

Events of 2012

WORKSHEET A

Exercise 1

Decide if the following statements are true or false, then bet a minimum of 10 points up to a maximum of 50 on your choice.

		True/ False	Points bet	Points lost	Points won
1	Barack Obama of the Democratic Party easily won the US presidential election in November. He received 64% of the votes while Mitt Romney of the Republican Party got only 35%.				
2	In London in July and August, women's boxing became part of the Olympic Games® for the first time.				
3	The US team won the most medals at the London Olympics. China was in second place and Great Britain in third.				
4	The latest James Bond film, <i>Skyfall</i> , was the seventh James Bond film ever made.				
5	In the US presidential election, more than 90% of people who were able to vote did so.				
6	In <i>Skyfall</i> , the role of James Bond was played by the British actor Daniel Craig.				
7	The video for 'Gangnam Style' by South Korean rapper Psy became the most watched clip ever on YouTube.				
8	By the end of 2012 more than 1.4 billion people – about 20% of the world's population – owned an iPhone®.				
9	In June, Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom celebrated her Diamond Jubilee, which means she has been on the throne for 40 years.				
10	In October, Felix Baumgartner of Austria set the record for the highest-ever skydive when he jumped out of a balloon 39 kilometres above the Earth. He fell for more than four minutes before opening his parachute and landing safely.				
Total points lost and won					
Final total (subtract total points lost from total points won)					

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Exercise 2

The text below is factually correct, but there is one mistake in each line. How many of the mistakes can you find and correct?

- (1) The most important politic event of 2012 was probably the United States
- (2) president election in November – although only 58% of people who were able
- (3) to vote did so. Barack Obama of the Democratic Party was re-elect as president,
- (4) but it was close: he recieved 51% of the votes while Mitt Romney of the
- (5) Republican Party gets 48%.

- (6) The two biggest events Britain were the Diamond Jubilee celebrations, to mark
- (7) the fact that Queen Elizabeth II has been on the thone for 60 years, and the
- (8) Olympic Games[®] in London. The Great Britain team did very good in the
- (9) Olympics, winning the three highest number of medals behind the United States
- (10) and China. Women's boxe was included in the Games for the first time.

- (11) One of most popular films in cinemas around the world was the latest James
- (12) Bond aventure, *Skyfall*, with British actor Daniel Craig in the main role. It was
- (13) the twenty-third Bond film; the first was *Dr. No* on 1962.

- (14) Apple[®] brought out the *iPhone 5*, and of course many people bought it as quick
- (15) as they could. It is estimate that about 250 million people – 3.5% of the world's
- (16) populations – now own an iPhone[®].

- (17) A South Korean rap called Psy became famous worldwide thanks to the
- (18) video for his song 'Gangnam Style'. By end of the year it was the most watched
- (19) clip ever at YouTube.

- (20) An Austria man named Felix Baumgartner skydived from a balloon
- (21) 39 kilometres above the Erth. He fell for more than four minutes, reaching a
- (22) speed of more than 1,000 kilometres per hour, before opening his parachoot and
- (23) grounding safely in New Mexico in the south-west of the United States.

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