

Weekly Quiz - Answers

- Where did Great Britain finish on the medal table for the 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris?
 - 7th with 14 gold medals - With 64 medals in total (14 G, 21 S, 29 B), Team GB finished in 7th on the table. The first six places in order were, United States, China, Japan, Australia, France and Netherlands.
- The World Health Authority has declared a public health emergency of international concern over a current outbreak of ...?
 - Mpox - There has been an upsurge of a new mpox strain in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and a growing number of countries in Africa with over 15,600 cases this year. There is a vaccine available to those at high risk.
- What is Venezuela's leader doing to boost his support with his people?
 - He is moving Christmas to October - Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro has been in power since 2013 but a recent election was highly disputed with the opposition party also claiming that they'd won. Venezuela's Supreme Court, which is loyal to the president, declared him the winner of the July election.
- What was the name of the super storm that made landfall in China's Hainan province last week, causing widespread damage and forcing a million people to evacuate?
 - Typhoon Yagi - Super Typhoon Yagi, Asia's strongest storm of 2024, struck China's Hainan province with winds of up to 234 km/h. The storm resulted in at least two deaths, injured 92 people, and caused power outages affecting 830,000 households. It also led to the evacuation of about a million people in the region.
- Payments have been approved for those in the UK who were wrongly denied compensation for the Caribbean migration scandal. What is this group known as?
 - The Windrush Generation - The Windrush Generation refers to people who arrived in the UK from Caribbean countries between 1948 and 1971. They were wrongly classified as illegal immigrants, leading to the Windrush scandal. A compensation scheme was set up to address the injustices, but many were wrongly denied payments and £400,000 has recently been secured for those victims.
- Why has the mayor of Paris been in the news recently?
 - She wants to keep Olympic rings on the Eiffel Tower - Some Parisians backed the move, but others said it was a bad idea and would "defile" the iconic monument. Mayor Anne Hidalgo said the rings will be switched for smaller ones.
- Who has just made an official visit to Indonesia for the first time in 35 years?
 - Pope Francis - Indonesia is a predominantly-Muslim nation with only around 3% of the population being Catholic. His visit is part of his tour of South-East Asia and the Pacific.
- Which predator insects are officials racing to eliminate before they spread further in the South East of Britain?
 - Asian hornets - The Animal Plant Health Agency's (APHA) bee team has already discovered 10 nests in Kent and Sussex. One nest could contain thousands of the predators, which are capable of killing 11kg (24lb) of insects in a season, including honeybees and other pollinators. The National Bee Unit found and destroyed 72 nests in 2023.
- Who has become the latest American popstar to become a billionaire?
 - Selena Gomez - The 32-year-old star has enjoyed significant success as a singer and as an actor but its her make-up and cosmetics brand Rare, that has seen her personal fortune top the US\$1 billion landmark.
- Singer Celine Dion's team has criticised former US President Donald Trump for the "unauthorised" use of her song 'My Heart Will Go On'. On which 1997 film did the famous song feature?
 - Titanic - The song 'My Heart Will Go On' was played to supporters before Trump appeared on stage at a rally in Montana. A statement released by Dion's team said she did not endorse the use of the song, adding: "And really, that song?". Dion who suffers from stiff persons syndrome recently performed at the opening ceremony for the Paris Olympics.
- What was notable about the UK's summer weather this year, according to the Met Office?
 - It was the coolest summer in nine years - According to the Met Office, this summer was the coolest in the UK since 2015, with the mean daily temperature across the country being 0.22°C below average. While some regions, like the south, experienced heatwaves, the overall trend was cooler and wetter, particularly in the north-west.
- A Russian court has sentenced a visiting US ballerina to treason and 12 years in jail for ...?
 - Donating \$51 to a charity supporting Ukraine - Ksenia Karelina, who has American and Russian citizenship, pleaded guilty last week after a trial held behind closed doors. She had been living in Los Angeles and became a US citizen in 2021. She was arrested during a family visit to Russia last January.
- Legendary guitarist Brian May has said he can still play, despite a recent medical event. Which famous British band was he part of?
 - Queen - Brian May, the legendary guitarist, is a founding member of the band Queen, which formed in 1970. Despite experiencing a minor stroke, May reassured fans that he could still play guitar and thanked the healthcare professionals who treated him.
- In which year was the first official Paralympic Games held?
 - 1960 - The Paralympic Games which first took place in Rome, Italy, in 1960 featuring 400 athletes from 23 countries. Since then they have taken place every four years.
- A South Korean city is offering \$64,000 for people who ...?
 - Get married and have children - In the city of Busan, councils have set up pilot projects where eligible singles who live or work in the district will be evaluated and invited to an event where they can meet other like-minded singles looking for love. In total, couples who successfully find love and make their way through each stage of the process could pocket between \$64,000 to \$85,000.

VISUAL ANSWERS

1. a. Boeing Starliner - The aircraft landed without crew in the New Mexico desert at the weekend. This caps off a three-month test mission that's been troubled by technical issues and forced the astronauts it had flown to the International Space Station, to remain there until next year.

2. b. Ireland - Prime Minister Starmer said it is the moment to reset relations between the UK and the Republic of Ireland. On Saturday, he became the first British prime minister to visit the Republic of Ireland in five years. The prime minister held talks with Taoiseach (Irish PM) Simon Harris who was elected in April, just three months before his British counterpart - both are new to their roles.

3. Paris - The Olympic cauldron made a stunning flight at the Paris Paralympics Games opening ceremony and will sit on the ground during the day and rise again every evening. More than 4,000 athletes with physical, visual and intellectual impairments will compete in 22 sports during the games.

4. Italy

5. b. The world's second-largest diamond - President Masisi, had to use both hands to hold the world's second largest diamond. "What!?" he exclaimed as the 2,492-carat stone was unveiled. A Canadian mining company discovered the diamond in a Botswana diamond mine. The world's largest one was 3,106-carat and was found in South Africa in 1905.