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The Nvidia Affair (November 16, 2026)

TEACHING GUIDE

ℹ️ **What?** The boss of Nvidia, a company that designs chips essential to artificial intelligence, left his job after a scandal.

👤 **Who?** Jensen Huang, who founded Nvidia with two friends and led it for 33 years.

🌍 **Where?** In the United States, in Santa Clara, California, where Nvidia's headquarters are located.

🕰️ **When?** On November 12, 2026.

❓ **Why is it important?** Because Nvidia's chips power a large part of the world's artificial intelligence.

🎯 **For this activity, your goal will be to learn a little more about Nvidia, its chips and the affair that shook the company.**

OBJECTIVES

- Understand the affair that led Jensen Huang to step down
- Tell a proven fact from a suspicion
- Understand the role of chips in artificial intelligence
- Match four computer components to their role using an analogy
- Read a bar graph and a square chart
- Calculate a difference, a ratio and a percentage

SUBJECTS

- **English**
  - Understanding a news report
  - News vocabulary
  - Reading descriptive texts
- **Science and Technology**
  - Parts of a computer
  - Artificial intelligence
  - The internet and data centers
- **Mathematics**
  - Bar graphs
  - Percentages
  - Multiplication and division

COMPETENCIES

- Understand a news report
- Read and interpret charts
- Carry out simple calculations (difference, ratio, percentage)
- Reason by analogy
- Think critically about information

DURATION

- Approximately 45 minutes

GETTING STARTED

- Ask the students whether they have ever asked an artificial intelligence a question
- Ask them what they think happens before the answer appears
- Ask them whether they know any companies that make chips
- Gather their ideas: why could a boss's private life worry a government?

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

STEP 1 — Suspicions of Spying. Viewing a FRANCE 24 report on Jensen Huang's departure, followed by five multiple-choice questions.

Q1 — He resigned as Nvidia's CEO.
Q2 — Spying for China. (These are suspicions, not proven facts.)
Q3 — Colette Kress.
Q4 — They plunged.
Q5 — Because Nvidia's chips are essential in the AI race against China.

STEP 2 — Nvidia's Specialty. Reading a comic that compares how artificial intelligence works to a restaurant, followed by one multiple-choice question and four picture-choice questions.

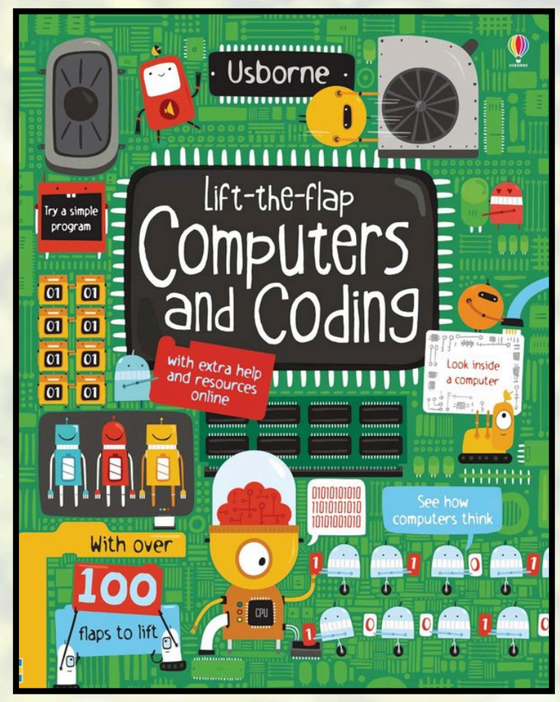
Q6 — Because thousands of tiny calculators work at the same time.
Q7 — The processor (CPU), which plays the role of the chef.
Q8 — The data center, which plays the role of the kitchen.
Q9 — The graphics card (GPU), which plays the role of the crew. (This is Nvidia's specialty.)
Q10 — The internet, which plays the role of the server.

STEP 3 — Nvidia by the Numbers. Reading a bar graph (Nvidia's revenue, 2022 to 2026) and a square chart (graphics card market share), followed by four calculations.

Q11 — 86 billion dollars (216 − 130).
Q12 — 8 times (216 ÷ 27).
Q13 — 10% (8 + 2).
Q14 — 180 cards (90% of 200 = 0.9 × 200).

WRAPPING UP

- Hold a group discussion about what the students learned
- Discuss what surprised them most (thousands of calculators in a single chip, revenue multiplied by 8 in 4 years, 9 out of 10 graphics cards made by Nvidia)
- Recall the difference between a suspicion and proof: why do journalists say "suspected"?
- Ask: the next time you ask an AI a question, will you be able to say where its "crew" is working?



FURTHER EXPLORATION

📖 Rosie Dickins. *Lift-the-Flap Computers and Coding*. Usborne.