

# Weekly Quiz

1. What type of animal has been spotted swimming around in the Thames estuary recently?
  - a. a narwhal
  - b. a beluga whale
  - c. a walrus
2. The manufacturer of EpiPens has been in the news recently. What is an EpiPen?
  - a. an anti-allergy device
  - b. a laser pen which has caused several instances of temporary blindness
  - c. an electronic device designed to be used with the iPad
3. The Ryder Cup is a golfing competition between the United States and ...?
  - a. The United Kingdom
  - b. Europe
  - c. The Rest of the World
4. Why did hundreds of Head Teachers protest and march in central London recently?
  - a. They want higher pay for their teachers
  - b. They want higher pay for themselves
  - c. They want greater funding for schools
5. What type of extreme natural event hit the Indonesian city of Palu last Friday?
  - a. Volcanic eruption
  - b. Tornado
  - c. Tsunami
6. True or false, the Duchess of Sussex attracted a lot of attention on the internet last week for refusing to close her own car door upon arriving at a royal event last week.
7. Great Britain has been awarded a wildcard entry into the Davis Cup. What type of event is the David Cup?
  - a. an international horse race
  - b. an international tennis championship
  - c. an international sailing championship
8. Why has weight loss organisation, Weight Watchers, been in the news?
  - a. It has celebrated its 100th anniversary
  - b. it has announced the organisation will stop operating in two years
  - c. it has changed its name
9. How did the Japanese space agency make history recently?
  - a. it successfully landed two robotic explorers on an asteroid
  - b. it has just launched a manned mission to Mars
  - c. it has become the first space agency to officially close down
10. Which of these UK cities has the fourth largest population after London, Birmingham and Glasgow?
  - a. Bristol
  - b. Manchester
  - c. Leeds
  - d. Liverpool
11. Which country did Donald Trump strongly criticise in his recent speech at the United Nations?
  - a. North Korea
  - b. Russia
  - c. Iran
12. Why was British tennis star Andy Murray in the news last week?
  - a. he dropped accidentally dropped a commemorative plate he was being presented during a ceremony in China
  - b. he lost his temper and accidentally hit an umpire with a ball
  - c. he dramatically tripped over the net when he was celebrating a victory
13. Scientists are concerned that persistent chemical pollution in the environment could threaten the future of killer whales. By what other name are killer whales known?
14. Iconic British rock band Led Zeppelin has been taken to court over copyright issues related to which famous song?
  - a. Let It Be
  - b. Stairway to Heaven
  - c. Smoke on the Water
15. Which company has had to back down and allow Fortnite players to compete against players who use other consoles?
  - a. Sony Playstation
  - b. Microsoft Xbox
  - c. Nintendo Switch

# Weekly Quiz - Visual





# Weekly Quiz - Answers

1. What type of animal has been spotted swimming around in the Thames estuary recently?

b. a beluga whale - Ships in the river were being urged to keep clear, and the public has been asked not to take to the water to watch it. Beluga whales can grow up to 20ft in length and are usually at home in the icy waters around Greenland, Svalbard or the Barents Sea.
2. The manufacturer of EpiPens has been in the news recently. What is an EpiPen?

a. an anti-allergy device - A shortage of EpiPens is causing worry for people with allergies in the UK. The makers of the adrenaline injection pen, which is used to treat severe and life threatening allergic reactions, say the supply problems are due to manufacturing issues. The Department of Health said they were working with the manufacturers to "resolve the supply situation as quickly as possible".
3. The Ryder Cup is a golfing competition between the United States and ...?

b. Europe - This year's event was the 42nd Ryder Cup and was held at Guyancourt, France.
4. Why did hundreds of Head Teachers protest and march in central London recently?

c. They want greater funding for schools - This is the latest push in a campaign by school leaders to highlight the dangers of budget shortfalls and the different funding levels between schools. The Head Teachers at the rally were from many schools around the country.
5. What type of extreme natural event hit the Indonesian city of Palu last Friday?

c. Tsunami - Waves of up to 2m (6.6ft) high swept through Palu, not long after authorities had lifted a tsunami warning following a 7.5 magnitude quake. Video shows people fleeing in panic and a mosque amongst the buildings damaged.
6. True or false, the Duchess of Sussex attracted a lot of attention on the internet last week for refusing to close her own car door upon arriving at a royal event last week.

False - On her first solo event since becoming a royal, Meghan stepped out of her car - having had the door opened. She then shut it behind her. Some praised her "down to earth" and "humble" attitude, while others joked she may put someone out of a job.
7. Great Britain has been awarded a wildcard entry into the Davis Cup. What type of event is the David Cup?

b. an international tennis championship - Great Britain, who won the Davis Cup in 2015, beat Uzbekistan recently to ensure they would be seeded in qualifying for the new event. But they are now guaranteed a place among the 18 teams who will compete for the title next November.
8. Why has weight loss organisation, Weight Watchers, been in the news?

c. it has changed its name - Weight Watchers has rebranded itself WW, in what it says marks "the next stage of the company's evolution". The company says the new name reflects its development from focusing on weight loss to overall health and wellness.
9. How did the Japanese space agency make history recently?

a. it successfully landed two robotic explorers on an asteroid - The two small "rovers" were despatched from the Hayabusa-2 spacecraft and will move around the 1km-wide space rock known as Ryugu. The asteroid's low gravity means they can hop across it, capturing images of the surface.
10. Which of these UK cities has the fourth largest population after London, Birmingham and Glasgow?

c. Leeds - With 761,000, the West Yorkshire city is larger than Bristol (5th), Liverpool (6th) and Manchester (7th).
11. Which country did Donald Trump strongly criticise in his recent speech at the United Nations?

c. Iran - US President Donald Trump attacked the Iranian leadership, accusing it of sowing "chaos, death and destruction" across the Middle East. Mr Trump also boasted that his administration had accomplished "more than almost any" other in US history. His words were greeted with laughter but he laughed back, saying: "Didn't expect that reaction."
12. Why was British tennis star Andy Murray in the news last week?

a. he dropped accidentally dropped a commemorative plate he was being presented during a ceremony in China - He was very apologetic to the hosts and the watching media.
13. Scientists are concerned that persistent chemical pollution in the environment could threaten the future of killer whales. By what other name are killer whales known?

Orcas - Scientists are worried about the effects of PCBs, highly toxic chemical compounds that were banned decades ago, but continue to effect living organisms in the ocean. Orcas are top predators so they absorb all the PCB pollution taken in by the different prey in their food chain - from fish, right up to seals and sharks.
14. Iconic British rock band Led Zeppelin has been taken to court over copyright issues related to which famous song?

b. Stairway to Heaven - Led Zeppelin face a new trial over claims the band stole a guitar riff for their 1971 song, Stairway to Heaven. A California appeals court overruled a 2016 case that said the band did not steal the opening of their hit from 'Taurus' by the band Spirit.
15. Which company has had to back down and allow Fortnite players to compete against players who use other consoles?

a. Sony Playstation - Many games already let those using a PC, Nintendo Switch or Xbox One play together online, but Sony had refused to take part. It had previously cited child protection as one of the reasons it blocked cross-play.

## VISUAL ANSWERS

**1. Jodie** - Jodie Whittaker walked the red carpet in Sheffield before a premier screening of the new Doctor Who series, as did Bradley Walsh, Mandip Gill and Tosin Cole, who play her companions. The show launches on BBC One soon.

**2. b. New Zealand** - Kyle Mulinder was paddling off the South Island town of Kaikoura when he became caught in a battle between a seal and the octopus it wanted for lunch. Footage of him getting slapped in the face by an octopus has since gone viral.

**3. a. The South Pacific** - The aircraft came down in a lagoon off Chuuk International Airport in Micronesia after it missed the runway. The Air Niugini plane from Papua New Guinea was seen sitting in shallow water just off the coast and locals responded to help rescue all of the 36 passengers and 11 crew.

### 4. Spain

**5. Tiger Woods** - An emotional Tiger Woods completed an astonishing comeback to win the season-ending Tour Championship by two shots and record his first title win in five years.