

## Sixty Years

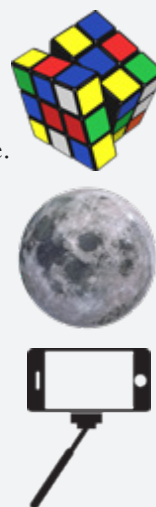
**B**elow are various events that have occurred since *Forum* began publication 60 years ago. But a word is missing from each event. First, unscramble the words in the Words section. Then, place each unscrambled word in a blank to complete the sentences in the Events section. Finally, at the bottom, 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 → <u>sent</u>	whons → _____	lods → _____
lecdeet → _____	dessap → _____	brateleced → _____
sued → _____	klawed → _____	blishpude → _____
cambee → _____	bagen → _____	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 sent 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!)

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|-------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. <u>E</u> (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.

## Answers to *THE LIGHTER SIDE*

### SIXTY YEARS

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|---------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| 1. E (60 years ago) | 5. G (1983) | 9. D (2008)       |
| 2. K (1969)         | 6. J (1997) | 10. H (2011)      |
| 3. I (1974)         | 7. B (2000) | 11. F (2017)      |
| 4. C (1977)         | 8. L (2002) | 12. A (2019/2020) |

#### The Events in Order

- A. The COVID pandemic began.
- B. People around the world celebrated the new millennium.
- C. The first *Star Wars* movie was shown in theaters.
- D. Barack Obama was elected president of the United States for the first time.
- E. The first issue of *English Teaching Forum* was sent to teachers.
- F. The song and music video "Despacito" became a hit.
- G. The first cell phones were sold to the public.
- H. The population of the world passed 7 billion.
- I. Erno Rubik invented the Rubik's Cube.
- J. The first Harry Potter book was published.
- K. Human beings walked on the moon for the first time.
- L. The word *selfie* was first used.

#### Events

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|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| tens → sent       | whons → shown   | lods → sold             |
| lectect → elected | desap → passed  | bratlecced → celebrated |
| sued → used       | klawed → walked | blishpude → published   |
| cambee → became   | bagen → began   | dinevent → invented     |

#### Words