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# ANIMAL NEWS

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- a) Tortoises
- b) Parrots
- c) Iguanas



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- a) The white rhino
- b) The blue whale
- c) The red panda

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- a) Horses
- b) Cows
- c) Goats



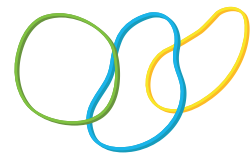
A silver-backed chevrotain (Q5)



National Trust Seth Jackson

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- a) Seagulls
- b) Seals
- c) Cod



5) Why was the silver-backed chevrotain in the news this year?

- a) The mammal had been "lost" for 30 years, but was rediscovered in Vietnam
- b) Their numbers increased by 200% in 2019
- c) One snuck aboard a flight to Madagascar

6) What animals invaded Russian towns in February because climate change has damaged their natural habitat?

- a) Arctic foxes
- b) Emperor penguins
- c) Polar bears

7) A pair of what animals were rescued from captivity in China and sent to a sanctuary in Iceland in June?

- a) Beluga whales
- b) Pangolins
- c) Giant pandas

8) A newly discovered beetle was named after a famous activist in October. What is the beetle called?

- a) Nelloptodes gretae
- b) Attenbrae todes
- c) Darwaen nellop



# SCIENCE NEWS



- 1) What was special about a spacewalk carried out by two NASA astronauts on the International Space Station?
- a) Both astronauts were monkeys
  - b) Both astronauts were female
  - c) Both astronauts were British



- 2) In July, it was announced that which scientist will feature on the new UK £50 notes?

- a) Alan Turing
- b) Ada Lovelace
- c) Rosalind Franklin

- 3) In October, it was announced that Jupiter is no longer the planet with the most moons. Which now has the most moons?

- a) Mars
- b) Venus
- c) Saturn



- 4) In January, which country successfully landed their Chang'e-4 spacecraft on the far side of the moon?

- a) China
- b) USA
- c) Germany

- 5) What vaccine was every UK primary school child offered for the first time this autumn?

- a) Flu
- b) Measles
- c) Polio



- 6) In September, Harvard University in the USA held the 29th Ig Nobel prize ceremony. What research had one of the winners carried out?

- a) Research into making ice cream that doesn't melt
- b) Research into how, and why, wombats make cube-shaped poo
- c) Research into attaching parachutes to mice, so they can be used as spies

- 7) One million seagrass seeds are to be planted off the Welsh coast in a bid to restore habitat and increase the population of which animal?

- a) Jellyfish
- b) Basking sharks
- c) Seahorses

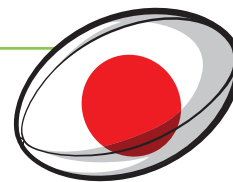


- 8) What has the UK's new polar research ship been named?

- a) Boaty McBoatface
- b) Ms Greta Thunberg
- c) Sir David Attenborough



# SPORT NEWS



**1) Which tennis player won this year's Women's Singles at Wimbledon?**

- a) Coco Gauff
- b) Simona Halep
- c) Serena Williams



**2) Which tennis player won this year's Men's Singles at Wimbledon?**

- a) Roger Federer
- b) Novak Djokovic
- c) Andy Murray

**3) This year's men's Cricket World Cup took place in the UK in July. Which country won?**

- a) Australia
- b) New Zealand
- c) England



**4) Why did England's Euro 2020 qualifier against Bulgaria have to be suspended?**

- a) Racial abuse from fans towards England players
- b) Extreme hail
- c) Concern over whether the Bulgarian team captain was fit enough to play

**5) Who won the Rugby World Cup, which took place in Japan this autumn?**

- a) New Zealand
- b) England
- c) South Africa

**6) After winning her 19th world title and fifth all-around gold at the World Gymnastics Championships in Stuttgart, Germany, this person is now the most successful gymnast in the history of the competition. Who is she?**

- a) Sunisa Lee
- b) Simone Biles
- c) Claudia Fragapane

**7) In October, in which country did thousands of women attend a FIFA football game for the first time in 40 years, following the lifting of a ban?**

- a) Iran
- b) Japan
- c) Bolivia

**8) Briton Dina Asher-Smith won a record-breaking three medals at the World Athletics Championships in which events?**

- a) 100m sprint, 200m sprint and 4x100m relay
- b) Javelin, hammer and discus
- c) High jump, long jump and pole vault



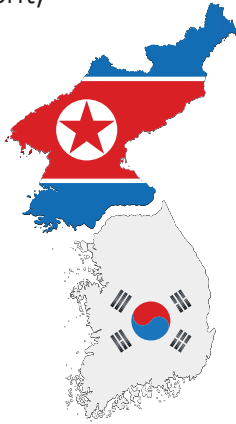


# WORLD NEWS



**1) Which world leader visited Kim Jong-un for the third time this July?**

- a) U.S. president, Donald Trump
- b) French president, Emmanuel Macron
- c) South Korean president, Moon Jae-in



**2) In October, the capital city of which country elected its first female mayor, Claudia López?**

- a) Bogotá in Colombia
- b) Madrid in Spain
- c) Wellington in New Zealand



**3) What was discovered in Luxor, Egypt, in December – the biggest find of its kind in more than a century?**

- a) Thirty cat statues representing the ancient Egyptian goddess Bastet
- b) Thirty ancient wooden coffins with mummies inside
- c) Thirty canopic jars containing organs of the deceased



**4) Why was Uluru, once known as Ayers Rock, closed to climbers this year?**

- a) To respect the indigenous Anangu people
- b) The rock became too eroded
- c) No-one was interested in climbing it any more

**5) Why was NATO in the news this year?**

- a) Because Sweden joined the organisation
- b) Because the organisation turned 70
- c) Because Donald Trump refused to attend the NATO summit in the UK in December

**6) Where in the world experienced devastating wildfires for more than a month, triggering worldwide uproar this summer?**

- a) Australia
- b) Florida
- c) The Amazon rainforest



**7) Where in the world has been experiencing anti-government demonstrations since June?**

- a) Taiwan
- b) China
- c) Hong Kong

**8) Which historic French building was seriously damaged in a fire in April?**

- a) The Eiffel Tower
- b) Notre-Dame Cathedral
- c) The Louvre Museum

# HOME NEWS



1) What did the Make Your Mark Campaign find to be the highest priority for 11 to 18-year-olds in the UK?

- a) Knife crime
- b) Climate change
- c) Higher education costs



2) Why were the words 'blatherskite' and 'spindleshank' in the news in November?

- a) They are words from a newly-discovered Roald Dahl novel
- b) New research will find out whether these old words are still being used today
- c) They are new words added to the 2019 Oxford English Dictionary

3) Which royal couple launched legal action against British newspapers for violations of privacy?

- a) The Duke and Duchess of Sussex
- b) The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge
- c) The Duke and Duchess of Cornwall



4) What was 11-year-old Alfie Howard-Hughes prepared to take his school to court over in August?

- a) His wheelchair
- b) The length of his hair
- c) His support dog

5) Which holiday company collapsed this year, leaving people stranded abroad?

- a) Virgin Holidays
- b) Thomas Cook
- c) Thomson Travel Group

6) What event will take/took place in the UK on Thursday 12 December?

- a) A general election to vote in a new government
- b) The launch of the UK's first lunar rover, Mooncrawler
- c) A world-record attempt to create the biggest choir to sing a Christmas carol

7) What disaster affected the north of England this autumn?

- a) A hurricane
- b) Lightning storms caused by hot weather
- c) Severe flooding

8) Bristol is the first UK city to ban diesel cars. What harmful gas do diesel vehicles produce?

- a) Carbon monoxide
- b) Nitrogen dioxide
- c) Oxygen



# ENTERTAINMENT



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- a) The ⊗ button is pronounced 'cross'
- b) The ⊙ button is pronounced 'o'
- c) The ▲ button is pronounced 'triangle'



2) Who was criticised this year for spending \$35,000 (£28,000) on designer kittens?

- a) Taylor Swift
- b) Ed Sheeran
- c) Justin Bieber



3) 135,000 tickets for what event sold out in just 34 minutes?

- a) Glastonbury Festival
- b) *The Avengers: Endgame* preview
- c) The Oscars

4) At what event in August did Disney announce updates about upcoming films, and celebrate all things Disney?

- a) Comic Con
- b) Disney Drive
- c) D23



5) Who was named one of the top ten most influential black people in Britain?

- a) Footballer and *Strictly* star, Alex Scott
- b) Musician, Stormzy
- c) Actor, Samuel Anderson

6) Who was crowned the winner of this year's *X Factor: Celebrity*?

- a) V5
- b) Jenny Ryan
- c) Megan McKenna

7) Who celebrated their 60th birthday this March, after their first appearance at the American International Toy Fair in New York in 1959?

- a) Barbie
- b) Micky Mouse
- c) Paddington Bear

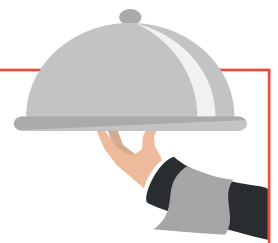


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- a) *Frozen 2*
- b) *Onward*
- c) *Mulan*



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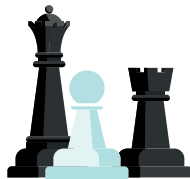


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- a) Get a record deal
- b) Fly a plane
- c) Cycle from Land's End to John O'Groats



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- a) £200
- b) £50
- c) £785,000



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- a) Fingernails
- b) Egg shells
- c) Platinum from old mobile phones



**5) How did a steppe eagle rack up a huge phone bill?**

- a) The bird worked out how it could call its friend who was near a phone at a local sanctuary
- b) It flew to Iran, where its GPS tracker was very expensive to use
- c) It got caught in a power line and damaged signals, which means there was a hefty fine to pay

**6) In November, Nick Butter, an athlete from Dorset became the first person to do what?**

- a) Run seven marathons on seven continents in seven days
- b) Run a marathon in every country in the world
- c) Complete the world's longest triathlon



**7) Why did Ai-Da, a robot, get her own exhibition in July?**

- a) Because she can accurately predict people's future
- b) Because she is an artist
- c) Because she can imitate celebrities

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- b) A Saharan silver ant
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