

Weekly Quiz

1. What size are social gatherings in England now restricted to?
 - a. six
 - b. ten
 - c. twelve
2. Which country's leader has admitted to playing down the severity of coronavirus in order to prevent "panic"?
 - a. Australian Prime Minister, Scott Morrison
 - b. US President, Donald Trump
 - c. French President, Emmanuel Macron
3. Why has British long-distance runner, Mo Farah, been in the news recently?
 - a. He broke the world record for longest distance run in one-hour
 - b. He has announced his retirement
 - c. He has announced plans to compete in the shorter 1500 metres event at the next Olympics
4. Contestant, Donald Fear, has just managed to win the £1 million jackpot on win the jackpot on "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?". What does he do for a living?
 - a. Teacher
 - b. Taxi Driver
 - c. Soldier
5. Fire has destroyed most of Europe's largest refugee camp leaving 12,000 homeless. Where was the camp located?
 - a. The Gallipoli peninsula in Turkey
 - b. By the River Danube in Hungary
 - c. The island of Lesbos in Greece
6. Why was the trial of the Oxford University COVID-19 vaccine put on hold?
 - a. it had stopped being effective
 - b. the staff involved went on strike saying they were being expected to work too many hours
 - c. a participant fell ill
7. In which US states are emergency workers having to deal with large-scale wild fires?
 - a. Georgia & Florida
 - b. California & Oregon
 - c. Virginia & North Carolina
8. Which organisation has been heavily criticised for its handling of A-Level and GCSE grades over the summer?
 - a. Ofqual
 - b. Ofsted
 - c. Department for Education
9. Residents of the island nation of Mauritius are desperately trying to create makeshift oil spill barriers to stop tonnes of fuel spilling from a ship that ran aground. Where is Mauritius located?
 - a. Indian Ocean
 - b. Pacific Ocean
 - c. Atlantic Ocean
10. Why was Prince Harry and Duchess Meghan in the news recently?
 - a. they have announced they are having a second baby
 - b. they have launched a lawsuit against Meghan's father
 - c. they have paid back £2.4 million for a renovation on their previous home in Britain
11. Which country surprised the international medical community by approving the world's first coronavirus vaccine last month?
 - a. India
 - b. China
 - c. Russia
12. Who is suing Apple after they were removed from Apple's App store?
 - a. Fortnite
 - b. Minecraft
 - c. Netflix
13. What change has been announced for the 2024 Academy Awards (the Oscars)?
 - a. the award for best picture will be voted on by the public not the film academy
 - b. new standards are being introduced to encourage diversity
 - c. the design of the Oscar award statuette will be changing
14. With which country has the United Kingdom just secured its first major post-Brexit trade deal?
 - a. New Zealand
 - b. Japan
 - c. Norway
15. Which place recently recorded a temperature of 54.4 degrees celsius (which could be the highest temperature ever reliably recorded on Earth)?
 - a. Alice Springs, Australia
 - b. Sahara Desert, Africa
 - c. Death Valley, United States

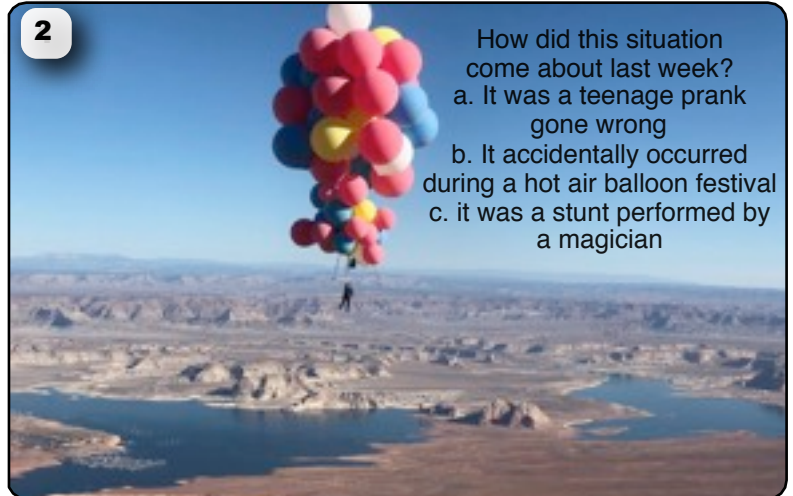
Weekly Quiz - Visual

What is the first name of the man on the right?



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How did this situation come about last week?

- It was a teenage prank gone wrong
- It accidentally occurred during a hot air balloon festival
- it was a stunt performed by a magician

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What was the cause of this devastating scene in Beirut last month?

- weapons
- fertiliser
- earthquake

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Which country has this flag?

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Which member of the Royal Family got married over the summer and is shown here?

- Beatrice
- Eugenie
- Peter

Weekly Quiz - Answers

- What size are social gatherings in England now restricted to?
 - six - A ban on social gatherings of more than six people came into effect on Monday 14th September - with some exemptions - amid a steep rise in coronavirus cases. The law bans larger groups meeting anywhere socially indoors or outdoors, but it will not apply to schools, workplaces or Covid-secure weddings, funerals and organised team sports
- Which country's leader has admitted to playing down the severity of coronavirus in order to prevent "panic"?
 - US President, Donald Trump - According to a new book by journalist Bob Woodward, Trump told Woodward on that he deliberately minimised the danger. "I wanted to always play it down," the president said. The book is based in part on 18 interviews that Woodward conducted with Trump between December and July.
- Why has British long-distance runner, Mo Farah, been in the news recently?
 - He broke the world record for longest distance run in one-hour - Farah ran 21,330m in 60 minutes, bettering the record of 21,285m set by Haile Gebrselassie in 2007. It is the 37-year-old Briton's first world record outdoors.
- Contestant, Donald Fear, has just managed to win the £1 million jackpot on win the jackpot on "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?". What does he do for a living?
 - Teacher - The history teacher from Telford used just one 50/50 lifeline to become the first £1m winner in 14 years. His brother Davyth, a geography teacher, managed to win £500,000 last year.
- Fire has destroyed most of Europe's largest refugee camp leaving 12,000 homeless. Where was the camp located?
 - The island of Lesbos in Greece - Since 2015, the camp has filled with an influx of desperate migrants seeking to reach northern Europe. It is a tent camp designed for 3,000 people that at times has swollen to more than 20,000 after Europe started blocking their paths in 2016.
- Why was the trial of the Oxford University COVID-19 vaccine put on hold?
 - a participant fell ill - Final clinical trials for a coronavirus vaccine, developed by AstraZeneca and Oxford University, have been put on hold after a participant had a suspected adverse reaction in the UK. AstraZeneca described it as a "routine" pause in the case of "an unexplained illness".
- In which US states are emergency workers having to deal with large-scale wild fires?
 - California & Oregon - More than 100 wildfires are currently burning in western US states. The worst affected are Oregon and California, where entire towns have been destroyed. More than half a million people in the US state of Oregon are fleeing deadly wildfires that are raging across the Pacific Northwest, authorities say.
- Which organisation has been heavily criticised for its handling of A-Level and GCSE grades over the summer?
 - Ofqual - Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, and the cancellation of exams, Ofqual designed an algorithm which generated predictions using the historical performance data from each school, a rank provided by the teachers, and prior attainment of each group. But when the grades were announced, nearly 40% of the students had been "downgraded" from the predicted grades assessed by their teachers. Many claimed the process favoured some schools ahead of others.
- Residents of the island nation of Mauritius are desperately trying to create makeshift oil spill barriers to stop tonnes of fuel spilling from a ship that ran aground. Where is Mauritius located?
 - Indian Ocean - A Japanese tanker that ran aground in Mauritius in late July has split apart, pouring the rest of the fuel it carried into the ocean.
- Why was Prince Harry and Duchess Meghan in the news recently?
 - they have paid back \$4.7 million for a renovation on their previous home in Britain - The Duke and Duchess of Sussex have paid back £2.4 million for the renovations and refurbishing of Frogmore Cottage in Windsor, England. The couple have just made a multi-million dollar deal with Netflix.
- Which country surprised the international medical community by approving the world's first coronavirus vaccine last month?
 - Russia - President Vladimir Putin says Russia has become the first country in the world to grant regulatory approval to a COVID-19 vaccine after less than two months of human testing. The World Health Organisation has issued warnings around the safety and efficacy of vaccines that have been rushed through trials.
- Who is suing Apple after they were removed from Apple's App store?
 - Fortnite - Apple removed Fortnite for violating the company's in-app payment guidelines. The move came after Epic Games enabled a direct payment feature on the Fortnite app.
- What change has been announced for the 2024 Academy Awards (the Oscars)?
 - new standards are being introduced to encourage diversity - The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences laid out eligibility reforms to the best picture category intended to encourage diversity and equitable representation on screen and off.
- With which country has the United Kingdom just secured its first major post-Brexit trade deal?
 - Japan - The United Kingdom has signed an agreement in principle with Japan which aims to boost trade by about £15bn. International Trade Secretary Liz Truss said it was an "historic moment".
- Which place recently recorded a temperature of 54.4 degrees celsius (which could be the highest temperature ever reliably recorded on Earth)?
 - Death Valley, United States - A temperature recorded last week is being verified by the US National Weather Service and comes amid a heatwave on the US's west coast. The reading was recorded in Furnace Creek in Death Valley.

VISUAL ANSWERS

- Novak** - The top men's tennis player in the world, Novak Djokovic, was disqualified from the US Open after he hit a ball toward the backboard that hit a female line judge in the throat.
- c. it was a stunt performed by a magician** - In his latest stunt, David Blaine ascended nearly 30,000 feet (9,144 meters) into the Arizona sky while hanging from a cluster of jumbo-sized balloons before parachuting safely back to earth.
- b. fertiliser** - The port and surrounding areas of Beirut were struck by a disastrous explosion of bulk fertiliser stored at the port. The explosion claimed hundreds of lives and caused thousands of injuries. Authorities are determined to investigate the tragedy and find out where responsibility lies.
- Spain**
- a. Beatrice** - Princess Beatrice married real estate entrepreneur, Edoardo Mozzi, in a private ceremony. Covid-19 restrictions disrupted their original plans to marry in St James's Palace.