

Weekly Quiz - Answers

1. How many wild fires have been recorded in the Amazon Rainforest this year?
c. 72,843 - Brazil's space research recorded 72,843 fires in the Amazon this year alone, marking an 83 percent surge compared to the same period in 2018. Heavy smoke from a recent fire caused a daytime blackout more than 1,700 miles away in Brazil's largest city São Paulo.
2. A French mayor has urged President Macron to take action on the behaviour of tourists after ...?
b. a tourist abandoned a rowing machine on Mont Blanc - The mayor of Chamonix in the French Alps has urged President Emmanuel Macron to act against "wackos" climbing the nearby Mont Blanc, after a series of incidents including a British tourist abandoning a rowing machine on the summit of the famed mountain.
3. Which of these politicians has NOT quit the Conservative Party amid disagreements about the Prime Minister's handling of Brexit?
b. Sajid Javid - Both Amber Rudd (Work and Pensions Secretary) and Jo Johnson (Boris Johnson's brother), have quit the Tory party. In Amber Rudd's devastating resignation letter, she accused the prime minister of "an assault on decency and democracy" and "an act of political vandalism" for sacking 21 of her Tory colleagues for backing a parliamentary bill to stop a no-deal Brexit.
4. A petition was launched in New York to rename the part of Fifth Avenue where Trump Tower sits. What does the petition want it changed to?
b. President Obama Avenue - A petition to rename a New York street in front of Trump Tower after former US President Barack Obama has attracted more than 400,000 signatures. It is currently called Fifth Avenue
5. The first phase of the HS2 has been delayed by up to five years. What is the HS2?
c. a rapid train service - The London-Birmingham section of the line was due to open at the end of 2026, but it could now be between 2028 and 2031 before the first trains run on the route. HS2's total cost has also risen from £62bn to between £81bn and £88bn. The second phase has also been delayed.
6. A huge raft of floating rock the size of Liechtenstein has been seen drifting through the Pacific Ocean. What light volcanic rock does the floating raft consist of?
c. pumice - Experts say the mass which is about the size of 20,000 football fields, probably came from an underwater volcano near Tonga which erupted around August 7.
7. Why has Indonesia announced recently?
c. it has announced it will be moving the country's capital because it is overcrowded, polluted and sinking - Indonesia's president announced today that the country's capital will move to a site on Borneo island. Indonesia's current capital Jakarta, is an Asian mega-city with 10 million people which is prone to earthquakes and flooding and is rapidly sinking due to uncontrolled extraction of ground water.
8. Why was Prince Harry in the news recently?
a. he defended his family's use of private jets - Prince Harry has defended he and Meghan's use of private jets as a transport measure to ensure his family's safety. It comes as the eco-minded prince launched his travel sustainability initiative in partnership with key travel providers.
9. How did young Swedish environmentalist Greta Thunberg, travel to the UN climate summit in New York?
a. she sailed there on a zero-carbon sailboat - The 16-year-old climate change activist who has inspired student protests around the world left Plymouth, England, and took 14 days to reach New York in a high-tech but decidedly low-comfort boat. She was attending the United Nations Climate Action Summit.
10. Which disease is no longer considered 'incurable' after breakthroughs in treatments?
c. Ebola - Two of four experimental Ebola drugs being tested in Congo seem to be saving lives, international health authorities announced last week. A vaccine against Ebola was created some time ago and is used during outbreaks but still isn't clinically approved.
11. After conducting research, scientists now believe that the myth of Scotland's Loch Ness Monster may be based on ...?
a. giant eels - Researchers from New Zealand have tried to identify all living species in the loch by extracting DNA from water samples. They concluded that it is possible that large eels could be a possible answer to Loch Ness Monster sightings.
12. Who has been fined US\$170 million after it collected personal data on children without parental consent?
a. YouTube - Google, which owns YouTube, agreed to pay the sum in a settlement with the United States' Federal Trade Commission. The video-streaming site had been accused of collecting data on children under 13, without parental consent. The FTC said the data was used to target ads to the children, which contravened United States laws.
13. Why was Pope Francis in the news recently?
b. he had to be rescued from an elevator - Firefighters have rescued the Pope after he got stuck in a Vatican elevator. Pope Francis spent 25 minutes trapped in the lift and was late to prayer in St Peter's Square.
14. Which player scored a hat-trick of (three) goals to help secure England's win over Bulgaria at the weekend?
a. Harry Kane - England cruised to victory against Bulgaria at Wembley to maintain their 100% record in Euro 2020 qualifying.
15. What happened when India attempted to land its Vikram lunar lander on the moon?
c. they lost contact with it before it was due to land - India's Chandrayaan-2 orbiter attempted to drop the lander near the lunar south pole on September 6. Mission controllers lost contact with the descending craft when it was just 2.1 kilometers above the surface.

VISUAL ANSWERS

1. **Charlotte** - Princess Charlotte was "very excited" about starting school, the Duke of Cambridge said as he dropped her off for her first day. Princess Charlotte met the head of the lower school at Thomas's Battersea. Prince George has attended the private school in south west London since 2017.
2. **a. Whaley Bridge, Derbyshire** - More than 1,500 people were ordered to evacuate the Derbyshire town last month over fears the dam could collapse and threaten the lives of residents. Full repairs to the Toddbrook Reservoir dam are expected to take up to three years.
3. **Hong Kong** - Operations at Hong Kong International Airport were disrupted last month by ongoing protests, forcing the cancellation of many flights. Large scale demonstrations have been carried out across the Chinese territory for weeks.
4. **Greece**
5. **Bear** - The TV adventurer and survivalist was left with major facial swelling after suffering an intense allergic reaction during a televised stunt gone wrong. Medics on the set of 'Treasure Island' realised he was going into anaphylactic shock and immediately ran over to him and injected Grylls with an EpiPen.