for an audience or cameras, here, to recite a poem / **inauguration** presidential investiture ceremony / **to raise** to bring up, see children through to adulthood / **to attend** to be a student at / **to graduate** to obtain a diploma.

## 2 Why did Joe Biden choose her?

Gorman was the first recipient of the National Youth Poet Laureate in 2017 – an award attributed to a young person producing remarkable poetry/spoken word. She is also famous for her activism, having worked with a variety of non-profit organisations focusing on issues such as feminism, race and marginalisation. Jill Biden knew of her, and recommended her to the President.

**recipient** person who receives sth, beneficiary / **award** prize, honour, distinction / **remarkable** incredible, extraordinary / **activism** here, to take part in a cause (political, benevolent, cultural etc.) / **non-profit** not to make money / **to focus on** to concentrate on / **issue** problem, matter, subject.

## 3 Poetry is back in fashion!

A poet is always invited to recite a poem at the presidential inauguration. But Gorman's piece was extremely successful and highly praised by the press. The day after the inauguration, her two upcoming poetry books topped the Amazon best seller list. A proof that poetry can still be modern and relevant!

**in fashion** in vogue, popular / **to praise** to applaud (fig.) / **upcoming** imminent, soon to be published / **to top** to be number one (in) / **best seller** most sold / **proof** evidence, indication / **relevant** pertinent.

## 4 The Hill We Climb

Here are a few extracts from the poem she performed at the inauguration ceremony, *The Hill We Climb*. It is an ode to a divided, yet hopeful and strong America, and an encouragement for American people to come together.

*"But in all the bridges we've made,  
that is the promise to glade,  
the hill we climb.*

*If only we dare.*

*It's because being American is more than a pride  
we inherit,  
it's the past we step into  
and how we repair it.*

*...  
We will not march back to what was,  
but move to what shall be.*

*A country that is bruised but whole,  
benevolent but bold,  
fierce and free.*

*...  
For there is always light,*

*if only we're brave enough to see it.  
If only we're brave enough to be it."*

**hill** small mountain / **to climb** to go up, ascend / **bridge** here, link / **to glade** to create a clearing (in a forest) / **to dare** to have the courage to / **pride** feeling of honour or self-respect / **to step into** to enter into / **bruised** injured, marked on the skin from being hit / **whole** complete, here, together (as one unified nation) / **benevolent** charitable / **bold** audacious / **brave** courageous.

## 5 President Gorman?

Gorman's ambition doesn't stop with poetry; she wants to run for President in 2036, as soon as she reaches the legal age of 35. She alluded to this ambition in her inauguration poem, as a symbol of what America has achieved as a country:

*"We the successors of a country and a time  
where a skinny Black girl  
descended from slaves and raised by a single mother  
can dream of becoming president  
only to find herself reciting for one."*

**to run, ran, run for** to be a candidate for / **to reach** to arrive at / **to allude** to refer to / **to achieve** to accomplish / **time** era, époque / **skinny** very thin / **slave** person who is owned by and who works for another / **single** without a partner.



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# THE SCIENCE OF WHEN: HOW OUR BRAIN RECORDS TIME

**New research into the way our brain perceives the passage of time**

How do we recall a certain period of our life? Why do we tend to confuse the days when they are seemingly uneventful? A group of scientists have managed to observe how our brains perceive time. *The Independent* explains.



**I**n a new study, a research team based in Dallas reported the first strong evidence to date of so-called “time cells” in the human brain. The finding was not unexpected: in recent years,

several research groups have isolated neurons in rodents that track time intervals. It’s where the scientists look for these cells, and how they identified them, that provide some insight into the subjective experiences of time.

2. “The first thing to say is that, strictly speaking, there are no such things as ‘time cells’ in the brain,” says Gyorgy Buzsaki, a neuroscientist at New York University. “There is no neural clock. What happens in the brain is neurons change in response to other neurons.” He adds: “Having said that, it’s a useful concept to talk about how this neural substrate represents the passage of what we call time.”



1. **to report** to announce, state / **evidence** (inv.) proof / **to date** until now, up to now / **so-called** named, commonly termed / **cell** here, neuron / **finding** discovery / **unexpected** unforeseen, unanticipated / **several** a number of / **rodent** small mammal with sharp incisors / **to track** to detect, monitor, trace, follow / **to look for** to search for / **to provide** to furnish, offer, ensure / **insight** idea, (beginning of) understanding.

2. **such** ...of this kind / **to happen** to take place / **in response to** in reaction to / **having said that** that (being) said, although true....

3. In the new study, a team led by Dr Bradley Lega, a neurosurgeon at University of Texas Southwestern Medical Centre, analysed the firing of cells in the medial temporal area, a region deep in the brain that is essential for memory formation and retrieval

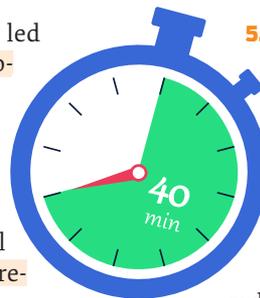


## ENCODING TIME

4. The team took recordings from 27 people with epilepsy, who were being monitored for surgery. These patients played computer games that test thinking and memory, while researchers watched what happened to the firing patterns of cells. In this experiment, the subjects tried to memorise lists of words, presented one at a time, a second or so apart. The subjects then had 30 seconds to freely recall as many as they could.

3. **neurosurgeon** brain surgeon / **to fire** ref. to action potential, part of the neural membrane opens to allow positively charged ions inside the cell and negatively charged ions out / **area** zone, region; here, **medial temporal area** medial temporal lobe / **deep** a long way down inside / **retrieval** process of accessing information from memory.

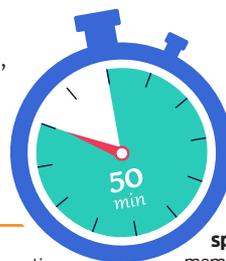
4. **to watch** to observe / **pattern** characteristic / **experiment** scientific test / **or so** approximately / **apart** distance between them / **to recall** to remember.



5. The researchers found that certain neurons fired during a specific window of the free-recall period. This firing was related only to time, not to anything else. And when those particular cells fired more precisely in a person’s temporal sweet-spot, he or she remembered words in close to the order in which they were originally presented.

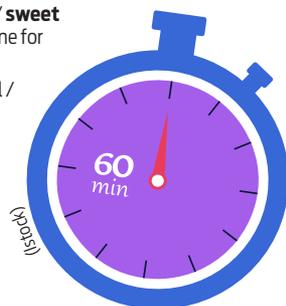
**“Strictly speaking, there are no such things as ‘time cells’ in the brain”**

6. “These cells are encoding information related to time, and this information is clearly important for memory,” Dr Lega says. There is no constant rhythm or background beat; the time signal is conjured as needed. “There’s no internal metronome, or clock,” he says. The time cells are “firing to support what you’re doing”. That is, time cells adjust to the demands being made on the brain, in real time, moment to moment. ●



5. **to be related to** to be linked to / **particular** precise / **sweet spot** here, optimal zone for memory recall.

6. **background** basic or normal / **beat** rhythm / **to conjure** to produce / **to support** here, to provide for, back up, assist with / **that is** that is to say, in other words.



THE INDEPENDENT HARRY COCKBURN

# WHAT'S THE LARGEST CREATURE TO HAVE EVER WALKED ON EARTH?

## Discovery of the biggest dinosaur to date

What is the largest creature to ever walk on earth? New archeological evidence has been found and exhumed revealing the bones of a hitherto unknown giant dinosaur. Who was this dinosaur that was almost as big as a whale. and how did its body support such a size and weight?

**A** new and gigantic dinosaur which could rival the largest known species is being unearthed in Argentina. A collection of bones found in Neuquén Province in northwest Patagonia have been identified as those from the sauropod family of dinosaurs, which had immensely long necks and tails, pillar-like legs, and includes species that grew to the largest sizes of land animals known to have ever existed.

2. However, the remains are not a complete skeleton, and consist mainly of pelvic bones and vertebrae, only giving an indication of the enormous scale of the animal. The authors of a paper presenting the research suggest the animal could come from a previously unknown population of Patagonian sauropods.

3. The closest relative is Andesaurus, a type of "super-sized titanosaur" which existed during the middle of the Cretaceous Period in South America. These large sauropods grew to be 18 metres long. However, the fossilised bone fragments indicate the new titanosaur was far larger, easily exceeding Andesaurus in size and likely making it bigger than the largest known land animals, the Patagotitan and Argentinosaurus - both types of sauropods.

4. The new specimen is "considered one of the largest sauropods ever found, probably exceed-

1. **species (inv.)** group of animals or plants within a genus / **to unearth** to dig up, take out of the ground / **tail** elongated part at the back of some animals / **pillar-like** like columns of a building, massive / **ever** at any time.

2. **remains** here, bones / **scale** here, size / **paper** here, study / **previously** before this, until now.

3. **relative** here, species of the same genus / **far** here, much / **to exceed** to surpass, to go beyond / **likely** potentially, probably / **to make, made, made it bigger than** to exceed.



A dinosaur skeleton inside of London's Natural History Museum. (SIPA)

ing Patagotitan in size", the authors said. Patagotitan is believed to have weighed almost 60 tonnes, reached lengths of over 31 metres and at the time, experts said, was considered to be "the largest animal known that walked on Earth."

5. The find provides paleontologists with a greater understanding of the emergence of gigantic sauropod dinosaurs, how they evolved, and how they lived. It appears numerous sauropod species lived alongside one another, suggesting they occupied different roles in the food web, the scientists said. Sauropod dinosaurs were once widespread,

4. **to weigh** to measure in density, to have a weight of / **almost** nearly / **to reach** to attain, arrive at / **length** measurement from one end to the other / **over** more than / **time** era, époque.

5. **find** discovery / **to provide** to offer, supply, here, to allow / **to appear** to seem / **alongside one another** together, here, at the same time in the same place / **food web** food chain, network of food provision between species in an ecosystem / **once** here, at one time in the past / **widespread** extensive, covering a wide area.

and fossilised remains have been found on every continent on Earth, including Antarctica.

### HOW COULD IT LIVE ON LAND?

6. When early paleontologists first studied the bones of these enormous dinosaurs during the Victorian period, it was commonly thought that due to their size sauropod species were largely water-dwelling animals, however, later research revealed the adaptations which allowed these huge creatures to live on land. These include a system of air sacs and pneumatic, hollow bones, similar to those of present day birds.

7. The largest animal ever to have existed remains the blue whale, which can reach maximum sizes of 33.5 metres long and weigh 173 tonnes. ●

6. **early** first, initial / **commonly** generally, mostly / **largely** principally / **water-dwelling** living in the water (as opp. to on land) / **to allow** to enable, permit / **huge** gigantic / **hollow** with an empty cavity or space inside.

7. **whale** large sea mammal, cetacean.





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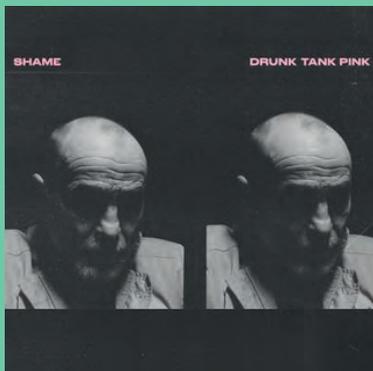
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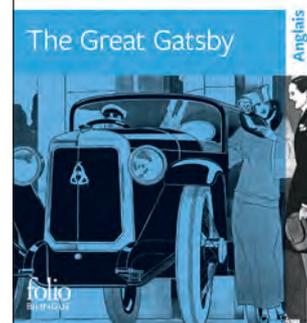
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## NO MORE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM?

Joe Biden's presidency started with intent and ambition: on his first day in office, he signed 17 executive orders – and kept going until, after a couple of weeks, he had reversed most of Trump's policies. This cartoon shows an elephant, symbol of the Republican Party, getting ejected from its seat by the weight of all this new legislation. These include rejoining the Paris Climate Agreement, promoting racial equality, and mandatory mask wearing on federal property. This running start has been praised by commentators: so far, President Biden is living up to the promises he made during his campaign.

**the elephant in the room** the big thing no one dares to talk about but is on everybody's mind; here, also a reference to the elephant as a symbol of Republican Party / **in office** in power / **executive order** (presidential) decree / **to reverse** here, to cancel / **cartoon** humorous, satirical design / **mandatory** compulsory, obligatory / **running start** fast, instant start, here not taking time to acclimatise / **to praise** to applaud (fig.) / **to live up to** to fulfil expectations, be as good as expected.

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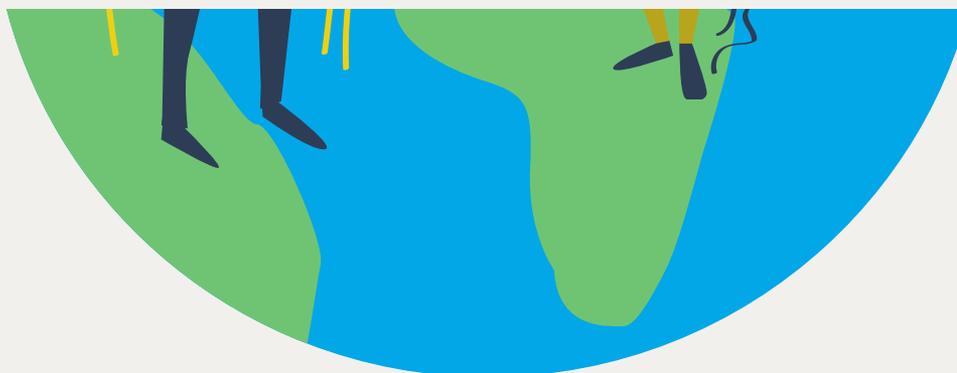
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