The story

As prices continue to rise, the global economy is getting closer to a recession.

That's according to a prediction by the World Bank.

This year, the economy is expected to rise by the smallest percentage since 1991.

Reasons for slow growth include Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the impact of the pandemic.

Key words and phrases

overcoming
dealing with a difficult problem
  • I overcame my shyness by attending public speaking classes.
  • The winning team only overcame their opponent in the final minutes of the match.

doom and gloom
used to describe a generally bad situation
  • It's really cold but at least the Sun is shining. It's not all doom and gloom.
  • My whole family is ill again. It's all doom and gloom.

turbulent
not calm; unstable
  • Conflicts in the country mean it has quite a turbulent history.
  • 2022 was a turbulent year – there was lots of bad news.