

"World Food Programme wins Nobel Peace Prize"

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The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) is the (1) winner of the 2020 Nobel Peace Prize. It was (2) awarded the prize by the Nobel Committee in Norway on Friday. The Nobel judges spoke about why they gave the award to the WFP. They said the WFP got the award, "for its (3) contribution to combat hunger" and "for its contribution to bettering conditions for peace in conflict-affected (4) areas". They said another reason was that the WFP acted, "as a driving force to (5) prevent the use of hunger as a weapon of war and conflict". The WFP tweeted: "We are (6) deeply humbled to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. This is an (7) incredible recognition of the dedication of the WFP family, working to end hunger every day in 80-(8) plus countries."

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The World Food Programme is the (9) largest humanitarian organization in the world. Last year, it gave help to more than 97 million people in 88 countries. Its workers and (10) volunteers often work in extremely dangerous (11) conditions. These can be in remote, hard-to-(12) access areas of the world. Over two-thirds of its work is in conflict-(13) affected countries. People in war zones are three times more likely to be undernourished than those in countries without conflict. The COVID-19 (14) pandemic has added to global food insecurity. The WFP said: "There will likely be 265 million (15) starving people within a year." The UN Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres, called the WFP "the world's first responder on the frontlines of food (16) insecurity".

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"A zeptosecond - the shortest unit of time ever measured"

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In today's world, many things are getting (1) shorter *point* and shorter. Scientists have just measured something incredibly *takes* short. They recorded the (2) shortest *shorter* unit of time ever measured. It is called a zeptosecond. This is a tiny, tiny, tiny (3) fraction *sense* of one second. It is a trillionth of a billionth of a second. This is a decimal (4) point *fraction* followed by 20 zeros and then a 1. The scientists study atomic (5) physics *small* at the Goethe University in Germany. They used special high-tech equipment to measure how long it (6) takes *shortest* a photon to cross a hydrogen molecule. The scientists said it took 247 zeptoseconds for this to happen. This is too (7) small *physics* for the human eye to see, and the time it takes is too fast for humans to (8) sense.

In 1999, Ahmed Zewail, an Egyptian chemist won the Nobel Prize *fire* in Chemistry for measuring the speed at which molecules change *shape* their (9) shape *mind*. He found that one femtosecond equals 0.000000000000001 seconds. This is a (10) decimal *followed* point followed by 14 zeros and then a 1, or a millionth of a billionth of one second. The zeptosecond *terms* measures things in (11) terms *shortest* of the speed of light. It is difficult for the human (12) mind *decimal* to understand these measurements. One millisecond is a thousandth of one second. This is the (13) time *time* for a neuron in the human brain to (14) fire. One nanosecond is one billionth of one second. The (15) shortest unit of time it may be possible to measure is one Planck. This is a decimal point (16) followed by 44 zeros and a 1.

KEY**PRESENT TENSE SIMPLE AND CONTINUOUS**

1. You can't see Jimmy now. He **is having** a bath. **(HAVE)**
2. He **never goes** to the theatre. **(NEVER GO)**
3. Anne **makes** all her clothes herself. At the moment she **is making** a dress for a fancy dress party **(MAKE, MAKE)**.
4. He usually **has** coffee for breakfast, but today **he's having** tea **(HAVE, HAVE)**.
5. I can't go home now because **it's raining**, and I **don't have** an umbrella. **(RAIN, NOT HAVE)**.
6. In Britain women normally **don't wear** hats. **(NOT WEAR)**
7. The sun **rises** in the east and **sets** in the west **(RISE, SET)**
8. Who **is making** that terrible noise outside? – It's Dad. **He's mowing** the lawn. **(MAKE, MOW)**
9. **I'm spending** this weekend near the coast. I **go** there nearly every weekend. **(SPEND, GO)**
10. She **smokes** thirty cigarettes a day but at the moment she **is trying** to stop. **(SMOKE, TRY)**
11. We **have** breakfast together every Sunday morning. **(HAVE)**
12. What's that smell. – It's in the kitchen. Something **is burning**. **(BURN)**
13. Who **are you speaking** to on the phone? – It's my friend Carry. **(SPEAK)**
14. I **am working** overtime this month because **I'm saving** up some money to buy a new car. **(WORK, SAVE)**
15. The moon **goes** around the earth **(GO)**
16. She usually **learns** languages very quickly, but she **is having / has** problems with Chinese **(LEARN, HAVE)**.
17. **Do you watch** TV every evening **(YOU WATCH)**.
18. He always **pays** his bills on time. **(PAY)**
19. How long **does it take** you to get to the office? – It takes me about half an hour **(IT TAKE, TAKE)**
20. The plane that **leaves** Heathrow at 9.15 is on schedule. **(LEAVE)**

PREPOSITIONS

KEY

1. I have to be at home **by** midnight **at** the latest.
2. He left a few days ago and we haven't heard from him **since** then.
3. The famous poet was born **on** the 12th of May **in** 1867.
4. Turn right **at** the first traffic lights, then turn left.
5. William of Normandy conquered Britain **in** 1066.
6. They live at the end **of** the street.
7. Judy has lost weight because she always goes to fitness classes **after** work.
8. We'll meet the day **after** tomorrow.
9. I saw the information **on** the internet.
10. Please handle these new porcelain plates **with** care.
11. The dog was run over **by** a car.
12. The shops are open **from** 9 to 5 today.
13. The town lies halfway **between** Rome and Naples.
14. They had to send **for** the doctor because his condition was getting worse.
15. The young boy was raised **by** his stepfather.
16. I didn't feel safe when I was walking home **from** the disco.
17. The valuable painting dates back **to** the 12th century.
18. Maria often travels abroad. It's part **of** her job.
19. I arranged to meet my friend **at** the corner of James and Bond Street.
20. The teacher was very pleased **with** what we had done.
21. Jane had to hurry in order to arrive at the meeting **in** time.
22. We usually go to school **by** bus.
23. We moved **to** the north side of London a few years ago.
24. The village is not **on** the map. It must be very small.
25. It was a very long voyage. We were **at** sea for over four weeks.

GENERAL VOCABULARY

KEY

1. Have you read the list of **ingredients** that are in this food product? (**RECIPES / INGREDIENTS / MAKINGS / ELEMENTS**)
2. The Internet can be used as a **means** of getting a lot of information in a short time. (**PROCESS / KIND / MEANS / MEASURE**)
3. Up to now scientists have not been able to find a **cure** for the disease. (**PRESERVE / HEALING / THERAPY / CURE**)
4. The average **consumption** of electricity per household has increased dramatically over the years. (**COMSUME / COMSUMING / CONSUMPTION / CONSUMERISM**)
5. There has been a lot of **controversy** about the upcoming election. (**UNDERSTANDING / HARMONY / ARGUMENT / CONTROVERSY**)
6. I was surprised to hear how many **species** of snakes there are all over the world. (**CLASSES / ORDERS / VARIETIES / SPECIES**)
7. During the Age of Exploration, the Spanish **conquered** many countries in South America. (**CONQUERED / OVERCAME / OVERTHREW / MASTERED**)
8. It is **essential** for you to practice often if you want to pass the test. (**KEY / PRINCIPAL / ESSENTIAL / FUNDAMENTAL**)
9. Pele began his soccer **career** when he was a teenager. (**CAREER / JOB / VOCATION / OCCUPATION**)
10. Those who **abuse** their pets should have them taken away. (**VIOLENCE / EXPLOIT / ABUSE / WASTE**)
11. He was **forced** to break up with his girlfriend because she cheated on him. (**PUSHED / FORCED / POWERED / DRIVEN**)
12. Regular exercise **contributes** to a healthy and longer life. (**CONTRIBUTES / SUPPLIES / PROVIDES / IMPACTS**)
13. The moon is **approximately** 400,000 km from the earth. (**EXACTLY / NEARLY / APPROXIMATELY / CLOSELY**)
14. She always wants to travel to **exotic** places in faraway countries. (**ALIEN / FAMILIAR / STRIKING / EXOTIC**)
15. During our first evening in the city we **explored** the shopping streets. (**SEARCHED / EXPLORED / INVESTIGATED / EXAMINED**)