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### 2010 Flashback: Looking Back on 2010 with the Visual Thesaurus

Directions: Use the Visual Thesaurus to help you answer the following questions about some of the big events of 2010.

1. On January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010 a devastating earthquake hit the Caribbean island of \_\_\_\_\_ (hint: look up “Caribbean” in the VT and then click on its description to see your choices). People living on this island speak French. The French word for “earthquake” is \_\_\_\_\_ (hint: look up “earthquake” in the VT and then display in French).
2. The Deepwater Horizon oil rig explosion on April 20, 2010 caused the largest offshore oil spill in U.S. history and contaminated the waters of the Gulf of Mexico. The Gulf of Mexico is part of the \_\_\_\_\_ Ocean (hint: look up “Gulf of Mexico” in the VT and read its description).
3. In 2010, Spain beat the Netherlands for the FIFA World Cup soccer championship. The World Cup is held once every \_\_\_\_\_ years (hint: look up World Cup in the VT and read its description).
4. Star NBA basketball player LeBron James jilted his former team The Cleveland Cavaliers to join the \_\_\_\_\_ (hint: look up “cool” in the VT, and find one of its antonyms, indicated by the red-dashed line).
5. Beginning in February of 2010, 33 Chilean miners were trapped underground for more than two months until they were miraculously rescued. For what two metals were these miners originally searching? \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (hint: look up Au and Cu in the VT)
6. The singer Eminem was nominated for ten Grammy awards in December of 2010, including a nomination for “Album of the Year” for his album entitled \_\_\_\_\_ (hint: look up “recuperation” in the VT and find one of its synonyms).