

Pissarro Times

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The 49.3 by-rou

On February 3, 2025, French Prime Minister François Bayrou used Article 49.3 of the Constitution to pass the 2025 budget without a parliamentary vote. This procedure allows the government to adopt a law without a vote unless a vote of non confidence (motion of censure) is filed and approved by the National Assembly.



Afterwards, the Prime Minister used Article 49.3 again, to pass other parts of the budget, including the social security budget. These actions led to additional *motions of censure*, but the government continued to overcome them, solidifying its position.

This move led to an opposition *motion of censure* being filed. On February 5, the Bayrou government survived the vote thanks in part to support from the National Rally (RN), which allowed the government to remain in power.

In a nutshell, François Bayrou's repeated use of Article 49.3 to pass the 2025 budget without a parliamentary vote resulted in several *motions of censure*. The government successfully overcame them, partly due to RN support, ensuring the budget's adoption and maintaining government stability.



INEQUALITIES BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN

The German ski jumper Selina Freitag recently spoke about the inequalities between men and women in sports, after receiving as a bonus towels, shampoo and shower gel.



During the 24/25 Two Nights Tour which is part of the ski jumping World Cup, Selena Freitag complained about women receiving “no bonus”, whereas men were gifted 3200 €. Even while breaking the record for the highest ski jump, it was as if she was told (as she said) "There, sorry, unfortunately we didn't have a 500 note available". Also, the gap between the winners of the The Four Tremplins Tour and the Two Nights Tour is huge, approximately 100 000 €, which is absolutely unacceptable and highlights the difference of treatment between women and men.

“Tonight, the FC Nantes U15 girls will sell cakes in the stands to finance their participation in a tournament abroad (payment only in cash)”

Another shocking inequality between women and men is budget management. For instance, the FC Nantes’ girls U15 section had to finance a trip by baking and selling cakes which highlights how low the budget for women truly is. That is an absolute shame, considering that FC Nantes is a Ligue 1 club (1st division in men’s football) and generated more than 45 million euros in 2024. Giving the youth, an opportunity to travel and play abroad would result into them learning and playing better, which hopefully further increases the club reputation.



The supercup winners are here!

Every January, some of the top 5 leagues in the world organise a tournament between the league winner, the domestic cup winner and the runners-up of both competitions.



In the Spanish Supercup, the final opposed the two biggest rivals in football history, FC Barcelona and Real Madrid after both clubs respectively won comfortably against Athletic Bilbao and RCD Mallorca. Even though Barça was performing poorly in the last 10 matches, they remained on the continuity of last October's El Clasico, where they've beaten Madrid 4-0, by absolutely smoking them again in a 5-2 win with a brace from Raphinha, goals from Lewandowski, the best goal scorer in the last 5 seasons, the phenomenon Lamine Yamal and the rising left-back Alejandro Balde. It is also Hansi Flick's first trophy as a Barcelona Manager

The Italian Supercup Final was as impressive, because it again opposed two rivals, AC Milan and Inter Milan. Inter won comfortably against Atalanta, with a brace from Dumfries. AC Milan beat Juve by regaining the lead in the 75th minute. During the final, Inter dominated in the first half, after the Frenchman Théo Hernandez led the remontada by scoring a magical free-kick, followed by goals from Pulisic, and a late winner from Abraham. This fixture was also the occasion to pump up the rivalry between Dumfries and Hernandez who played against each other a lot in Italy and in the Euros, featuring a lot of trashtalk.

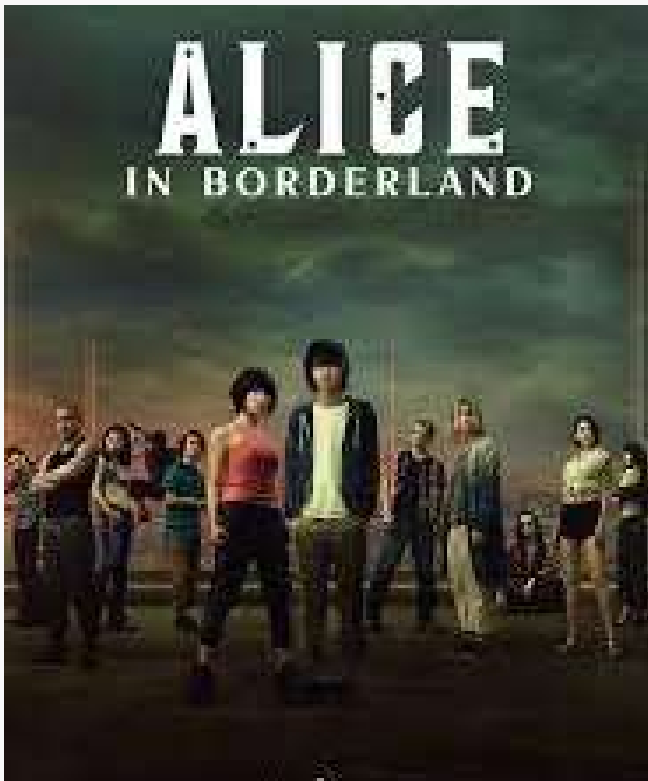


Lastly, the French Champion and Cup winner Paris Saint-Germain played against Monaco, runners-up in ligue 1 in a single match. It was held in stadium 974 in Qatar, which was used for the 2022 FIFA world cup. PSG have had a lot of chances in the "Trophée des Champions" but the score remained 0-0 until the 92nd minute, when Ousmane Dembelé, the former Barcelona player, scored an easy goal to secure the win. Paris Saint-Germain remains the club that has won the competition the most and Marquinhos, the club captain, has equaled Marco Verratti for the most wins.



Alice in Borderland

Series on Netflix



Arisu and his friends have barely escaped the clutches of their twisted world, but the true nightmare is only just beginning. As they uncover shocking truths about the game, alliances will be tested, and nothing will ever be the same. Who can you trust when everyone is playing to win? The clock is ticking. Will they make it out alive—or will they be swallowed by the chaos?

The ultimate game is far from over. Are you ready to play?

Alice in Borderland is a Japanese science fiction thriller series based on the manga of the same name by Haro Aso. The show follows Arisu Ryohei, a disillusioned young man, who finds himself and his friends transported to a strange, deserted version of Tokyo. In this new world, they are forced to participate in deadly games where survival depends on their wit, strategy, and teamwork. Each game is governed by different rules, with the stakes growing increasingly high as the characters struggle to escape and uncover the secrets behind the bizarre, life-threatening reality they've been thrust into. As they navigate these dangerous challenges, they encounter other players, face moral dilemmas, and uncover hidden motives, all while trying to stay alive and discover the truth about their predicament. The series blends psychological suspense, action, and mystery, with intense, high-stakes drama that keeps viewers on the edge of their seats.

**THE THIRD SEASON IS
COMING!!**





Arctic Monkeys

The story of Arctic Monkeys



The most famous album from the Arctic Monkeys is the fifth one “AM”. “AM” was released in 2013. It debuted at number 1 in 10 countries around the world and charted in the top 10 in 27 others. To date, their songs have been streamed globally 6 billion times with 5.5 million streams listened to every day. You should know the most famous song of the album “I wanna be yours” but it also has many other songs as “One for the road “ , “Arabella”...

If you are into sports you probably have seen the Arctic Monkeys at the open ceremony of the 2012 Olympic games.

Arctic Monkeys is a British indie Rock band from from Sheffield. It was formed in 2002. The band is composed of Alex Turner, Jamie Cook, Matt Helders, Nick O’Malley. The group also gained the following of many people on the social media platform MySpace, and are now described as one of the first bands to come to the public’s attention throughout the Internet. Their first album, “Whatever’s People Say I am, That’s what I’m Not”, came out in 2006 and this album was ranked 7 on NME’s list of the 500 greatest songs of all time. The debut track of this album ‘I bet you look good on the Dancefloor’ went straight to number 1 of the UK Singles Chart. With this album they won the Mercury Prize and was chosed as the album of the years by the Q Magazine. They were also nominated three times at the Grammy Awards

Knowing the band was first a bunch of kids playing in a garage, we can say they had a great evolution !

Fun Fact, in May 2006 an article from Blender magazine explained that Alex Turner was not the band's singer at the start! After their first singer, Glyn Jones quit the band, Alex Turner took the microphone





The creation of false mental illnesses due to social media.



PRESENTATION OF A DISEASE

Tourette's disease is a mental disorder that creates tics as well as uncontrollable movements and sentences. These symptoms are very graphic and can be surprising. That's why they are so popular on social media because the attention of people is attracted by videos of people with Tourette's. This has led to a huge popularisation of this rare illness and has created a lot of fake ideas about it.

Social media has increased the number of reported cases of Tourette's syndrome, especially due to some influencers who have faked the condition to gain attention. A famous case involved a TikToker who claimed to have the syndrome, but experts later proved she was faking it. This kind of behavior has led to a rise in false "diagnoses," with many young people developing tics after being exposed to such content.

A study published in *The British Medical Journal* in March 2021 highlighted this sudden phenomenon. In London, specialized tic clinics at the city's two main children's hospitals used to receive around four to six acute cases in young girls per year (out of approximately 200 cases in 2019-2020). However, between late 2020 and January 2021, these clinics started seeing three to four cases like that per week. Similarly, at Westmead Children's Hospital in Sydney, such cases previously accounted for about 2-5% of patients referred for tics. In the first half of 2021, this figure skyrocketed to 35%.

Valentine's Day



THE MDL ORGANIZES ITS ANNUAL ROSE SALE!

THIS YEAR THINGS ARE CHANGING AT PISSARRO!

YOU OR A FRIEND WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DISTRIBUTING THE ROSES :)

Meet us in the courtyard in front of the school during recess on Thursday, February 13, for the direct sale of roses to your soulmate, friend or member of the teaching staff!

♥ ♥ ROSE PRICES :
1€ THE ROSE | 0.50€ FOR MDL MEMBERS

WE'LL GIVE YOU SOME PAPER TO WRITE YOUR LOVE NOTES ON!

WARNING: STOCK OF ROSES IS LIMITED



Every year, the school gives us the possibility to buy roses and they deliver it anonymously to their recipients.

However, this year, we had to give it directly to the recipients and we didn't have to go through the MDL.

The price of roses didn't change, it's 1€ and 0.5€ for the MDL members.

BUT if you don't have the money or the time to buy one of our roses, don't worry, here's what we recommend to spend Valentine's day with your partner.

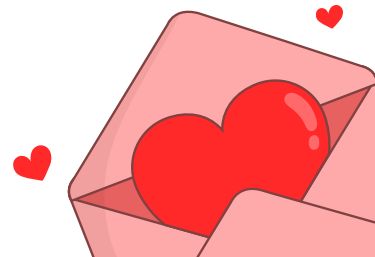
Create a Cozy Winter Atmosphere:

- Set up a blanket and fairy lights
- Prepare a fondue night with various dips
- Create an indoor picnic with your favorite snacks
- Enjoy your date

For single people

If you don't have a partner, don't worry ! You don't have to wait until you're in a relationship to treat yourself to gifts because you are unique !

Don't stop be-leafing !





Montreal



Discover this Canadian city...



History:

Montreal, the largest city in the province of Quebec, has a fascinating history that blends French, British, and Canadian cultures. Originally inhabited by the St. Lawrence Iroquoians, the area was later colonized by the French in 1642. It became a major fur trade hub before being ceded to Britain in 1763. The city has evolved into a vibrant cosmopolitan center, known for its multiculturalism, rich arts scene, and blend of European and North American influences.

Why should you visit it?

Montreal offers a unique mix of old-world charm and modern flair. The cobblestone streets of Old Montreal (Vieux-Montréal) transport you back in time, while neighborhoods like Plateau Mont-Royal buzz with trendy cafes, street art, and vibrant nightlife. The city's food scene is a true highlight, from iconic dishes like poutine and smoked meat sandwiches to a growing focus on international cuisine and innovative dining experiences.

Activities:

What can you do? There's no shortage of activities in Montreal! You can explore the beautiful Mount Royal (Mont Royal) for stunning views of the city, hike or picnic in the surrounding park. Museums like the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts and the Pointe-à-Callière Museum offer deep dives into art and history. In the summer, the city is known for its festivals, including the Montreal International Jazz Festival and Just for Laughs comedy festival. And don't forget to take a stroll down Saint-Denis Street for shopping, or visit one of its many markets like Jean-Talon for a taste of local produce.



ENJOY YOUR TRIP !!

INTERVIEWS





ABOUT

MRS. SUIIRE

For students who may want to follow your path, could you tell us about it?

So, competitive exams in philosophy aren't very easy, because there aren't many available positions. In fact, it's a subject that's only taught in the final year of secondary school, and now a little bit in Première, so there aren't that many positions. What I'd advise you to do is to take a preparatory class (CPGE), because, from an intellectual point of view, it's a very good training and it also prepares you to take competitive exams.

But it's also possible to go to university. In fact, I have students who became Philosophy teachers and who went to university.

Students often have misconceptions about Philosophy, so is it difficult to interest them during lessons?

First of all, it depends on the class. Some classes are more reluctant towards Philosophy than others. Because Philosophy is a subject that requires both the qualities found in Mathematics, for example the ability to construct a logical line of reasoning, and also literary qualities, because you need to be able to express yourself, at least a little.

And unfortunately, there are classes that have difficulties in both these areas, in logic and in expression, but I believe that there are questions that interest every human being, whoever they may be.

And so, even if you don't necessarily manage to be passionate about every subject, there's always a moment when it wakes you up a little. Then there are classes that are more into it, like HLP for example, where the students are much more passionate, at least on the surface level. And then there are people who are only half-listening and then come back later and say "ah I remember that" and then, having had experiences, they actually realize that some questions we'd asked that were important.





Why did you decide to become a teacher?

Because I was actually studying Philosophy, and when you do Philosophy, one of the main openings is to become a teacher. But in fact, there are other possibilities, many more than you might think. You can take administrative exams, you can work in human resources, in companies and so on. But I was so passionate about Philosophy that I just wanted a job where I could talk about it.

What pieces of advice could you give us to get a good grade at the Baccalauréat's Philosophy exam?

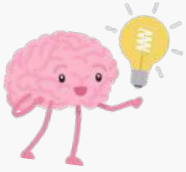
Reading, listening to methodological advice, practising essays. When I say read, it's important because you also have to enjoy thinking.

And in fact, a good essay is one in which you pay attention to the question being asked. And, when you enjoy thinking, it shows. So here it is: revise your method, practice, read books, revise your lessons, just like in other subjects.

What are your hobbies?

So I spend a lot of time reading, actually, so I don't know if it can be considered a hobby. It seems to me a sense of interest that we're doing something other than in our own environment. I read a lot, I write a lot and I swim. I don't like swimming. I love swimming. So here I am, testing out Cergy's new Nordic pool thanks to Mr Gauchon. And frankly, the Nordic pool, in February, in the cold, is great. I think it's amazing out there! I play music with my children as well.



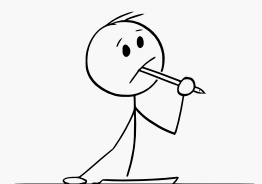


Teachers are often confronted with conflicts, especially parents' criticism. Has this ever happened to you. If so, how did you react?

That hasn't happened to me very often. I'm rather diplomatic, so as a rule they don't get too upset. It happened to me once, I remember, at the beginning of my career, there was a mother who was very angry because her daughter couldn't do an essay.

And in fact, she came to see me and explained that I didn't know how to do an essay and that she knew better. She was a nurse, but she told me that the method I'd given her daughter wasn't the right one. So I said to her: well, listen, in that case your daughter can just follow her method, well... your method. And that calmed the mother down. I think it was the only time I've ever had a really angry parent, and in fact she followed her mother's method and didn't get her Baccalauréat. So she took the year again, and then she said that maybe she should follow the method of the teacher. But no, frankly, I have hardly ever seen parents.

And when I do, it's usually to tell me they're happy. I don't think many people come to see the Philosophy teacher. Or when they do, it's to find out what I look like. They generally don't know what Philosophy is at all, and so they say that their children talk about it at home, or they tell me about the Philosophy teacher they had during their final year. So, I don't know if it's me or if it's the fact that I'm a Philosophy teacher. But I've never told myself that it was a job where it was difficult with parents. I think it's also because I'm not an elementary school teacher or a middle school teacher: I already have grown-up children, so often parents either don't see me, or I see them because their children are actually happy and they want to tell me about it, or they don't understand some things and they want to ask me.





Can you tell us about your best lessons? The one where you had the best time?

Oh... I don't know but I think there's a course I should do with you soon that I did last year too. It's about Kierkegaard, a Danish philosopher, and about Nietzsche. The question I ask is "how can we become ourselves?". It's a course I particularly like because... Well, you'll see for yourself if it suits you. But I don't know, there are things about existence that I find very profound and that even interest me, at least for the moment, that's it.

Do teachers have favorite students?

So, actually, it's a complicated question to answer. I don't really have any favorite students. In fact, it's a bit like asking the question, do you have a favorite child? You see, it's because I find that what's also interesting about this job is the diversity of students. And even students who are very complicated, with whom it can sometimes be a bit confrontational in certain classes. So it's not often, but it happens, these are students who in hindsight are able to say ah well yes, but it was still good of you to tell me not to talk about all that, and well there you go, after that I admit that I have a preference not for this or that student, but for example, I like it when students participate, when you can actually feel that there's an intellectual interest. But I think that's a test, because it actually brings the lesson alive. It's good for me.

Thank you Mrs. Suire for this interview!





ABOUT

MRS HERIPRET

Can you tell us a little about your professional career ?

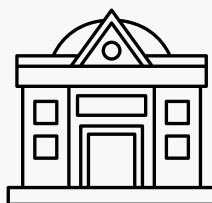
So before my professional career, I studied. First, I got a Bac B, with a major in Economic Science. After that, I did a BTS and I took a degree in Industrial Marketing. So, I worked in a private company. And then I went to the IUFM. I became a teacher and an educational coordinator in an apprenticeship program. Then I took the administrative exam to become a headmaster. As a teacher, I got posted in the Versailles Academy and I've been in this academy for 18 years now. Before getting the headmaster position at Camille Pissarro, I was at Julie-Victoire Daubié (high school) in Argenteuil. This is my third position as a high school headmaster.



What do you like about our high school and what are the current main projects ?

What I like about Camille Pissarro high school, it is its diversity of courses and its diversity of students. It's a very dynamic school with a lot of projects. The educational teams give their best and are very attentive to the success of their students. There are a lot of cultural projects, linguistic projects, a lot of trips as well. Concerning current projects, well.. the list is very long. We have literature lessons, we have the short story contest which is starting now, we also projects with elementary schools with the British International section and also in Spanish with Mrs Corbacho. We also have projects with the MDL (*Maison Des Lycéens*). For instance, on Thursday there is the sale of roses for Valentine's Day. We have projects with the canteen, with some students (who are in the food commission) participating in the creation of menus. It's a beautiful school thanks to all these projects, thanks to all the teams and thanks to the students.

We agree with you!
Thank you Mrs. Heripret !

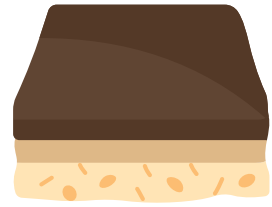


MISCELLANEOUS





SHORTBREAD MILLIONAIRES



Ingredients:

- 180 g of flour
- 120 g of cream butter
- 180 g of sugar
- 1 teaspoon of baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 box of condensed milk
- 2 teaspoons of honey
- 200 g of milk chocolate

For 8 people

Preparation : 20 minutes

Cooking : 25 minutes

Rest time : 2 hours

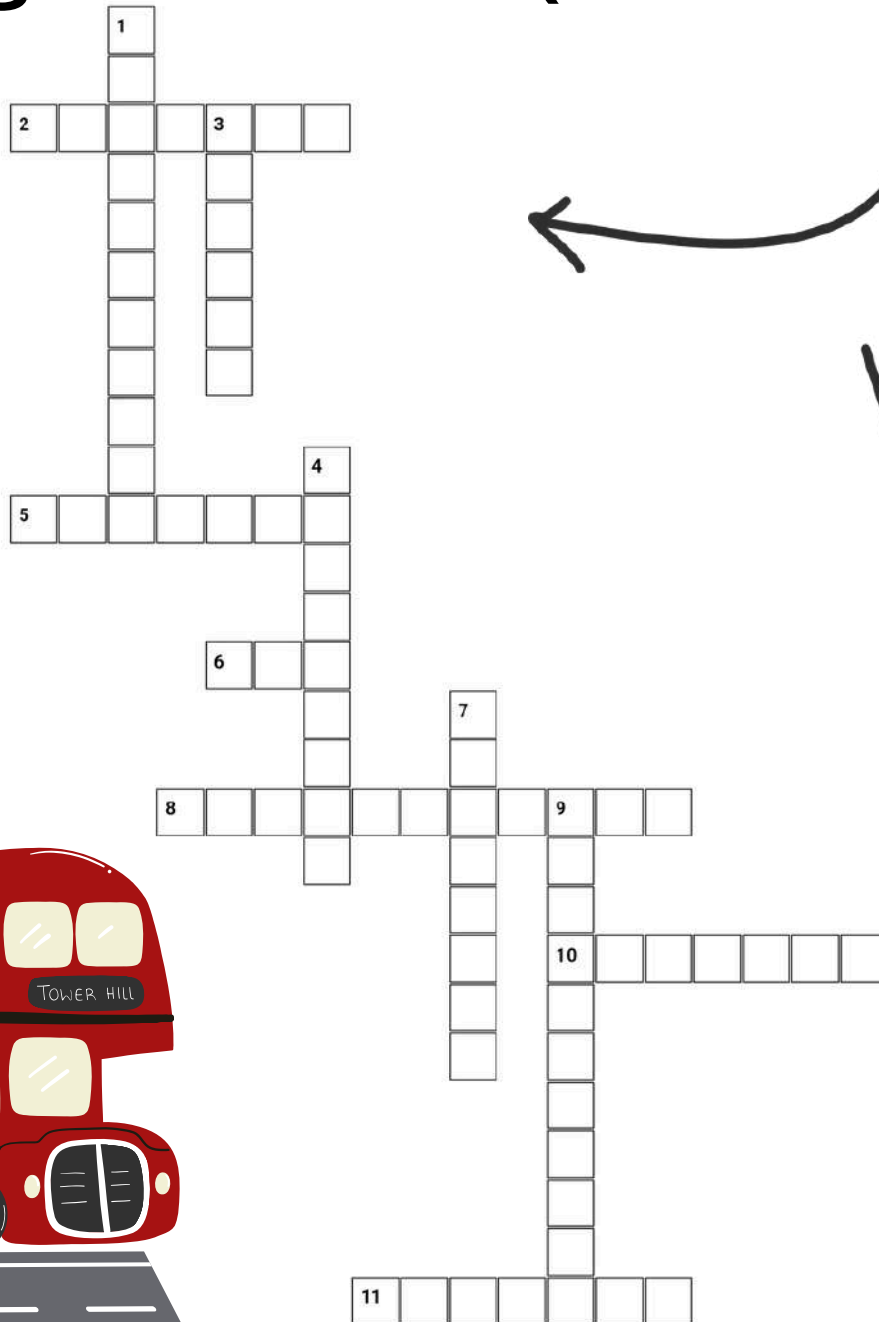


Instructions:

1. To prepare the shortbread: Place a lightly greased 20cm square frame on a baking mat, and then set it on a baking sheet. Preheat your oven to 170°C (gas mark 5-6) for fan-assisted baking.
2. In a bowl, combine the flour, cream butter, 60 g of sugar, salt, and baking powder. Knead the mixture until it forms a ball (you can use a mixer for this step if you prefer). Spread the dough evenly across the bottom of the frame, smoothing the surface. Bake the shortbread for 25 minutes; it should not turn brown. Once done, remove it from the oven and let it cool in the frame.
3. To prepare the caramel fudge: In a saucepan, add the butter cut into pieces, 120 g of sugar, condensed milk, and honey. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly. ⚠ Be cautious, as the mixture contains a lot of sugar and can burn easily. Keep an eye on the temperature and continue stirring. The caramel fudge is ready when it becomes creamy and amber in color. Immediately pour the caramel over the shortbread and smooth the surface with a spatula. Allow the caramel to set at room temperature.
4. To prepare the millionaire shortbread topping: Gently melt the milk chocolate in the microwave. Stir vigorously to ensure all pieces are fully melted. Pour the melted chocolate over the caramel and let it chill in the fridge for 2 hours. You can add some fruit on top if you like.



English culture (crossword)



Horizontal

- 2. The name of the king
- 5. Located on the west of United Kingdom
- 6. A place where we can drink a beer
- 8. the most famous wizard of the world
- 10. Region where we can found the city of Birmingham or Liverpool
- 11. The big clock of London

Vertical

- 1. To be or not to be
- 3. The capital city of United Kingdom
- 4. The capital city of Scotland
- 7. Region famous for their kilt
- 9. The famous bridge of London

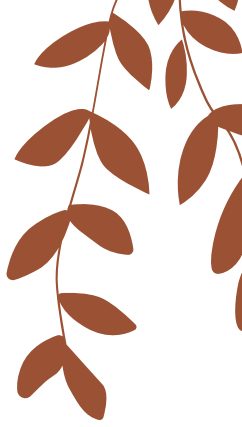


*Good!
Luck!*





JOKES OF THE DAY



HE USED TO TAKE HIS DOG TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY, BUT HE FINALLY HAD TO STOP. - HOW COME?

ANSWER : THE DOG GRADUATED.

BRIAN, DO YOU THINK I'M A BAD MOTHER?

SON'S ANSWER : WELL, MY NAME IS PAUL !

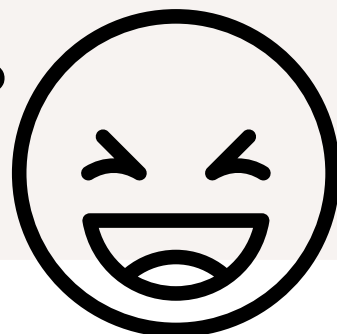
WHY IS SIX AFRAID OF SEVEN?

ANSWER : BECAUSE SEVEN EIGHT NINE

WHAT ANIMAL IS ALWAYS AT A BASEBALL GAME ?

ANSWER : A BAT

FUNNY RIGHT ?



**THE AMC
SENIOR
STUDENTS'
CONTRIBUTION**



Music as an instrument of soft power for the USA

*How does music contribute to the
soft power of the United States?*

How would you explain the topic of your oral in a few sentences?

My topic explores American music from its creation, presenting various genres and revolutionary artists. It shows how music is not only a major cultural element but also a reflection of American history and influence. Thanks to the English language, American music is easily accessible worldwide, making it the most listened to, both in album sales and on streaming platforms. Even though international artists are gaining more recognition, American music remains the dominant reference. That's the reasons why music continues to have a role in the United States' soft power.



Why did you choose this subject?

I chose this subject because since I was little, I've always been interested by music, and especially American music. I myself listen to American artists every single day, a lot of musical genres such as rock, pop, and even rap music, for example with Nirvana, Mitski, or Eminem. In my opinion, it's insane to see how much their music revolutionized the music world.

Why did you choose AMC as your major?

I chose AMC as my major because English has always been one of my favorite subjects since primary school. Moreover, I've always been pretty good at English. That's why I chose to join the European section at Pissarro. It was also a choice for my future, with the aim of having a better chance of getting into the university I want.

What are your plans for next year?

I have several plans for next year. My ideal is to do a degree in international relations. Otherwise I'd also like to do a degree in political sciences. If not, I'll probably go for an Anglo-American law degree or a basic law degree.

How do you picture yourself in 10 years?

In 10 years, my ideal would be to work in politics and international relations, with the aim of becoming a diplomat or ambassador. Of course, I'd also like to travel all over the world.

What is the best piece of advice you'd give to someone who wants to improve their English?

To improve your English and have fun at the same time, I recommend watching films and series, and reading books in English. You can also listen to English-language music and try to understand it little by little. In my experience, video games have helped me a lot, as I've had to learn to engage in conversations with people from all over the world. If possible, it would be ideal to travel to English-speaking countries.

Eva

The Evolution of Media in the U.S.

How has the evolution of the media in the United States, notably Fox News, influenced the elections and contributed to shaping public and political opinion?

How would you explain the topic of your oral in a few sentences?

This topic is about

- the evolution of the media in the U.S., from print to digital ;
- its impact on the elections, its influence online, in the shaping of the elections and media coverage & political polarisation ;
- as well as the impact of fake news, especially concerning the candidate and how it is shared on social medias.



Why did you choose this subject?

I chose this subject because I found it interesting and it can help to know what is happening inside the media. We can also, thanks to this oral, know the impact media have on the elections, on the public and their political opinion.

Why did you choose AMC as your major?

I chose AMC because since middle school, I've always loved learning English. I found the syllabus of this major really interesting. Indeed, I can improve my English and my vocabulary through events and issues about English-speaking countries.

What are your plans for next year?

For next year, I would like to do a LEA, degree in either English-Japanese or English-Korean or English-Spanish.

What is the best piece of advice you'd give to someone who wants to improve their English?

Watching videos in English, practice English alone or with someone,

Margot

The evolution of Hip-Hop since the 2000s in the USA

To what extent has the global commercialization of hip hop since 2000 influenced its evolution in the USA but also its authenticity?

How would you explain the topic of your oral in a few sentences?

I would say it is about every change you can find between Hip-Hop in the 2000s and now. I also talk about the commercialization of the genre and the impact that it has on it. It is about the initial values of Hip-Hop and what it was meant for at the beginning. In case you didn't know, it was made to express your feelings and your thoughts through music and dance. Dance is a language that you can communicate with. And most of the time, in New York where it was born, it was made to speak about racial and wealth inequalities, politics and every social related issue. It was a way for people to free themselves by dancing with other people in the streets, on the sound of a new born music in the 70s.



Why did you choose this subject?

I chose this subject because I'm a Hip-Hop dancer. And as I compete and train a lot, I find it more revealing that we are losing Hip-Hop's authenticity. Times are changing, of course, and so is Hip-Hop. But the very first idea of communicating about important subjects, dancing with each other, and connecting through dance and music is slowly losing itself. You can see that through social media. On TikTok, a lot of people dance to a Hip-Hop trend without even knowing why and what the significance of the dance is. So dances are even created just because it looks good. And I think it is a shame, and it should not be this way. And maybe by speaking and raising awareness, we can pay more attention to the initial Hip-Hop and its authenticity.

Why did you choose AMC as your major?

I chose AMC, because I love English and I plan on living somewhere else in the future. I also really like the fields that we deal with during the year, I find them really interesting. And I thought it was a good combination between the modern world, the news... And I love English in general. Plus, it really fits with HGGSP I think. AMC will be really helpful for me in the future.

What are your plans for next year?

I plan on doing a "LLCER" English degree with a minor of PPPE (which stands for Preparatory course for teaching in schools). If I can, I would like to go to the Sorbonne in Paris.

If not, I am planning on doing a degree in "Science de l'éducation". There are plenty of universities around here but Paris would be my favorite location to go to next year.

How do you picture yourself in 10 years?

It is not really a question I ask myself because I am mostly concentrated on the present or the near future. But I guess I could say I can see myself in an English speaking country teaching little kids everything I know and helping them the best I can. And I see myself in an apartment, partying with my friends as much as I can, travelling, ...

What is the best piece of advice you'd give to someone who wants to improve their English?

The best advice I can give is: get out of your comfort zone. For those who can, I advise to travel alone to an English-speaking country to speak only English. And at home, watch movies or series in English. Listen to music in English as well. And finally try and read books in English. This is what will make you improve the most.

Malaurie

The impact of the American Dream in contemporary society

Is the American dream still a realistic ideal today?

How would you explain the topic of your oral in a few sentences?

I would say that the topic of my oral is talking about the origins of the American Dream, what this expression represents and also the fact that millions of people came to America to follow their dreams but only a few had the chance to do so because of all the inequalities and obstacles they had to deal with, even nowadays.

I would also say that my oral questions the reality of the ideal of the American Dream nowadays, showing that younger generations are less focusing on the idea that hard work means success, that they no longer "live to work" but they "work to live" and that their priorities are changing to be more collective than individual.



Why did you choose this subject?

I chose this topic because it seemed interesting to me to see if the vision that we have in the media of the American dream was realistic or not and to see the backstage of the American dream as well as its origins

Why did you choose AMC as your major?

I chose AMC as my major because I've always been pretty good at English and because I still needed to improve my English for after high school. Indeed, in the degree that I want to study, there are law courses in English. Moreover, even for after my studies, English will be pretty important for the job I want to have.

What are your plans for next year?

My plans for next year are to study for a law degree and to continue with a Master's degree in international law. Then, the idea would be to take the bar exam to finally become a lawyer. But I'm also hesitating to take a gap year break before coming back to school to work, save money for my studies and for some projects that I have in mind.

How do you picture yourself in 10 years?

I see myself doing my dream job which is to be a lawyer in international law while traveling the world whether it's for work or vacation

What is the best piece of advice you'd give to someone who wants to improve their English?

My best advice would be to listen to music with English lyrics and to watch tv shows and movies in English as well because that's what mostly helped me.

Rayan

Afro-American music: a key to communication and emancipation

How has Afro American music been a factor of communication and emancipation & how does it still influence today's society ?

How would you explain the topic of your oral in a few sentences?

The topic of my oral is that Afro-American music has been a key to communication and emancipation and still is nowadays. Afro-American music was used in cotton fields, for the slaves to talk with each other. They had to sing in an abstract way to communicate. And then, years after slavery was abolished the Afro-American music came in different forms such as blues , jazz , rock , rap and hip hop. These genres became a way to emancipate themselves and today black people are still fighting for rights throughout music.



Why did you choose this subject?

As a black person, I find it really interesting to know about my culture. I also love music and knowing the roots of the genres I like is really important to me because it a proof that music is way more important than we think, especially with the fact that it can denounce something really important that usually people don't care about in a way that they can listen and finally understand. Honestly I think music is the only way people can take a topic seriously because who doesn't listen to music ?

Why did you choose AMC as your major?

I chose AMC because when I was 5 yrs old I was already singing Love on top by Beyonce. English has always been a language I wanted to speak properly and it's also useful for someone like me who wants to travel the world and who will probably be working in international affairs or something like that. I had to choose it. Plus, English has always been my fav subject so yh.

What are your plans for next year?

For next year I want to study either in LEA, American law or IFSI (to be a nurse).

How do you picture yourself in 10 years?

In 10 years, I would like my mom to be healed from her cancer so she can watch her daughter be successful and to make her proud. I also want to travel with her a lot and to have money to live, not to survive.

What is the best piece of advice you'd give to someone who wants to improve their English?

The advice I would give to someone who wants to improve their English is to watch a lot of videos in English or also watch the lyrics of songs. It will help a lot.

Lindsay

Violence against women in the USA

How would you explain the topic of your oral in a few sentences?

My subject addresses the subject of violence against women, especially in the United States. Wanting to support these women, a # appeared on social networks



Why did you choose this subject?

I chose this subject because for me it is very important to talk about this. Today there is still violence against women .

Why did you choose AMC as your major?

I chose AMC because I find this subject interesting and enriching. This subject will help me for my future because I need to have a solid level in English

What are your plans for next year?

Next year I would like to do a BTS PI (real-estate professions) on a work-study basis and then continue with a law degree to deepen my knowledge of law.

How do you picture yourself in 10 years?

In 10 years I see myself fulfilled, having a stable job and being surrounded by good people

What is the best piece of advice you'd give to someone who wants to improve their English?

You need to work regularly at home, listen in class, participate, ask questions when you don't understand and watch series with English subtitles.

Flora

Rivalry in football

How does the rivalry between Liverpool and Manchester spread through football?

How would you explain the topic of your oral in a few sentences?

The main purpose of my oral in few words is to talk about: football, society and rivalry.

My presentation deals with the divide between Liverpool and Manchester and what it reveals.



Why did you choose this subject?

Football is an engaging and complex subject, which makes it more intriguing to me. This is because football involves many societal and economic aspects, such as rivalries. I believe football acts as a mirror reflecting people and society.

Why did you choose AMC as your major?

English is a key to travel across the world and exchange with each custom found on the globe.

How do you picture yourself in 10 years?

In an office abroad, I will be actively working alongside my teammates, collaborating on strategies, and discussing the details of a new business deal. This will involve negotiating terms, exploring potential opportunities, and ensuring we are aligned on our objectives to achieve the best possible outcome for the company. I'm excited for the opportunity to engage in such dynamic discussions in an international environment

What are your plans for next year?

I will continue my studies at a business school in Paris, specializing in the international field with a semi-work program. In the near future, I would like to become a salesperson.

Charles

Biohacking in the US: A Health Revolution or a Privilege for the Wealthy ?

Why is biohacking becoming so popular in the United States, and to what extent does it contribute to improving public health while deepening social inequalities ?

How would you explain the topic of your oral in a few sentences?

My oral is about Biohacking and the health crisis in the US, more precisely the impact it has on the population. It focuses on a famous biohacker named Bryan Johnson who claims to have reversed his aging process and also the future of health in the US with the new government.



Why did you choose this subject?

I chose this subject because I was already interested in Biohacking and I knew about Bryan Johnson before doing the oral. I had done some research on my own and I started to be fascinated by the biohacking world. At the same time, I became concerned about my health and the world's health. It motivated me to do my oral on this subject.

Why did you choose AMC as your major?

I have always liked English, since middle school. It has always been the subject in which I had the best grades and without having to study too much. At the same time, I was terrible in HLP so the choice was pretty easy.

What are your plans for next year?

Next year, I would like to join a BUT in marketing and business or a BUT in communication techniques to learn multiple skills for entrepreneurship.

What is the best piece of advice you'd give to someone who wants to improve their English?

It is pretty easy actually, you just need to watch English YouTube videos, movies, TV shows and do your research in English and your level will improve without even realizing it.

Robin

The impact of Indian immigration in the U.K

What does Indian cuisine say about Indian immigration?

How would you explain the topic of your oral in a few sentences?

My subject talks about the integration of Indian immigrants in the United Kingdom, in the century 21st. It explores why their integration has been difficult and how they left a part of their culture on the British territory (food , festivals...).



Why did you choose this subject?

I wanted to work on a topic about food because first, I love eating, but also because the culinary culture about other countries interests me. So I made the connection with an English-speaking country and especially one that gets talked about a lot.

Why did you choose AMC as your major?

I chose this major for my studies. And I'm sure that it's vital to work in the tourism sector to practice another language - especially English - and not just French.

What are your plans for next year?

Next year , I'm going study at a school specialized in tourism and hospitality (Vatel). It will be a 3 year degree.

How do you picture yourself in 10 years?

Omg, this question stresses me lol ! But seriously, I hope I will work in a profession that suits me , mainly in tourism if I still like it after my studies. And I hope that I will have my house and someone to share my life with in this house.

Thalia

Fashion and Rap

How has rap and streetwear contributed to the development of fashion and illustrated the popular culture of our time?

How would you explain the topic of your oral in a few sentences?

My oral explains the evolution of fashion through time especially during the 90s to nowadays. Also I talk about how the black community introduced their true self through their art especially through Rap. I deal with the impact of rap in the fashion industry and culture and his evolution.



Why did you choose this subject?

I chose this subject because I like fashion and I am a huge fan of music, so I wanted to combine these two topics in one. Also I wanted to do something different from what we usually learn at school and this subject had been on my mind for a very long time .

Why did you choose AMC as your major?

I chose AMC as my major because English was my first language when I was a child. When I started learning French, I forgot a lot of my skills but growing up I started to improve my English. And also, I love learning things about the world, improving my general knowledge. So, when I heard about AMC, I knew I would choose it, even though my English was not perfect.

What is the best piece of advice you'd give to someone who wants to improve their English?

I would say if you want to improve your English, watch many movies in English and also, if you like reading, read in English. It can be weird at first but you will be used to it with time. And it's normal to make mistakes.

What are your plans for next year?

For next year I would like to work in management, finance and economics. That's why I would like to do a BUT GEA or a degree in Economics or AES. Or maybe for my other plan I would work on international business.

How do you picture yourself in 10 years?

I think in 10 year i would be 28. I hope I have a lot of money and I think I would be traveling a lot with my friends, going to parties and doing a big project. I don't think I would be married, as it is not on my mind but I hope I will be happy, successful and wealthy.

Lydia

Importance of sports in the USA

How do sports in the USA shape the nation's identity and values while influencing its global image?

How would you explain the topic of your oral in a few sentences?

Sports are a big part of life in the U.S., shaping the country's culture and values. They're important in schools, helping students grow and even get scholarships for college. Sports also brings people together, with events like the Super Bowl creating a sense of community. On a global level, American leagues like the NBA and NFL spread U.S. culture and influence. However, they are challenges such as the pressure on athletes, doping and the fact that not everyone has the same access and opportunities to play a sport.



Why did you choose this subject?

I chose this subject because I love sports, it's my passion. I believe discussing international sports is important especially for people in other countries as it helps them understand how sport is evolving globally.

Why did you choose AMC as your major?

I chose AMC as my major because I love the language and I believe it's crucial to speak English fluently. It's especially important for traveling with my family or smth. Additionally, I know that English will be necessary for my future job, especially for missions, and it will help me develop the skills needed.

What are your plans for next year?

Next year, I plan to pursue a STAPS program and work towards a BAC+3 degree. I also want to get my motorcycle license and enjoy life to the fullest. A better physique as well.

How do you picture yourself in 10 years?

In 10 years, I hope to be serving in the Special Forces of the Army, having achieved my goals and dreams. I see myself growing both personally and professionally and on the path to financial success as well =)

What is the best piece of advice you'd give to someone who wants to improve their English?

Try to improve your English by watching series in English and speaking with others as much as possible. One of my biggest mistakes is thinking in French which makes it harder to speak fluently. So focus on thinking in English more often to help improve your skills !

Raphael

Women in Hollywood: Between Inequality and Change

How do the hypersexualization and underrepresentation of women in Hollywood perpetuate systemic inequalities in the film industry?

How would you explain the topic of your oral in a few sentences?

My oral presentation is about gender inequality in Hollywood. It focuses on the underrepresentation and hypersexualisation of women in the film industry. Despite some progress, women are still excluded from key creative and decision-making roles, and their on-screen portrayal often reinforces stereotypes. Movements like #MeToo have raised awareness, but structural barriers remain. In this oral, I discuss the current situation, the impact of scandals, and possible solutions to achieve gender equality in the industry.



Why did you choose this subject?

I chose this topic because gender inequality in Hollywood is still a major issue today. Women are underrepresented in creative and decision-making roles, and they are often hypersexualized on screen. Despite progress with movements like #MeToo, the film industry still struggles with systemic discrimination. This topic is important because cinema influences society, and the way women are portrayed on screen affects real-world perceptions and opportunities.

Why did you choose AMC as your major?

I chose AMC (Anglais Monde Contemporain) because it helps me improve my English while learning about current events and global issues. It also gives me useful knowledge for my future career, especially if I want to work in an international environment.

Melina

What are your plans for next year?

Next year, I'm going to study in a business and management school because I will be doing a DCG (Diplome de Comptabilité et de Gestion) in a work-study program. This means I will spend one week in class and the other working in an accounting firm in Paris, hopefully with a view on the Eiffel Tower!

How do you picture yourself in 10 years?

In 10 years, I see myself running my own accounting and financial consulting agency in Paris, based in a Haussmann-style building with a view on the Eiffel Tower. This would be the main headquarters, but I also envision expanding into a large international firm.

What is the best piece of advice you'd give to someone who wants to improve their English?

The best advice I received to improve my English was to watch movies and TV shows in English. Watching them in the original version helps me get used to the language, improve my listening skills, and learn new vocabulary naturally. It also makes learning more fun and engaging.

Algorithms in US elections

To what extent do social media algorithms, powered by artificial intelligence, influence societal and political dynamics, particularly during U.S. presidential elections?

How would you explain the topic of your oral in a few sentences?

- the impact of algorithms on the U.S elections and how they manipulate public opinion
- the impact on the polarization of society
- the impact of algorithms, the several types of initiatives to regulate that on USA elections.



Why did you choose this subject?

I chose this topic because I think elections are important in our daily life, for our general knowledge and to have a concrete opinion not only about our country but also other. We should talk about and compare the elections of other country, like the USA where they have a strong problem with democracy, especially with the polarization of society.. so much that it affects their life and beliefs.

Why did you choose AMC as your major?

I chose AMC because classes are dynamic and I love the culture of English-speaking country. I also chose it to improve my English, obviously

What are your plans for next year?

For the next few years, I would like to do an LEA, a degree in English and either Japanese or Spanish. I have plans to travel across the world with Elisabeth.

How do you picture yourself in 10 years?

I don't really know but I picture myself like someone who accomplished my goals, such as travelling and enjoying life.

What is the best piece of advice you'd give to someone who wants to improve their English?

Travel to English-speaking countries and watch movies or series in English to improve your level.

Ana

The Great Barrier Reef in Australia

*Is the Great Barrier Reef in Australia
just a tourist attraction?*

How would you explain the topic of your oral in a few sentences?

The topic of my oral presentation explores several aspects of this ecosystem. First, I discuss its role as a tourist attraction and as an economic pillar for Australia, supporting industries such as fishing as well as scientific research. However, it faces threats like climate change, coral bleaching, and pollution, which jeopardizes its ecological balance and the sectors that depend on it. Finally, I address the actions taken to combat these threats, such as conservation efforts and tourism regulations. In doing so, I demonstrate that the Great Barrier Reef is not just a tourist attraction, but a crucial ecosystem for Australia that requires an active protection.



The Great Barrier Reef in Australia

Why did you choose this subject?

At the beginning, I wanted to talk about tourism in general, but it wasn't specific enough. Indeed, this subject didn't focus on an English-speaking country, and it was too broad. That's why I opted for a topic that would allow me to talk about Australia, a country I love, and focus on a fascinating ecosystem. Having had the opportunity to discover a similar ecosystem in New Caledonia when I was 10, I find this subject very interesting and it allows me to link my passion for Australia with my interest for nature.

Why did you choose AMC as your major?

I chose AMC as my major because English has always been a language that interested me. I knew this subject would open doors for international studies, even though I wasn't sure yet what I wanted to do after high school. My English teachers told me that we cover many topics in AMC class, which would help me broaden my general knowledge.

What are your plans for next year?

My plans for next year are to continue my studies by enrolling in the English-Italian LEA bachelor's program at the Sorbonne. This degree will allow me to study both English and Italian, as well as take courses in economics, law, etc. At the same time, next year, I plan to travel a lot, which will help me broaden my horizons and gain new cultural and professional experiences.

How do you picture yourself in 10 years?

In 10 years I see myself living abroad, maybe in Australia or Italy, and working for a company in international business. Thanks to this job, I would travel a lot around the world, allowing me to gain many experiences and discover new cultures.

What is the best piece of advice you'd give to someone who wants to improve their English?

I think putting your phone in English is a great way to improve your English. At first, it might seem strange, but you end up learning a lot of words without even realizing it. By seeing them every day, your brain gets used to it, and you'll improve your level effortlessly.

Chloe

Cars in the USA and Europe

How do automobiles reflect the cultural differences between Europe and the U.S. ?

How would you explain the topic of your oral in a few sentences?

The subject I chose is about cars and motorsport events. The goal of my oral presentation is to compare the daily use of cars by Europeans and Americans, how cities are built around them, the differences in the cars themselves, and, at the same time, to compare the events around cars and motorsport events, which are very different



Why did you choose this subject?

I chose my subject mainly because I am passionate about automobiles and motorsports events. It's important to know your subject well in order to answer the questions at the end, so I thought it was a great idea to choose a subject in which I have a lot of knowledge. Moreover, I like learning about the differences between Europeans and the crazy things Americans can do.

Why did you choose AMC as your major?

To be honest, I thought I would quit AMC in Terminale, but my grades in maths made me change my plan. Also, I know that my English is quite good because I am also in the European section. Lastly, I like the fact that there is an oral as a final exam.

What are your plans for next year?

My plan for next year is to go to university and join an AES degree. Basically, it is multidisciplinary and there are classes in marketing, sociology, history, management, etc. Or maybe I will go for a BUT in communication techniques.

What is the best piece of advice you'd give to someone who wants to improve their English?

Watching series, YouTube videos, and playing video games in English. It is, for me, the best piece of advice to learn and to understand English. Try talking to natives to improve your oral skills.

Celestin