Sixty Years

Below are various events that have occurred since *Forum* began publication 60 years ago. But a word is missing from each event. First, unscramble the words in the Words section. Then, place each unscrambled word in a blank to complete the sentences in the Events section. Finally, at the bottom, place the events in the order in which they occurred. As an example, we have completed the items related to the first issue of *Forum*. Can you unscramble, complete, and order the rest?

**Words**
- tens ➔ __________
- leedcet ➔ __________
- sued ➔ __________
- cambee ➔ __________
- whons ➔ __________
- dessap ➔ __________
- klawed ➔ __________
- bagen ➔ __________
- lods ➔ __________
- brateleced ➔ __________
- dinevent ➔ __________

**Events**
A. The COVID pandemic __________.
B. People around the world __________ the new millennium.
C. The first *Star Wars* movie was __________ in theaters.
D. Barack Obama was __________ president of the United States for the first time.
E. The first issue of *English Teaching Forum* was __________ to teachers.
F. The song and music video “Despacito” __________ a hit.
G. The first cell phones were __________ to the public.
H. The population of the world __________ 7 billion.
I. Ernő Rubik __________ the Rubik’s Cube.
J. The first Harry Potter book was __________.
K. Human beings __________ on the moon for the first time.
L. The word *selfie* was first __________.

Now can you put the events in order, from the first one that happened to the most recent? (For most people, this will not be easy!)

1. E (the first event) 5. _____ 9. _____
2. _____ 6. _____ 10. _____
3. _____ 7. _____ 11. _____
4. _____ 8. _____ 12. _____ (the most recent event)

Hint #1: All the Words are past-tense verbs.
Hint #2: Work back and forth between solving the Words section and solving the Events section.

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Answers to The Lighter Side

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The Events in Order

1. The COVID pandemic began.  (2019/2020)
2. B. People around the world celebrated the new millennium.  (2000)
4. C. The first Star Wars movie was shown in theaters.  (1977)
5. G. The first cell phones were sold to the public.  (1983)
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8. H. The population of the world passed 7 billion.  (2011)
9. D. Barack Obama was elected president of the United States for the first time.  (2008)
12. E. The first issue of English Teaching Forum was sent to teachers.  (1967)

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