

Weekly Quiz - Answers

- Where did the United Kingdom rank on the medal table at the Tokyo Olympics?
 - fourth - Team GB was very successful at the Tokyo Olympics winning 22 gold medals, and 65 medals in total to take fourth place, behind, USA, China and the host nation Japan. The total medal count was just behind the effort in 2016 when Great Britain won 67 medals.
- What emergency did the Caribbean nation of Haiti face last month?
 - They were hit by a devastating 7.2 magnitude earthquake - More than 2,000 people lost their lives after many buildings were turned to rubble. Haiti is one of the poorest countries in the Americas and was badly hit by another earthquake in 2010 which claimed the lives of 220,000 people.
- The drummer of which iconic rock band passed away recently, at the age of 80?
 - The Rolling Stones - Charlie Watts had been a member of the Stones since 1963, when he joined Sir Mick, Keith Richards and Brian Jones in their fledgling group. The news came weeks after it was announced that he would miss the Rolling Stones' US tour starting next month to recover from a medical procedure.
- The world's fastest-accelerating roller coaster has been suspended after several riders sustained broken bones while on the ride. How fast does the ride go?
 - From 0 to 180 km per hour in under 2 seconds - Located in Japan's Fuji-Q Highland Park, the Do-Dodonpa, has been suspended after injuring as many as four people since December 2020.
- Why has an alpaca named Geronimo been in the news lately?
 - His owner was refusing to have Geronimo put down after he tested positive for a contagious disease - Geronimo was exported from New Zealand to the UK where he tested positive twice for bovine tuberculosis in 2017. The Government ordered the animal to be euthanised as bovine tuberculosis is an infectious disease that can be fatal in animals. The owner was claiming that the test was faulty and Geronimo didn't have the disease.
- Which European leader has been criticised for approving one-off payments to law enforcement and military officials ahead of a parliamentary election?
 - Vladimir Putin (Russian President) - Some political experts claim the payments amount to targeted bribes of key voter groups. The Kremlin (Russian Government), denies the payments are in any way connected with the elections. Putin, 68, has been in power as either president or prime minister since 1999.
- Tesla CEO Elon Musk has recently revealed plans to ...?
 - Create a human-like robot to perform simple tasks - Tesla says it plans to build a humanoid robot to perform basic tasks. Tesla previewed the concept at a presentation at its California factory in the US, dubbing it the "Tesla Bot" and "Optimus" and said it would show a prototype next year.
- What new rules have China targeted at people under the age of 18?
 - Only allowing online gaming for an hour on Fridays weekends and holidays - Game-playing is only allowed between 8pm to 9pm. Gaming companies are required to prevent children playing outside these times.
- The latest James Bond film is due for release at the end of this month. When was the first Bond film released?
 - 1962 - After 18 months of pandemic related delays, 'No Time To Die', which will see Daniel Craig as 007 one last time, is set hit cinemas on 30 September. It's the 25th installment in the adventures of secret agent James Bond.
- Why has the world number three tennis player Stefanos Tsitsipas, faced criticism recently?
 - He takes really long bathroom breaks during matches - Stefanos Tsitsipas has taken long mid-match bathroom breaks in successive matches at the US Open. The long breaks led to an opponent accusing the Greek player of communicating with his coach and father during the Cincinnati Masters. There are no rules about how short a bathroom break has to take.
- In which seaside location did lifeguards perform a mass rescue last week of 17 swimmers who got caught in a rip current and taken out to sea?
 - Bournemouth - The flash rip current appeared off Bournemouth Pier Beach shortly after lunch. The group were all brought to safety via rescue boards and a rescue water craft. Rips are strong currents running out to sea, which can quickly drag people out to deeper water.
- How many laps did Max Verstappen complete to win the Belgian Grand Prix?
 - 2 - Due to bad weather not a single lap was completed that was not behind the safety car. The two laps made the race the shortest in F1 history. Because the race did not complete 75 per cent of its distance, only half points were awarded.
- Who of the following is suing Donald Trump?
 - Police officers - Donald Trump is being sued by 7 US police officers who say he conspired with extremists to incite Capitol riots. The officers alleged the attack was the culmination of months of rhetoric from Mr Trump, who they say knew of the potential for violence and actively encouraged it in hopes of halting the certification of President Joe Biden's election victory.
- Who is announcing a come-back album?
 - ABBA - After four decades, Swedish pop band ABBA confirmed plans to launch a new album and a new stage show. The stage show will not be live but will instead feature holograms of the band members and will be held at a newly purpose built arena in London.
- Who has recently broken the world record for goals scored in men's international football?
 - Cristiano Ronaldo - Ronaldo scored his 110th and 111th goals for Portugal in their 2-1 World Cup qualifying win over the Republic of Ireland. Ali Daei, who scored 109 goals for Iran between 1993 and 2006, held the record which Ronaldo equalled with a double against France at Euro 2020.

VISUAL ANSWERS

- b. Messi** - A tearful Lionel Messi said goodbye to FC Barcelona, explaining that the club's immense debt makes it impossible to afford a player who is arguably the best ever to play soccer. Born and raised in Argentina, Messi relocated to Spain to join FC Barcelona at just aged 13, and had played for them ever since.
- b. New York** - Streets turned into rivers while water cascaded down subway platforms, flooding tracks, as Hurricane Ida lashed the US northeast and caused flash flooding.
- b. Kabul** - Foreign military powers, including the United States, evacuated hundreds of civilians during chaotic scenes at Kabul Airport. People were leaving to escape the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan.
- c. Iceland**
- a. Japan** - A cargo ship broke into two pieces after running aground in a northern Japanese port and spilled oil into the sea. The Crimson Polaris was carrying wood-chip when it went aground last Wednesday. All 21 crew members were safely rescued by the coast guard, and the oil spill has been contained.