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A. A comic strip.

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A. Because the song, *Divine* by Sébastien Tellier is sung largely in English.

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A. Catherine Deneuve.

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A. A screenwriter and pop lyricist, recently elected as the first 'entertainer' to sit on the Académie Française.

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A. Where the Impressionists would meet in the late 1860s.

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A. Badges that call for "a better world".

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A. Inciting extreme dieting or more specifically anything that would "provoke a person to excessive thinness". The bill aims to tackle anorexia and bulimia, particularly in the worlds of fashion and media.

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