Teacher's Key

News Roundup - October 2, 2026: Floods, Voices, Space (Level B1)

Vocabulary Matching

1 monsoon = **N**
2 evacuate = **A**
3 diverted = **H**
4 alleged = **L**
5 cockpit = **G**
6 motive = **M**
7 ruling = **I**
8 imitated = **E**
9 launched = **D**
10 orbit = **O**
11 radiation = **J**
12 archaeologists = **K**
13 fragment = **B**
14 treaty = **C**
15 refugees = **F**

Fill in the Blank

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True or False

1 **True.** The reading gives this number for the period since September 16.
2 **False.** It says Nepal had floods in August that killed more than 1,400 people.
3 **True.** It was diverted to Saudi Arabia on September 30.
4 **False.** It says the attack is still only alleged.
5 **True.** It said this about a voice, like a person's face.
6 **False.** The court did not decide this.
7 **True.** The reading gives this size.
8 **False.** They can run for only 15 minutes at a time.
9 **True.** Hattusa was the capital of the Hittite Empire.
10 **False.** It is between Egypt and the Hittite Empire.

Language Focus: Present Perfect for Recent News

Example answer: SpaceX **has launched** a satellite this morning.

Comprehension Questions: Model Answers

1 India, Nepal, and Thailand. Heavy monsoon rain caused the floods.

2 They had to evacuate more than 75,000 people, which means moving them away from danger to safer places.

3 Because the reports give different numbers and the situation can change. Death tolls and numbers of affected people often rise as more information arrives.

4 A FlyDubai flight from Dubai to Tel Aviv was diverted after an alleged attack in the cockpit. It landed safely in Tabuk, Saudi Arabia.

5 Because the attack has not been proved. No court has decided what really happened, so the writer reports the accusation and does not state it as a fact.

6 It rejected the request because the videos had already been deleted. It also said that a person's voice, like a person's face, can be protected by law, but it did not decide whether Tsuda's rights were broken.

7 There is no air in space to cool them, so they get too hot and must stop after 15 minutes.

8 It is a peace agreement between the Egyptian king Ramesses II and the Hittite king Hattusili III, and many people call it the oldest peace treaty that still exists. A clay fragment of a copy was found at Hattusa in Turkey.

9 Open answer. Accept any story with two reasons from the reading, such as the number of people affected (floods), the safety of passengers (flight), a new legal idea (voice), a possible future technology (space chips), or a link to the distant past (treaty).

10 False. The court did not decide this. It rejected the request because the videos had already been deleted.

11 No. The writer says the attack is still only alleged and that no court has decided what really happened.

12 Best answer: to show when each event was reported. The facts may change, so the dates help the reader know how old the information is. Accept a reasoned answer.

Notes on the Evidence

- Sources for the reading, all checked on 1 and 2 October 2026. Floods: The Media Line via the Jerusalem Post, 29 September 2026 (Uttar Pradesh, Odisha, Nepal, Thailand, Myanmar); CTV News, 27 September 2026; the August Nepal flood figure is from the Jerusalem Post report and the Wikipedia article on the 2026 Nepal and Tibet floods. Flight: Al Jazeera, NPR, CNN, and ABC7, 30 September to 1 October 2026. Tokyo ruling: The Next Web, Inven Global, and Automaton, 30 September to 1 October 2026.
- Google satellite: Scientific American, OPB (NPR), and CNBC, 1 October 2026 (four chips, 15-minute runs, two more satellites planned for 2027); Google's own blog, 24 September 2026 (radiation test). Kadesh fragment: HeritageDaily, Daily Sabah, and Arkeonews, announced 21 September 2026. Dates given for the treaty vary by source, from about 1269 to 1259 BCE, and the reading says only that it is more than 3,000 years old.
- Death tolls, passenger numbers, and the state of the investigations were changing at the time of writing and may be out of date.