2025 Year in Review

Use this key to check answers and read the explanations.

1. Which Japanese city hosted Expo 2025 on Yumeshima from April 13 to October 13?
   A. Osaka
   B. Tokyo
   C. Nagoya
   D. Yokohama
   Correct answer: A. Osaka
   The Expo calendar locates the site on Yumeshima in Osaka and records the six-month event period.

2. Who won Album of the Year at the 2025 Grammy Awards with Cowboy Carter?
   A. Billie Eilish
   B. Taylor Swift
   C. Beyoncé
   D. Sabrina Carpenter
   Correct answer: C. Beyoncé
   The Recording Academy lists Beyoncé's Cowboy Carter as the Album of the Year winner at the 67th Grammy Awards.

3. Firefly Aerospace's Blue Ghost lander delivered science instruments to the Mare Crisium basin on which celestial body in March 2025?
   A. Mars
   B. The Moon
   C. Venus
   D. Mercury
   Correct answer: B. The Moon
   NASA reported that Blue Ghost touched down on the near side of the Moon on March 2, 2025.

4. Which national team beat Spain in a penalty shootout to win the UEFA Women's EURO 2025 final in Basel?
   A. France
   B. Germany
   C. Sweden
   D. England
   Correct answer: D. England
   England and Spain finished extra time level at 1–1 on July 27. England won the shootout 3–1.

5. Which animated film earned Latvia its first Academy Award at the ceremony in March 2025?

A. The Wild Robot
B. Flow
C. Inside Out 2
D. Memoir of a Snail

Correct answer: B. Flow
Latvia's National Film Centre records the Animated Feature Film Oscar for Gints Zilbalodis's Flow, also known by its Latvian title Straume.

6. Deepa Bhasthi translated Banu Mushtaq's Heart Lamp, the 2025 International Booker Prize winner, into English. What was the original language?

A. Kannada
B. Tamil
C. Marathi
D. Malayalam

Correct answer: A. Kannada
The prize organisers identify Kannada as the original language of the twelve stories in Heart Lamp.

7. Which team defeated Australia at Lord's to win the 2025 ICC World Test Championship final?

A. New Zealand
B. India
C. England
D. South Africa

Correct answer: D. South Africa
The ICC records South Africa's five-wicket victory at Lord's on June 14, 2025.

8. Which Brazilian city did UNESCO designate as its World Book Capital for 2025?

A. Brasília
B. São Paulo
C. Rio de Janeiro
D. Salvador

Correct answer: C. Rio de Janeiro
UNESCO named Rio de Janeiro for the year beginning on April 23, 2025, World Book and Copyright Day.

9. Kirsty Coventry was elected the International Olympic Committee's first woman president in March 2025. In which sport had she won Olympic gold?

A. Swimming
B. Rowing
C. Athletics
D. Cycling

Correct answer: A. Swimming
The IOC's annual report records Coventry's election on March 20, 2025, and describes her as a two-time Olympic champion in swimming.

10. Which two governments co-hosted the 2025 United Nations Ocean Conference in Nice?

A. Italy and Chile
B. France and Brazil
C. Spain and Costa Rica
D. France and Costa Rica

Correct answer: D. France and Costa Rica
The conference organisers name France and Costa Rica as co-hosts of the June 9–13 meeting in Nice, France.

11. In the women's 1500 metres final at the 2025 World Athletics Championships, Faith Kipyegon ran 3:52.15 and Dorcus Ewoi ran 3:54.92. How much sooner did Kipyegon finish?

A. 3.01 seconds
B. 2.67 seconds
C. 2.77 seconds
D. 3.77 seconds

Correct answer: C. 2.77 seconds
The official times are 232.15 and 234.92 seconds. The difference is 2.77 seconds.

12. The Rubin Observatory's June 2025 release showed faint features in nebulae and newly discovered asteroids. Which caption explains how multiple images helped reveal both?

A. Combining exposures made asteroids stay in place. Comparing images over time showed the nebulae moving across the same field.
B. Combining exposures made faint nebula details visible. Comparing images over time showed asteroids moving.
C. Repeating the images made faint nebula features disappear. Asteroids were identified solely by their colour.
D. The new asteroids and the faint nebula features could both be identified from brightness alone in a single exposure.

Correct answer: B. Combining exposures made faint nebula details visible. Comparing images over time showed asteroids moving.
Rubin combined hundreds of exposures to show faint nebula details and identified asteroids by their changing positions across images.

13. Which description matches the metal-organic frameworks recognised by the 2025 Nobel Prize in Chemistry?

A. Loose metal particles dispersed in a gas without a repeating structure
B. Solid blocks of a single pure metal with no links between different components
C. Separate droplets of organic liquid floating freely in water
D. Crystals with open cavities, made from metal ions linked by organic molecules

Correct answer: D. Crystals with open cavities, made from metal ions linked by organic molecules
The Nobel press release describes a repeating crystal structure with metal ions at linking points. Organic molecules connect them, leaving cavities within the material.

14. UNESCO's World Heritage Committee added the Murujuga Cultural Landscape to its list in 2025. Which caption matches its location and the cultural evidence cited?

A. Northwest Australia, with rock engravings and continuing Ngarda-Ngarli custodianship
B. Northwest Australia, with a collection of carved tablets excavated from a single temple
C. Southern New Zealand, with rock engravings and continuing Ngarda-Ngarli custodianship
D. Eastern Indonesia, with bronze plaques and a walled trading settlement

Correct answer: A. Northwest Australia, with rock engravings and continuing Ngarda-Ngarli custodianship
The decision describes Murujuga's petroglyphs, or rock engravings, in northwest Australia and recognises the living heritage of the Ngarda-Ngarli custodians.

15. Which sequence shows Chelsea's opponents in the quarter-final, semi-final, and final of the 2025 FIFA Club World Cup?

A. Palmeiras, Real Madrid, Paris Saint-Germain
B. Fluminense, Palmeiras, Paris Saint-Germain
C. Palmeiras, Fluminense, Paris Saint-Germain
D. Fluminense, Paris Saint-Germain, Real Madrid

Correct answer: C. Palmeiras, Fluminense, Paris Saint-Germain
Chelsea beat Palmeiras 2–1 in the quarter-final, Fluminense 2–0 in the semi-final, and Paris Saint-Germain 3–0 in the final.