Teacher's Key

News Roundup - October 2, 2026: Floods, Flight, Treaty (Level C1)

Vocabulary Matching

1 inundated = **N**
2 toll = **A**
3 compounded = **H**
4 alleged = **L**
5 plunged = **G**
6 unauthorized = **M**
7 landmark = **I**
8 precedent = **E**
9 stopped short of = **D**
10 moonshot = **O**
11 dissipate = **J**
12 feasibility = **K**
13 stalemate = **B**
14 reciprocal = **C**
15 fugitives = **F**

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True or False

1 **True.** Nepal had not recovered from the floods in August.
2 **False.** Officials counted 62 by September 29. Some reports put the toll as high as 81.
3 **True.** The airline stressed that the motive was unknown.
4 **False.** Terrorism is one possibility, a line of inquiry and not a finding.
5 **True.** It said this in the same decision that dismissed the request.
6 **False.** The court stopped short of deciding this.
7 **True.** The reading gives this number.
8 **False.** It says feasibility at scale is unproven.
9 **True.** The Egyptian text is on temple walls and the Hittite one is on clay tablets.
10 **False.** It was found at Hattusa, in central Turkey.

Language Focus: Passive Reporting Structures

Example answer: The treaty **is considered to be** the oldest of its kind.

Comprehension Questions: Model Answers

1 India, Nepal, and Thailand. Nepal had not recovered from August floods that killed more than 1,400 people, so the late September rain added to an existing emergency.

2 Counts differ between reports and are likely to change. For example, officials counted 62 deaths in Uttar Pradesh by September 29, while some reports put the toll as high as 81.

3 Israel's prime minister said that one pilot stabbed the other and tried to bring the aircraft down. Saudi Arabia's preliminary assessment said only that the co-pilot assaulted the captain. The airline confirmed an altercation and said the motive was unknown.

4 An accusation is not a finding. Until a court establishes what happened, the reading treats the attack as alleged and terrorism as a line of inquiry only.

5 He lost the immediate request, which was dismissed because the videos had already been deleted. But the court said a voice can be protected by publicity rights, which may help later claims. It did not decide whether his rights were violated, so neither side won completely.

6 It is believed to be the first Japanese ruling of its kind, so it may be cited as a precedent. AI imitation of voices is a concern in many countries. Accept reasoned answers.

7 In a vacuum, no air carries heat away, so heat has to dissipate through radiators. The drawback is that radiators are heavy and therefore expensive to launch, so the chips can run for only 15 minutes at a time.

8 It is widely regarded as the oldest surviving peace treaty, and both the Egyptian and the Hittite versions survive. This fragment covers clauses about fugitives, people who fled from one kingdom to the other, and reportedly protects them and their homes.

9 Open answer. Accept any story with evidence from the reading, such as the number of people affected by the floods, the legal and technological questions raised by AI voice imitation, or the historical significance of the treaty.

10 False. The reading says that terrorism is one possibility being examined, a line of inquiry and not a finding.

11 No. The writer says that the feasibility of orbital data centers at scale is unproven and points out that the prototype holds only four chips.

12 Best answer: to show that the idea is being tested step by step. The reading ends on the next planned test, not on a claim of success. 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); 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, Fox News, 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), CNBC, and CNN, 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, Arkeonews, and the Biblical Archaeology Society, announced 21 September 2026. Dates given for the treaty vary by source, from about 1269 to 1259 BCE, and the reading gives no date. The description of the treaty as the oldest surviving peace treaty is the common wording in the reports cited, and it is hedged in the reading as "widely regarded".
- Death tolls, passenger numbers, and the state of the investigations were changing at the time of writing and may be out of date. The plunge of the jet comes from passenger and crew accounts and is not confirmed by an official report.