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## EUROPE TURNS ITS CLOCKS BACK SUNDAY — AMERICA WAITS ! L'EUROPE RECULE

Daylight saving ends one week later in the United States : on Sunday, November 1. Do not change your clock this week ! Amérique : le 1er novembre page 7

THE BIG STORY À la une

# First Votes, First Games : America's Biggest Week of the Autumn

By The Lucerna newsroom Reading level : A2

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3. But in much of America, the election has already started. This Monday, October 19, early voting opened in Texas – and in Alaska, Arkansas, Connecticut and Colorado too. Millions of people are asking the same questions : where do I vote, and when ?

Early voting is simple : you go to a voting place before Election Day, you show your ID, you mark your ballot, and your vote counts on election night. No November lines, no problem if you work on Tuesdays. In Texas, it runs from October 19 to October 30.

And that is only half of the week. On Tuesday night, the new NBA season tips off. On Friday night, the World Series begins in Milwaukee. On Sunday, the fastest cars in the world race in Austin, Texas.

One thing is sure : this year, baseball will have a champion for the very first time. The Milwaukee Brewers and the Tampa Bay Rays have never won the World Series. One of them will win it now. Our sport dossier is on page 4.

This is the first issue of The Lucerna in English. Every week, we read America's real life with you – slowly, clearly, and always from the week's real news. Welcome !

Note | early voting = le vote anticipé • ballot = le bulletin de vote • tip off = le coup d'envoi • champion = le champion.

### THE WEEK IN NUMBERS Chiffres

Nov 3 – Election Day (jour des élections) · Oct 19 – early voting opens in Texas (premier jour au Texas)

43 – NBA games from Tuesday to Sunday (43 matchs NBA cette semaine) · 2 – teams in the World Series, both after a first title (les deux visent un premier titre)

### TRY IT NOW À vous de jouer

**A2 1.**
You mark your choice on a ___ and put it in the box.

**A2 2.**
Voting before Election Day is called ___ voting.

**A2 3.**
Election Day is Tuesday, ___.

**A2 4.**
The winner of the World Series is the ___ of baseball.

**B1 5.**
Early voting ___ in Texas on Monday, October 19.

**B1 6.**
One team will now win the World Series for the ___ time.

### SEARCHES OF THE WEEK

Recherches de la semaine Google Trends

1. early voting
2. world series schedule
3. hot dog recall
4. lakers roster
5. barca vs real madrid

Snapshots, Mon–Wed Oct 19–21 : search interest changes during the day.

« hot dog recall » : 200K+ lundi (page 2).

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### THE WORD OF THE WEEK

« fall back »
when clocks go back one hour in autumn. Spring forward, fall back.

Reculer d'une heure: fall back.




Boston fans at the Polo Grounds, New York, on October 8, 1912 : Game 1 of the World Series. The Fall Classic was already America's autumn ritual 114 years ago.

Bain News Service, Library of Congress — public domain

### FALL, THE SEASON OF FIRSTS

Autumn in America is a season of firsts : the first votes, the first games, the first cold evenings. There is a first champion coming in baseball, and a first issue of this paper in your hands.

All week, our reporters follow the same rhythm : vote early, play hard, read slowly. See you on page 2 !

### IN BRIEF En bref

**WORLD SERIES**
Game 1 is Friday night in Milwaukee. Neither team has ever won it. (page 4)

**CLOCKS**
Europe changes its clocks on Sunday. America waits until November 1. (page 7)

**HALLOWEEN**
Saturday, October 31 : costumes, candy – and maybe a Game 7. (page 3)

### LIGHTNING QUIZ Quiz éclair

Lisez la une, choisissez la bonne réponse Réponses page 8

**A2 7.**
Early voting in Texas starts on... A. November 3 · B. Monday, October 19 · C. November 1

**A2 8.**
America turns its clocks back on... A. October 25 · B. October 31 · C. November 1

**A2 9.**
Game 1 of the World Series is in... A. Milwaukee · B. Tampa · C. Los Angeles

**A2 10.**
The new NBA season starts on... A. Friday · B. Tuesday · C. Sunday

# Social Security Checks Grow by 3.6% in January

By The Lucerna newsroom Reading level : A2

Good news for nearly 72 million Americans : on Wednesday, October 14, the Social Security Administration announced a cost-of-living adjustment – a « COLA » – of 3.6% for 2027. From January, the average retired worker will get about 75 dollars more every month.

Why do the checks grow ? Because life costs more. When the prices of food, homes and energy go up, the checks go up too – that is the idea of the cost-of-living adjustment. Workers on SSI, a second program for people with very low incomes, see their increase a little earlier : on December 31, 2026. About 7.3 million people receive SSI.

When will you see your number ? Personal notices come online at the end of November, and by mail in December. Every household does the same maths this week : 3.6% of my check is... how much, exactly ?

How is the number chosen ? Government statisticians follow the prices of a basket of everyday things – food, homes, energy, transport. When the basket costs more, the COLA rises. It is a promise written into the system : your check follows the cost of life.

Will 3.6% make anyone rich ? No. But for many households, 75 dollars is the difference between a hard month and an easier one – a full fridge, a warm house. That is why one small percentage is the week's biggest kitchen-table story.

The system is old. The first monthly check went to Ida May Fuller, of Vermont, on January 31, 1940. It was 22.54 dollars. In three years of work, Miss Fuller had paid 24.75 dollars into the system. She lived to be 100 years old, and in her long retirement she received more than 22,000 dollars in checks.

### DO THE MATHS À vous de calculer

3.6% of $1,000 is $36. Of $2,000, it is $72. The average increase – about $75 – tells you the average check is a little over $2,000 a month.

## CHECK YOUR FRIDGE !

Second story of the week – and it is in your kitchen. On Saturday, October 17, the US Department of Agriculture announced a big recall : about 1.58 million pounds of hot dogs, bacon and deli meats from one company, Kayem Foods. A cooler in the factory did not work correctly, and the food was not cold enough.

What must you do ? Do not eat the food. Throw it away, or take it back to the shop. At the time of the announcement, no illnesses were reported – but the rule with a recall is simple : when in doubt, throw it out.

How do you read a recall notice ? Look for three things : the name of the food, the dates on the packet, and the lot number – a code printed near the date. If your packet matches, it goes in the bin, not on the table. A recall sounds frightening, but it is also good news : it means the safety system works.

Note | cost-of-living = le coût de la vie • a check = un chèque, l'allocation du mois • a notice = un avis • a pound = une livre (environ 0,45 kg) • to recall = rappeler (un produit).




A Social Security card from 1943 : the program began in 1935, and the first monthly check – 22.54 dollars – was paid in 1940.
Social Security Administration — public domain

### DID YOU KNOW ?

Nearly 72 million people receive Social Security money every month.

The first check, in 1940, was 22.54 dollars. The average increase in 2027 is about 75 dollars a month.

Notices arrive online in late November and by mail in December. Check your number !

### AND YOU ? Et vous ?

And you ? Is there a hot dog in your fridge today ? What money comes into your house every month ? Write two sentences in English and send them to the newsroom : the best ones will be printed in VOL.2 (page 7, « Readers' Corner »).

Un hot-dog dans votre frigo? Vos revenus du mois? Deux phrases!

## TELLING THE TIME Dire l'heure



It is eight o'clock.



It is half past two.



It is quarter to eight.

Game times this week Les heures des matchs de la semaine

| | |
|---|---|
| half past | = 30 minutes after the hour (la demie) |
| quarter past | = 15 minutes after (et quart) |
| quarter to | = 15 minutes before (moins le quart) |
| noon / midnight | = 12:00 in the day / at night (midi / minuit) |

This week : Game 1 of the World Series starts at 8 p.m. on Friday. In Europe, the clocks fall back on Sunday – in America, on Sunday, November 1 : spring forward, fall back.

## EXERCISES Exercices

Réponses page 8 Niveaux mélangés : suivez les numéros

### A WHAT TIME IS IT ?

Complétez les phrases (les heures).

**A2 11.** Complétez
8:30 – It is ___ eight.

**A2 12.** Complétez
9:15 – It is ___ nine.

**A2 13.** Complétez
7:45 – It is ___ eight.

**A2 14.** Complétez
0:00 – It is ___ . The city sleeps.

**A2 15.** Complétez
3:00 – It is three ___ . The game starts !

### B GOING TO

Réécrivez avec be going to + verbe.

**A2 16.** Réécrivez
Checks (grow) in January.→ ___

**A2 17.** Réécrivez
Milwaukee (play) Game 1 on Friday.→ ___

**A2 18.** Réécrivez
We (check) the fridge tonight.→ ___

**B1 19.** Réécrivez
You (vote) early this year ?→ ___

### C COMPREHENSION

Relisez la page 2 et choisissez.

**A2 20.**
In 2027, checks grow by... A. 1.6% · B. 3.6% · C. 6.3%

**A2 21.**
COLA notices arrive... A. in October · B. in late Nov. and Dec. · C. next summer

**A2 22.**
The hot dogs were recalled because... A. they were old · B. the price was wrong · C. a cooler failed

**A2 23.**
The first check, in 1940, was... A. $22.54 · B. $75 · C. $225.40

### D THE WORDS

**A2 24–27.** Associez

24. a benefit
25. a recall
26. a pound
27. the cost of living

a. the price of everyday life
b. money the government pays regularly
c. about 0.45 kilos – 16 ounces
d. the company takes its food back

# Halloween in America : a $13.5 Billion Night of Candy

By The Lucerna newsroom Reading level : A2 → B1

On Saturday, October 31, America will put on its costumes. Halloween is not an official holiday – nobody gets the day off – but it is one of the biggest nights of the American year. This year, the National Retail Federation (NRF) projects record spending of 13.5 billion dollars, up 3.82% from 2025. That is about $115.14 for every person who celebrates.

Where does the money go ? Costumes come first : $4.4 billion. Decorations are second, at $4.3 billion – gardens full of skeletons, lights and giant spiders. Candy takes $4.1 billion, and almost everybody buys it : 96% of celebrants plan to buy sweets for the big night.

How does trick-or-treating work ? In the early evening, children in costumes walk from door to door in their neighbourhood. They ring the bell and shout : « Trick or treat ! » – a joke threat, always answered with candy. One rule matters : a light on the porch means « welcome, knock here ». A dark house means « please, not this year » – and children respect it.

The pumpkin is the symbol of the season. In October, families drive to pumpkin patches – fields where you choose your own pumpkin – and carve faces into them at home. A candle inside makes a jack-o'-lantern, and on October 31, thousands of orange faces glow on American porches.

What will America wear this year ? Google published its Frightgeist costume list on October 14, and the shop Spirit Halloween published its own : characters from KPop Demon Hunters and Toy Story 5, superheroes, and Greek gods. One number tells the story of 2026 : 47% of celebrants now use AI tools to plan a costume or a decoration. The robot helps you become a ghost.

Halloween was a national festival long before it was a shopping season. In the early 1900s, when telephones were still rare, Americans sent Halloween postcards – more than 3,000 designs were printed. The card on this page is from 1912. The greetings travelled slowly, by mail, and arrived like little paper ghosts.

This year, the calendar is kind : Halloween falls on a Saturday. No school the next morning, no work for most parents – the party can begin in the afternoon and the last jack-o'-lantern can burn late. Shops know it, too : the last full shopping week of the season is this one, and the costume shelves empty fast.

One object waits by every door : the candy bowl. Families fill it in the afternoon – chocolate, sweets, sometimes small toys – and children empty it, street by street, all evening. Economists study the $13.5 billion. Children study something simpler : which house gives the biggest chocolate ?

### SAY IT ON THE NIGHT Ce soir-là

« Trick or treat ! » – « Des bonbons ou un sort ! » (une menace pour rire, toujours récompensée par des bonbons)

« Happy Halloween ! » – Joyeux Halloween ! · « Thank you ! » – Merci ! (à dire dès que vous recevez des bonbons)

« What are you dressed as ? » – En quoi es-tu déguisé ?

Note | to celebrate = fêter, célébrer • a porch = un porche, un perron • to carve = sculpter, creuser • a decoration = une décoration • a survey = une enquête (NRF, 7 889 personnes).

## A TRUE OR FALSE ? Vrai / faux

Lisez l'article de la page 3 : vrai ou faux ?

**A2 28.** Vrai ou faux
1. Halloween is on a Friday this year.

**A2 29.** Vrai ou faux
2. Americans will spend about $13.5 billion on Halloween.

**B1 30.** Vrai ou faux
3. Candy is the biggest part of the spending.

**A2 31.** Vrai ou faux
4. Almost half of celebrants use AI tools for costume ideas.

**A2 32.** Vrai ou faux
5. A house with no light on the porch is asking for visitors.

## B FESTIVAL WORDS Fête

**A2 33.** Complétez
Children wear a ___ and go from door to door.

**A2 34.** Complétez
You ___ a pumpkin to make a jack-o'-lantern.

**A2 35.** Complétez
Families leave a light on the ___ to welcome children.

**A2 36.** Complétez
Ninety-six percent of celebrants buy ___.

**A2 37.** Complétez
In October, families visit a pumpkin ___ to choose a pumpkin.

## C CHOOSE Choix multiple

**B1 38.**
The $13.5 billion is... A. last year's total · B. this year's projection · C. candy money only

**B1 39.**
Google's costume list is called... A. Frightgeist · B. Spiritgeist · C. Trendlist

**B1 40.**
This year's costumes include... A. Roman kings · B. Greek gods · C. astronauts only

**B1 41.**
In the early 1900s, Halloween greetings travelled by... A. telephone · B. postcard · C. radio

## D SENTENCES Transformer

**A2 42.** Réécrivez
Children (go) door to door on October 31. → ___

**B1 43.** Réécrivez
She (buy) a Greek god costume. → ___

**A2 44.** Réécrivez
He (not / like) horror films. → ___

**B1 45.** Complétez
I think it ___ (rain) on Halloween night.




« A Halloween Wish », 1912 : in the age of postcards, Halloween greetings travelled by mail – slowly, like little paper ghosts.
Halloween postcard, 1912 — public domain

### FESTIVAL WORDS Mots de la fête

trick or treat – « des bonbons ou un sort »

a costume – un déguisement

a jack-o'-lantern – une citrouille-lanterne

a porch – un porche, un perron

to carve – sculpter, creuser

a decoration – une décoration

spooky – effrayant (pour de rire)

a patch – un champ (de citrouilles)

### DATES TO REMEMBER À retenir

**Oct 23 — Red Ribbon Week begins**

Oct 24 – Make a Difference Day · Drug Take Back Day, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

**Oct 31 — Halloween (Saturday)**

Nov 1 – clocks fall back · Nov 3 – Election Day

### THE SEASON IN NUMBERS

3,000+ – Halloween postcard designs printed in the early 1900s

96% – of celebrants buy candy · 47% – now use AI for ideas

$115.14 – projected spending per person (NRF)

### FUN, OR TOO MUCH ?

Halloween now costs America more than ever – and the robots help us dress up. Is it still a festival, or is it a shopping week with ghosts ? Write to us in English, two or three sentences : your letter may appear on page 7 of VOL.2.

Halloween coûte toujours plus cher, et l'IA aide à choisir le déguisement : fête ou semaine de shopping ? Écrivez-nous (page 7, Courrier des lecteurs).

# The Biggest Sports Week of the Autumn

By The Lucerna newsroom Reading level : B1

## TIP-OFF TUESDAY

The NBA is back. On Tuesday, October 20, the 2026–27 season opened with something new : a tripleheader – three big games in one night – on NBC and its streaming service Peacock. Boston played at Detroit, Oklahoma City at San Antonio, and in New York, the champions received their rings.

Before the game at Madison Square Garden, the New York Knicks raised their championship banner – the club's first since 1973. Then the Philadelphia 76ers spoiled the party. Philadelphia won 106–100, with 28 points from Tyrese Maxey. LeBron James, now a 76er, began a record 24th NBA season. The season continues all week : 43 games from Tuesday to Sunday, including the Lakers against the Warriors on Wednesday.

## A FIRST-TIME CHAMPION

Baseball offers the week's most beautiful storyline. In the National League final, Milwaukee swept the Los Angeles Dodgers – the champions of the last two years are out. It is the Brewers' first World Series since 1982. In the American League, Tampa Bay beat Cleveland in Game 6 on Monday night.

So the World Series is Milwaukee against Tampa Bay. Game 1 is Friday, October 23, in Milwaukee (8 p.m. Eastern, on FOX), and Game 2 follows on Saturday. Here is the magic number : zero. Neither club has ever won the World Series – so for the first time in years, a first-time champion is guaranteed.

## SPEED IN AUSTIN

On Sunday, the week ends at full speed : the United States Grand Prix at the Circuit of The Americas in Austin, Texas. Practice is on Friday, qualifying on Saturday, and the race on Sunday afternoon. The weekend is also a music festival : Maroon 5 on Friday, Post Malone on Saturday, Alesso on Sunday. A special « Grand PrixView » day opens the circuit to fans on Thursday.

One more name to watch : Victor Wembanyama, the French star of San Antonio, meets Oklahoma City in the third game of the tripleheader. In France, they will watch at breakfast time ; in Texas, it is prime time.

## THE FOOTBALL WEEKEND

And football ? It never stops. Week 7 of the NFL season brings the Patriots at the Bears on Thursday night, then, on Sunday, the Packers at the Lions and the Chiefs at the Seahawks in the night game. College football fills Saturday : LSU at Auburn, Texas A&M at Alabama, Ole Miss at Texas, Indiana at Michigan.

## AND AT 4 P.M. ON SUNDAY…

…the world game joins the party. Barcelona play Real Madrid in El Clásico on Sunday – 4 p.m. Eastern on ESPN in the United States. On Wednesday morning, « barca vs real madrid » was the number one trending search in the US in one snapshot.

### THE WEEK'S FIXTURES Agenda

Tue – NBA tip-off : 76ers at Knicks · Thunder at Spurs

Wed – Lakers vs Warriors · Thu – Patriots at Bears

Fri – World Series Game 1, 8 p.m. ET · Sat – Game 2

Sun – Austin Grand Prix · El Clásico, 4 p.m. ET

Note | a banner = une bannière de champion • to sweep = balayer (gagner tous les matchs) • the defending champion = le champion en titre • qualifying = les qualifications • a storyline = une intrigue, un fil narratif.

## A READING Lecture

**B1 46.**
The Knicks' banner was their first since… A. 1973 · B. 1982 · C. 2003

**B1 47.**
On opening night, Philadelphia won… A. by 6 points · B. by 16 points · C. after extra time

**B1 48.**
Milwaukee's last World Series before this year was in… A. 1973 · B. 1982 · C. 2020

**B1 49.**
The Grand Prix race day is… A. Friday · B. Saturday · C. Sunday

**B1 50.**
The NFL games this week are in… A. Week 6 · B. Week 7 · C. Week 8

## B SPORTS WORDS Sport

**B1 51–54.** Associez

51. tip-off
52. a sweep
53. the defending champion
54. a banner

a. the team that won last time, playing to keep the title
b. winning every game in a series
c. a flag in the arena that remembers a championship
d. the start of a basketball game

## C COMPARATIVES Comparatifs

**B1 55.** Complétez
The World Series is ___ (old) than the NBA.

**B1 56.** Complétez
Austin in October is ___ (hot) than Milwaukee.

**B1 57.** Complétez
This is the ___ (busy) sports week of the autumn.

**B1 58.** Complétez
Maxey scored ___ points than Brunson on Tuesday. (28 to 21)

## D VERB FORMS Le prétérit

**B1 59.** Réécrivez
The 76ers (win) 106–100 on Tuesday. → ___

**B1 60.** Réécrivez
The Knicks (raise) their banner. → ___

**B1 61.** Réécrivez
Milwaukee (sweep) the Dodgers. → ___

**B1 62.** Réécrivez
Tampa Bay (beat) Cleveland on Monday. → ___

**B1 63.** Réécrivez
Fans (watch) three games on Tuesday night. → ___

### THE KING'S NEW TEAM

LeBron James begins his 24th season – a record – in a new shirt : Philadelphia. He arrived this summer, and on night one, his new team won on the champions' floor.

James commence sa 24e saison (un record) sous le maillot de Philadelphie ; dès la première nuit, sa nouvelle équipe gagne sur le parquet des champions.

### SPORTS WORDS Mots du sport

tip-off – le coup d'envoi (basket)

a banner – une bannière de champion

to sweep – balayer (gagner toute la série)

the defending champion – le champion en titre

qualifying – les qualifications

a race – une course ; un Grand Prix

overtime – la prolongation (extra time)

a fan – un supporter, un fan

### THE WEEK IN NUMBERS

43 – games in the NBA's first six days

106–100 – Philadelphia's win in New York

1973 – the Knicks' previous banner · 1982 – Milwaukee's last World Series

24 – LeBron James's season number, a record

### WATCHING A GAME IN ENGLISH

« What a shot ! » – Quel tir !

« They are up by six. » – Ils mènent de six points.

« It is going down to the last minute. » – Ça va se jouer jusqu'à la dernière minute.

« We were robbed ! » – On s'est fait voler ! (le cri des supporters battus, pour rire)

### THE DEBATE Le débat

Three finals in one week : the NBA begins, baseball ends, and the cars race in Austin. A feast for fans – or too much sport ? Tell us on page 7.

# Opening Week Lives on Your Phone

By The Lucerna newsroom Reading level : B1

## THE GAME COMES TO YOU

For fifty years, a big game meant a television in the living room. This week, the NBA opened its season in a new way : opening night was built as a tripleheader for NBC – and for its streaming service, Peacock. Three games, one night, every screen in the house.

Young fans do not always watch a whole game. Many meet the game first as a clip : forty seconds of the best moment, sent by a friend, watched on the bus. The full game comes later – or never. On Wednesday morning, one of the top trending searches in America was « lakers roster » : before watching the team, fans wanted the list of names. Who plays for the Lakers this year ?

## AI PLANS YOUR COSTUME

Halloween is the other screen story of the week. The NRF counts a new habit : 47% of celebrants now use AI tools to plan a costume or a decoration. You describe an idea – « a Greek god, but funny » – and the machine offers ten versions. Then the group chat votes.

The costume itself is content now. A good costume is not finished when you put it on ; it is finished when the photo is posted. Google's Frightgeist list and the Spirit Halloween list agree on the stars of 2026 : KPop Demon Hunters, Toy Story 5, superheroes and Greek gods. This year, the gods have good lighting.

## EARNINGS, IN PLAIN ENGLISH

On Wednesday, after the markets close, two giants publish their numbers : Tesla and Meta. Netflix and SpaceX did the same on Tuesday. « Earnings » is a company's report card : how much money came in, how much went out, and what is left – the profit.

For a few hours, every feed is green arrows and red arrows. One warning from our business desk : before the report, different experts give different numbers – nobody knows. After the close, everybody knows at the same time. That is the game, and this week, America is watching it live.

## THE SECOND SCREEN

Watch a game with young fans and you will see two games at once. On the television, the match. On the phone, the second match : live statistics, polls – « Who wins tonight ? » – and the group chat, where every goal, every basket, produces twenty messages in ten seconds. The phone does not kill the game. For this generation, the phone IS part of the game.

The same phone plans the weekend. It holds the costume ideas, the AI pictures, the party address and the money for the pizza. One small glass rectangle runs the whole autumn : sport, money, festivals and friends. The Lucerna's advice ? Enjoy it – and sometimes, look up. The real game is also beautiful.

Note | to stream = regarder en streaming • a highlight = les meilleurs moments • earnings = les résultats financiers • a feed = un fil d'actualité • a roster = la liste des joueurs.

## A CHOOSE Choix multiple

**B1 64.**
The opening tripleheader was shown on... A. NBC and Peacock · B. FOX only · C. ESPN only

**B1 65.**
On Wednesday morning, a top search was... A. lakers roster · B. world series tickets · C. tesla stock

**B1 66.**
47% of celebrants use AI to plan... A. their votes · B. costumes and decorations · C. their homework

**B1 67.**
Tesla and Meta report their results... A. Monday morning · B. Wednesday after the close · C. Sunday night

**B1 68.**
Before a report, the experts' numbers... A. are all the same · B. are secret · C. differ from expert to expert

## B SCREEN WORDS À l'écran

**A2 69.** Complétez
You can ___ the game live on your phone.

**B1 70.** Complétez
No time for the full game ? Watch the ___ : three minutes of the best moments.

**B1 71.** Complétez
Her costume photo went ___ : a million people saw it in one day.

**B1 72.** Complétez
Before the season, fans study the ___ : who plays for the Lakers this year ?

**B1 73.** Complétez
Wednesday is ___ day for Tesla and Meta : the companies publish their numbers.

**A2 74.** Complétez
His ___ is full of game clips and costume photos.

## C THIS WEEK, LIVE En direct

Réécrivez au présent continu : ce qui se passe cette semaine.

**B1 75.** Réécrivez
Tesla (report) its results tonight.→ ___

**B1 76.** Réécrivez
The teams (play) 43 games this week.→ ___

**B1 77.** Réécrivez
Fans (watch) the tripleheader on their phones. → ___

**B1 78.** Réécrivez
Milwaukee (prepare) for Game 1.→ ___

## D TRUE OR FALSE ? Vrai / faux

**B1 79.** Vrai ou faux
1. Many young fans meet a game first as a short clip.

**B1 80.** Vrai ou faux
2. Everybody knows Tesla's numbers before Wednesday's report.

**B1 81.** Vrai ou faux
3. The costume lists come only from shops.

## WORDS OF THE SCREEN L'écran

to stream – regarder en ligne, en streaming

a highlight – les meilleurs moments

a clip – une courte vidéo

a feed – un fil d'actualité

viral – viral (go viral : faire le buzz)

a roster – la liste (des joueurs)

earnings – les résultats financiers

to post – publier, poster

## SAY IT ONLINE À dire en ligne

« What a game ! » – Quel match !

« Send me the highlights. » – Envoie-moi les meilleurs moments.

« This costume wins Halloween. » – Ce déguisement remporte Halloween.

## THE WORLD GAME AT 4 P.M.

On Sunday at 4 p.m. Eastern, American screens turn to Spain : Barcelona vs Real Madrid, on ESPN. In one Wednesday snapshot, it was America's number one search. The world's game needs no translation.

Dimanche à 16 h, heure de l'Est : le Clásico sur ESPN ; dans l'instantané de mercredi, c'était la recherche numéro un aux États-Unis.

## PLAN YOUR STREAMING WEEK

Tue – the NBA tripleheader, on Peacock

Wed – Tesla & Meta numbers, after the close

Fri – World Series Game 1 · Sat – Game 2

Sun – Austin Grand Prix · El Clásico, 4 p.m. ET

## NEXT WEEK ON YOUR SCREENS

Mon–Tue – the Series moves to Tampa · Sat Oct 31 – Halloween night · Sun Nov 1 – the clocks fall back · Tue Nov 3 – election night. The autumn does not slow down.

## THE DEBATE Le débat

Is a forty-second clip really « watching the game » ? Or is the full game a thing of the past ? Two sentences, in English, to the newsroom – the best answers appear on page 7 of VOL.2.

# The Midterms : Why America Votes Early

By The Lucerna newsroom  Reading level : B2

On Tuesday, November 3, Americans vote in the midterm elections – the elections that fall in the middle of a president's term. There is no presidential race this year. Instead, voters choose the whole House of Representatives, part of the Senate, and most state governors. It is a smaller election than 2024, but in Washington, it changes everything.

The stakes fit in one line of numbers : the House today stands at 218 Republicans to 214 Democrats, according to Reuters – a margin of four seats. A handful of districts will decide who controls Congress for the next two years. That is why the advertising never stops : spending on election ads had already reached a record 3.8 billion dollars by October 12, the analytics firm AdImpact reported.

The newest fact of American elections is the calendar. Voting is no longer a day ; it is a season. Nurses, drivers, soldiers and parents often cannot queue for hours on a Tuesday, so states let them vote early, in person, with the same ballot. This year's wave opened on Monday, October 19, in Texas – early voting there runs to October 30 – and in Alaska, Arkansas, Connecticut and Colorado.

Louisiana and Missouri followed on Tuesday, Delaware and Maryland on Thursday, and Michigan and Florida's mandatory period begins on Saturday, October 24. Fifty states, fifty calendars : in the United States, elections are run by the states, not by Washington, and every state keeps its own doors and its own hours.

Early voting changes the campaign, too. Parties no longer aim everything at one Tuesday ; they aim at October. But one rule protects the suspense : early votes are counted under state rules, and the results, as always, arrive on election night. Voting early does not mean knowing early.

Note | midterm (elections) = les élections de mi-mandat • the House = la Chambre des représentants • margin = l'écart.

### THE EARLY-VOTING WEEK

Mon, Oct 19 – Texas, Alaska, Arkansas, Connecticut and Colorado open

Tue, Oct 20 – Louisiana and Missouri follow

Thu, Oct 22 – Delaware and Maryland open

Sat, Oct 24 – Michigan opens ; Florida's mandatory period begins

Fri, Oct 30 – early voting closes in Texas

Tue, Nov 3 – ELECTION DAY

### HOW TO FOLLOW IT  À suivre

Watch three numbers, not three hundred opinions : the turnout (how many vote), the House margin (218–214 today) and the ad money ($3.8 billion and counting). The rest is noise.

Pour suivre les élections, regardez trois chiffres : la participation, l'écart à la Chambre et l'argent des publicités. Le reste, c'est du bruit.



The Capitol in Washington : control of Congress is the prize on November 3.

United States Capitol — public domain

### ELECTION WORDS  Vocabulaire

a midterm – une élection de mi-mandat

an incumbent – le sortant, le titulaire

a margin – un écart (voix ou sièges)

turnout – la participation

a campaign – une campagne (électorale)

a district – une circonscription

### HEADLINE LANGUAGE  Les titres

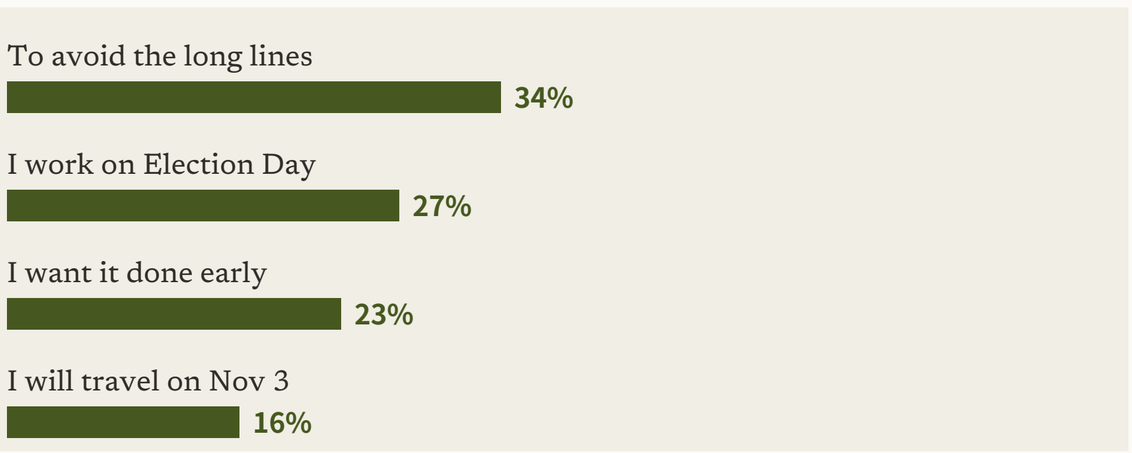
« Early voting opens » – Le vote anticipé commence

« voters head to the polls » – Les électeurs se rendent aux urnes

« too close to call » – Trop serré pour annoncer un vainqueur

## WHY DO VOTERS VOTE EARLY ?  Graphique

PRACTICE DATA — simplified and invented for this exercise ; not a real survey. Données d'exercice, simplifiées et inventées ; ce n'est pas un vrai sondage.




Four answers, 100 voters. Quatre réponses, 100 électeurs au total.

## READING THE CHART  Graphique

**B2 82.**
The biggest reason is... A. travel · B. work · C. avoiding long lines

**B2 83.**
Out of 100 voters, how many work on Election Day ?

**B1 84.**
The top two reasons together make ___ of the voters.

**B2 85.**
True or false : more than half vote early because of work or travel.

**B1 86.**
The difference between « lines » and « travel » is ___.

**B1 87.**
All four answers together make ___ of the voters.

### KEY SENTENCE  La phrase clé

« Voting is no longer a day ; it is a season. »

Le vote n'est plus une journée, mais une saison. — La phrase centrale de l'article de cette page.

## READING  Lecture

**B2 88.**
The midterms decide... A. the president · B. control of Congress · C. the Supreme Court

**B2 89.**
Elections in the US are run by... A. the White House · B. the states · C. the parties

**B2 90.**
The $3.8 billion is... A. the cost of voting machines · B. ad spending by Oct 12 · C. the price of ballots

**B2 91.**
Florida's mandatory early voting starts... A. Oct 19 · B. Oct 22 · C. Oct 24

## COMPARATIVES  Comparatifs

**B2 92.** Complétez
Early voting is ___ (convenient) than voting on one day only.

**B1 93.** Complétez
Ad spending this year is the ___ (high) ever.

**B1 94.** Complétez
Texas starts ___ (early) than Florida.

**B2 95.** Complétez
The House margin (218–214) is ___ (small) than ten seats.

## ELECTION WORDS  À compléter

**B2 96.** Complétez
The ___ is the person who holds the job now and wants to keep it.

**B2 97.** Complétez
218 to 214 is a ___ of four seats.

**B2 98.** Complétez
A high ___ means many people vote.

**B2 99.** Complétez
A ___ is the long season of work before an election.

### SAY IT LIKE A HEADLINE

« Early voters ___ to the polls in Texas. » (head)

« The race is too ___ to call. » (close)

« Turnout is ___ this year. » (up)

Trois titres de presse : complétez-les et répétez-les à voix haute — les réponses sont dans les expressions de tous les jours.

# LANGUAGE IN HAND  La langue en main

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A2 → B2  Phrases of the week  Les phrases de la semaine

## LEVEL A2  Les bases

### TELLING THE TIME

It's eight o'clock. · It's half past two. · It's a quarter to eight. For the hour, English always starts with « It's » — never « it has ». The three clocks on page 2 show the week's three times.

### GOING TO + VERB

For a plan : « She is going to vote on Saturday. » be + going to + the verb, with no change. It is the friendliest future in English — use it for every plan of the week.

**THE EXAMPLE  L'exemple**

« Checks are going to grow in January. » — the Social Security story, from page 2.

## LEVEL B1  Plus loin

### COMPARATIVES

Short adjective + -er + than : « Austin is hotter than Milwaukee. » Long adjective : more + adjective : « more convenient ». And good becomes better — never « more good ». Page 4 and page 6 are full of them.

### THE PAST SIMPLE

Regular verbs add -ed : raised, watched. Irregular verbs change : win → won, sweep → swept, beat → beat, go → went. Sports pages are written in this tense — every result is past.

**THE EXAMPLE  L'exemple**

« Maxey scored more points than Brunson. » — comparison and past simple in one line (page 4).

## LEVEL B2  Le défi

### HEADLINE PRESENT

Headlines speak of yesterday in the present : « 76ers win opener », « Early voting opens in Texas ». The present simple makes old news feel live. Read the front page again and find three.

### WHETHER = IF ?

« Nobody knows whether the Brewers can finish the story. » Whether introduces an open question inside a sentence — more elegant than if, and safe everywhere. It is the word of the deep read (page 6).

**THE EXAMPLE  L'exemple**

« Voting is no longer a day ; it is a season. » — no longer = ne… plus (page 6).

## THE TOOLBOX  Boîte à outils

Three sentences to keep in your pocket, one for each level :

A2 — « It's a quarter to eight. »

B1 — « The 76ers won, and Maxey scored more than Brunson. »

B2 — « Nobody knows whether the story ends with a trophy. »

And the newspaper reflex : every phrase of the week comes from an article of this issue. Re-read the article, and the phrase becomes easy.

La boîte à outils : trois phrases de poche, une par niveau ; toutes les phrases de la semaine viennent des articles de ce numéro — relisez l'article, et la phrase devient facile.

## PHRASES OF THE WEEK  Phrases de la semaine (de ce numéro)

Un point de grammaire et un exercice par phrase  Réponses page 8

« On Tuesday, October 20, the 2026–27 season opened with something new : a tripleheader. » (page 4)

Grammaire : le prétérit — open → opened, verbe régulier.

**B1 100.**
The World Series ___ (open) on Friday.

« When the prices of food, homes and energy go up, the checks go up too. » (page 2)

Grammaire : go up = monter ; après when, le présent simple pour les vérités générales.

**A2 101.**
When energy costs more, the bills ___ too. (go up)

« Milwaukee swept the Los Angeles Dodgers. » (page 4)

Grammaire : le prétérit de sweep est swept, irrégulier.

**B1 102.**
Tampa Bay ___ (beat) Cleveland on Monday.

« Neither club has ever won the World Series. » (page 4)

Grammaire : neither + verbe au singulier — les deux (n'ont jamais gagné).

**B2 103.**
Neither team ___ (have) a trophy yet.

« Voting is no longer a day ; it is a season. » (page 6)

Grammaire : no longer = ne··· plus, placé après le verbe be.

**B2 104.**
The game is ___ on television only ; it is on phones too.

« Voters head to the polls. » (page 6)

Grammaire : head to = se rendre à (le présent des titres).

**A2 105.**
On Tuesday, fans ___ to the stadium. (head)

« The average retired worker will get about 75 dollars more every month. » (page 2)

Grammaire : about = environ, pour les nombres approximatifs.

**A2 106.**
The average check is ___ two thousand dollars a month.

« In Europe, the clocks fall back on Sunday — in America, on Sunday, November 1. » (page 2)

Grammaire : fall back = reculer (les horloges) ; au printemps, spring forward.

**B1 107.**
In spring, the clocks ___ forward. (spring)

## THE ERROR CLINIC  Les erreurs

Chaque phrase contient une erreur : trouvez-la et corrigez-la.

**A2 108.** Corrigez
✗ « I am agree with you. »

**A2 109.** Corrigez
✗ « Yesterday I go to the game. »

**B1 110.** Corrigez
✗ « This week is more busier than last week. »

**B1 111.** Corrigez
✗ « He don't like early voting. »

## READERS' CORNER  Courrier des lecteurs

« This autumn, I read my first book in English — one page every night, with Lucerna. » — R. T., a reader in Toronto (editor's example : the first real reader letters will take this place in VOL.2)

Réponse de la rédaction — « one page every night » : l'habitude la plus sûre ; le présent simple est le temps des habitudes. Note : lettre d'exemple de la rédaction ; dès le VOL.2, de vraies lettres de lecteurs, et nos commentaires sur vos textes de la page 8.

## NEXT WEEK  VOL.2 La semaine prochaine

Saturday, October 31 : Halloween night, live. Sunday, November 1 : America falls back — one more hour of sleep. Tuesday, November 3 : Election Day. What do Americans read, watch and eat while they wait for the results ?

Samedi, la nuit d'Halloween ; dimanche, toute l'Amérique recule ses horloges ; mardi 3 novembre, le jour des élections et ses résultats.

## A CLOZE Texte à trous

Maya is twelve. On Saturday, October 31, it is (112)___. In the morning, she helps her father (113)___ a pumpkin on the porch. « (114)___ rain nor cold can stop us », laughs her mother. In the evening, Maya puts on her (115)___ : she (116)___ a gold crown, like a Greek goddess. She takes her bag and goes from house to house : « Trick or treat ! » The neighbours give her (117)___. At nine o'clock, the street is quiet – and in the night, the clocks will (118)___ back : one more hour of sleep ! Tomorrow, Maya is (119)___ to sleep late, very late.

Les choix :

112. A. Christmas • B. Easter • C. Halloween

113. A. carve • B. eat • C. sell

114. A. Both • B. Neither • C. Also

115. A. costume • B. uniform • C. pyjamas

116. A. wear • B. wears • C. wearing

117. A. money • B. candy • C. flowers

118. A. fall • B. falls • C. falling

119. A. goes • B. go • C. going

## B MULTIPLE CHOICE QCM

**A2 120.**
The game starts at 9:15. In words : ... A. a quarter to nine · B. a quarter past nine · C. half past nine

**A2 121.**
On Sunday, we ___ an extra hour of sleep. A. get · B. gets · C. getting

**B1 122.**
The 76ers ___ the game 106–100. A. win · B. won · C. wins

**B1 123.**
Austin is ___ than Milwaukee in October. A. hot · B. hotter · C. hottest

**B2 124.**
___ the rain, the parade went on all evening. A. Despite · B. Because · C. Unless

**B2 125.**
Nobody knows ___ the Brewers will win the Series. A. whether · B. what · C. who

**A2 126.**
Early voting in Texas ___ on Monday. A. opened · B. open · C. opens

**B1 127.**
She is going to ___ her ballot on Saturday. A. cast · B. casts · C. casted

## C READING Compréhension

On Monday morning, Rosa Delgado, a nurse from Houston, finished her night work at six o'clock. She did not go home to sleep. She drove to the early-voting place near the hospital and joined a short line. « On November 3, I work all day », she explains. « Today, I have time. » Ten minutes later, her ballot was in the box, and a sticker on her jacket said : I VOTED EARLY. By Friday, October 30, when early voting ends in Texas, millions of Texans will do the same.

**A2 128.**
Rosa is... A. a teacher · B. a nurse · C. a driver

**A2 129.**
She voted early because on November 3 she... A. travels · B. works all day · C. sleeps

**B1 130.**
Her sticker said... A. I VOTED EARLY · B. VOTE ON TUESDAY · C. TEXAS FIRST

**B1 131.**
Early voting in Texas ends on... A. October 19 · B. October 30 · C. November 3

## D SENTENCES Phrases à former

**A2 132.**
Be going to : « On Saturday, they (carve) a pumpkin. » → ___

**B1 133.**
Past simple : « The Knicks (raise) their first banner since 1973. »

**B1 134.**
Comparative : « My costume is ___ (scary) than yours. »

**B2 135.**
Whether : « ___ the parade will happen, nobody knows. »

## E TRANSLATION Traduction

**B2 136.**
Translate : « Voting is no longer a day ; it is a season. »

**A2 137.**
Traduisez : Les 76ers ont gagné le match 106 à 100.

**B1 138.**
Traduisez : Cette année, le vote anticipé a commencé lundi.

**B1 139.**
Translate : « Neither club has ever won the Series. »

## F WORDS Mots à associer

**B1 140–143.** Associez

140. a midterm
141. an incumbent
142. a margin
143. turnout

a. the number of people who vote
b. an election in the middle of a president's term
c. the person who holds the job now
d. the difference between two results

## G DIALOGUE À compléter

– Good morning ! Is this the early-voting place ? – Yes, welcome. May I see your (144)___ ? – Here it is. Is the (145)___ long today ? – No, five minutes only. Yesterday it was very long ! – Good. It is my first early vote. What do I do with the (146)___ ? – Mark your choices, check them twice, then put it in the box. – Thank you. And the famous (147)___ ? Everybody has one on their jacket. – The sticker ! Here it is : « I VOTED ». Wear it with pride. – I will ! See you on (148)___ 3rd, in the results ! – Ha ! Have a good day.

## H WRITING Écriture

Write a short text (80 to 100 words) : « My Saturday, October 31 ». Tell us : your costume, your street, the candy, the pumpkins – and one sentence about the clocks that fall back in the night. The best texts will appear in VOL.2 (page 7, « Readers' Corner »).

Écrivez en anglais (80 à 100 mots) : « Mon samedi 31 octobre ». Racontez votre déguisement, votre rue, les bonbons, les citrouilles — et une phrase sur les horloges qui reculent dans la nuit.

## MODEL Texte modèle

On Saturday, October 31, our street becomes a small Halloween town. In the morning, I carve a pumpkin with my father and we put a candle inside. At six o'clock, I wear my pirate costume and take my bag. House after house, I say « Trick or treat ! » and the neighbours smile and give me candy. My bag is heavy at nine o'clock ! In the night, the clocks fall back, so I sleep one hour more on Sunday. It is my favourite weekend of the autumn.

## ANSWERS Toutes les réponses commentées (pages 1 à 8)

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1. ballot (ballot = le bulletin de vote) • 2. early (early voting = le vote anticipé) • 3. November 3 (Jour des élections : mardi 3 novembre) • 4. champion (champion = le champion) • 5. opened (Commencé dès lundi → prétérit : opened) • 6. first (first title = le premier titre) • 7. B (Au Texas, le vote anticipé commence lundi 19 octobre) • 8. C (L'Amérique recule ses horloges le 1er novembre) • 9. A (Le match 1 des World Series est à Milwaukee) • 10. B (La nouvelle saison NBA commence mardi 20 octobre)

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11. half past (8:30 = huit heures et demie) • 12. quarter past (9:15 = neuf heures et quart) • 13. quarter to (7:45 = huit heures moins le quart) • 14. midnight (0:00 = minuit) • 15. o'clock (3:00 = trois heures pile) • 16. Checks are going to grow in January. (checks (pluriel) → are going to) • 17. Milwaukee is going to play Game 1 on Friday. (Milwaukee (singulier) → is going to) • 18. We are going to check the fridge tonight. (we → are going to) • 19. Are you going to vote early this year ? (Question : be passe devant le sujet) • 20. B (COLA : +3,6 % (chiffre officiel SSA)) • 21. B (En ligne fin nov., par courrier en déc.) • 22. C (Rappel : refroidisseur d'usine en panne) • 23. A (Le premier chèque, en 1940 : 22,54 dollars) • 24. b (benefit = l'argent versé par l'État b) • 25. d (recall = l'entreprise reprend tout d) • 26. c (pound = environ 0,45 kg c) • 27. a (cost of living = le prix du quotidien a)

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28. False (Halloween tombe un samedi (31 octobre)) • 29. True (La NRF prévoit 13,5 milliards de dollars) • 30. False (Les costumes d'abord, pas les bonbons) • 31. True (47 % des gens utilisent l'IA pour leurs idées) • 32. False (Porche éteint = « pas cette année, merci ») • 33. costume (costume = le déguisement) • 34. carve (carve a pumpkin = creuser une citrouille) • 35. porch (porch = le porche, le perron) • 36. candy (96 % des célébrants achètent des bonbons) • 37. patch (pumpkin patch = le champ de citrouilles) • 38. B (13,5 milliards : la prévision de cette année) • 39. A (La liste de Google s'appelle Frightgeist) • 40. B (Cette année : les dieux grecs) • 41. B (Années 1900 : les vœux par carte postale) • 42. Children go door to door on October 31. (Présent simple : les habitudes) • 43. She buys a Greek god costume. (3e personne : buys (présent simple)) • 44. He does not like horror films. (Négation, 3e personne : does not) • 45. will rain (I think → will pour prédire)

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46. A (La dernière bannière des Knicks datait de 1973) • 47. A (106–100 : six points d'écart) • 48. B (Les Brewers en World Series : la dernière fois en 1982) • 49. C (La course de F1 a lieu dimanche) • 50. B (Le programme dit Week 7, pas Week 8) • 51. d (tip-off = le début du match (basket) d) • 52. b (sweep = gagner tous les matchs d'une série b) • 53. a (defending champion = le champion en titre a) • 54. c (banner = la bannière qui rappelle un titre c) • 55. older (Les World Series sont plus anciennes que la NBA) • 56. hotter (hot → hotter (consonne doublée)) • 57. busiest (Superlatif : the busiest) • 58. more (Maxey 28 points Brunson 21 points) • 59. The 76ers won 106–100. (win → won (irrégulier)) • 60. The Knicks raised their banner. (raise → raised (régulier)) • 61. Milwaukee swept the Dodgers. (sweep → swept (irrégulier)) • 62. Tampa Bay beat Cleveland on Monday. (beat → beat (irrégulier)) • 63. Fans watched three games on Tuesday night. (watch → watched (régulier))

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64. A (Le triple match d'ouverture : NBC et Peacock) • 65. A (L'une des recherches du mercredi matin (instantané)) • 66. B (47 % utilisent l'IA pour costumes et décorations) • 67. B (Tesla et Meta : résultats mercredi après la clôture) • 68. C (Avant la publication, les experts donnent des chiffres différents) • 69. stream (stream = regarder en streaming) • 70. highlights (highlights = les meilleurs moments) • 71. viral (go viral = devenir viral, faire le buzz) • 72. roster (roster = la liste des joueurs) • 73. earnings (earnings = les résultats financiers) • 74. feed (feed = le fil d'actualité) • 75. Tesla is reporting its results tonight. (3e personne : is + -ing) • 76. The teams are playing 43 games this week. (Pluriel : are + -ing) • 77. Fans are watching the tripleheader on their phones. (fans → are watching) • 78. Milwaukee is preparing for Game 1. (prepare → is preparing) • 79. True (Le texte : beaucoup de jeunes fans découvrent le match en clip) • 80. False (Avant la publication, personne ne connaît les chiffres) • 81. False (Les listes viennent de Google (Frightgeist) et des magasins)

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82. C (La première raison : éviter les files (34 %)) • 83. 27 (Ils travaillent le jour du vote : 27 personnes) • 84. 61% (34 + 27 = 61) • 85. False (27 + 16 = 43, moins de la moitié) • 86. 18 points (34 – 16 = 18 points) • 87. 100% (Les quatre réponses totalisent 100 %) • 88. B (Les élections de mi-mandat décident du contrôle du Congrès) • 89. B (Aux États-Unis, les élections sont organisées par les États) • 90. B (3,8 milliards : la publicité électorale au 12 octobre) • 91. C (En Floride, la période obligatoire commence samedi 24 octobre) • 92. more convenient (convenient → more convenient) • 93. highest (record = le plus haut de l'histoire) • 94. earlier (Le Texas commence le 19, la Floride le 24) • 95. smaller (218 – 214 = 4 10) • 96. incumbent (incumbent = le sortant) • 97. margin (margin = l'écart) • 98. turnout (turnout = la participation) • 99. campaign (campaign = la campagne)

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100. opened (open → opened) • 101. go up (go up = monter) • 102. beat (beat → beat (inchangé)) • 103. has (neither → has) • 104. no longer (no longer = ne··· plus) • 105. head (fans → head (forme de base)) • 106. about (about = environ) • 107. spring (spring forward = avancer) • 108. I agree with you. (agree est un verbe : pas de « am » devant) • 109. Yesterday I went to the game. (Le prétérit de go est went) • 110. This week is busier than last week. (busier est déjà un comparatif : pas de more en plus) • 111. He doesn't like early voting. (3e personne : doesn't + forme de base)

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112. C (Le 31 octobre, c'est Halloween) • 113. A (carve = creuser la citrouille-lanterne) • 114. B (neither ··· nor = ni ··· ni) • 115. A (costume = le déguisement d'Halloween) • 116. B (she (3e personne) → wears) • 117. B (trick or treat rapporte des bonbons) • 118. A (will + forme de base : fall) • 119. C (be going to → is going) • 120. B (9:15 = a quarter past nine) • 121. A (we → get (forme de base)) • 122. B (Match terminé → won) • 123. B (than → comparatif : hotter) • 124. A (despite + nom : malgré la pluie) • 125. A (whether = si, est-ce que) • 126. A (Passé → prétérit : opened) • 127. A (be going to + forme de base : cast) • 128. B (Dans le texte : a nurse from Houston) • 129. B (Le 3 novembre, elle travaille toute la journée) • 130. A (Sur l'autocollant : I VOTED EARLY) • 131. B (Au Texas, le vote anticipé finit le 30 octobre) • 132. On Saturday, they are going to carve a pumpkin. (are going to + forme de base) • 133. The Knicks raised their first banner since 1973. (raise → raised (régulier)) • 134. scarier (scary → scarier (le y devient i + er)) • 135. Whether (whether introduit une question indirecte (si)) • 136. Le vote n'est plus l'affaire d'une journée ; c'est une saison. (no longer = ne··· plus) • 137. The 76ers won the game 106–100. (win → won ; score 106–100) • 138. This year, early voting opened on Monday. (open → opened ; on Monday) • 139. Aucun des deux clubs n'a jamais gagné les World Series. (neither = aucun des deux ; has ever won = present perfect) • 140. b (midterm = élection de mi-mandat b) • 141. c (incumbent = le sortant c) • 142. d (margin = l'écart d) • 143. a (turnout = la participation a) • 144. ID (Au vote, on montre sa pièce d'identité (ID)) • 145. line (line = la file d'attente (anglais américain)) • 146. ballot (ballot = le bulletin de vote) • 147. sticker (sticker = l'autocollant) • 148. November (Le jour des élections : le 3 novembre) • 149. Tâche ouverte — points dans le cadre d'écriture ; texte modèle dans le cadre de cette page (Noté sur les points)