

# Weekly Quiz - Answers

1. What did Princess Kate announce in a recent video to the public?

a. She has finished chemotherapy - During a video showing Kate, William and their children enjoying a summer holiday - she announced she has finished her cancer treatment and is beginning the slow, climb back to public life by making a few public appearances when she can.
2. A billionaire and an engineer have become the first non-professional crew to do what in space?

b. Perform a spacewalk - Jared Isaacman and Sarah Gillis stepped out of the SpaceX spacecraft wearing specially-designed suits. Before, only astronauts with government-funded space agencies had done a spacewalk.
3. Which band has complained after their hit songs Money, Money, Money and The Winner Takes it All were used by Donald Trump in his campaign rallies?

a. Abba - Swedish pop superstars Abba have complained after their hits like The Winner Takes it All were played at Donald Trump's presidential campaign rallies.
4. What type of support has the UK Government removed for most pensioners in a recent decision?

a. Winter fuel payments - The UK Government has decided to remove winter fuel payments for all but the poorest pensioners. This decision, defended as necessary due to the state of the country's finances, has sparked significant public criticism and from opposition MPs.
5. An American woman set a world record for the fastest time cycling around the globe. How long did it take?

a. 108 days - Lael Wilcox, an ultra-endurance cyclist from Alaska, set a new world record by cycling around the globe in 108 days, 12 hours, and 12 minutes. She travelled 29,169 km (18,125 miles) across 21 countries, starting and ending her journey in Chicago.
6. The only oil refinery in Scotland is set to close next year, resulting in many job losses. Where is the oil refinery located?

c. Grangemouth - The only oil refinery in Scotland, located in Grangemouth, is set to close by the summer of next year. The site will be converted into a fuel import terminal, leading to the loss of 400 jobs.
7. Which celebrity publicly endorsed Kamala Harris following the US presidential debate, in an Instagram post they signed as "Childless Cat Lady"?

a. Taylor Swift - Within 24 hours of her announcement, nearly 340,000 people had visited the voter registration website, vote.gov, using a custom link created and shared by Swift.
8. For years, Apple had a tax arrangement with Ireland that allowed it to pay less than 1 per cent tax on profits from across the world. A court decision has ruled the agreement illegal so it now owes Ireland around ...?

c. \$20 billion - The European Court of Justice on Tuesday upheld a 2016 ruling that Ireland had allowed Apple to avoid paying billions of euros in tax on the company's profits. Ireland's motivation to offer Apple tax benefits was to encourage the company to base its EU headquarters in Ireland.
9. Star Wars creator George Lucas has led the tributes to "incredible actor" James Earl Jones following his death last week. What part did he play in Star Wars?

a. He was the voice behind Darth Vader - In a statement, Lucas described Jones as "a most unique voice both in art and spirit". The actor was also in many other films including Field of Dreams, Coming To America, Conan the Barbarian, The Lion King and many others.
10. What is the Government introducing to combat childhood obesity?

b. A ban on junk food adverts being shown on TV before 9pm - The ban will come into force on 1 October 2025. More than one in five children in England are overweight or living with obesity by the time they start primary school, and this rises to more than one third by the time they leave.
11. Who has been named the 'best country in the world' for the third year in a row, according to a new survey?

a. Switzerland - Each nation was ranked on categories including power, openness for business and cultural influence. The top ten ranked were Switzerland, Japan, US, Canada, Australia, Sweden, Germany, UK, New Zealand and Denmark.
12. Two men have been charged following a theft of an artwork depicting a young girl holding a heart shaped balloon, from a London gallery. Whose artwork was it?

c. Banksy - The Metropolitan Police said two men are alleged to have taken the painting, titled Girl With Balloon, from the Grove Gallery. Police say they have recovered the work, which is valued in court documents at £270,000.
13. Villages in India's Uttar Pradesh region have been terrorised recently by attacks carried out by which wild animals?

c. Wolves - Police launched an operation deploying 10 teams with drones, and infrared and thermal imaging cameras to catch the creatures after 8 people lost their lives in attacks. The animals involved have been shipped to zoos. India has an estimated 2812 wolves.
14. Which country on average has the tallest population of people in the world?

a. The Netherlands - It had one of the shortest European populations at the beginning of the 19th Century but over 200 years their average height increased some 20 cm and they are currently the tallest population in the world. The average height of a Dutch man is 182.5cm and a Dutch woman 168.7cm.
15. What was unusual about some peaches sold at Harrods recently?

a. They were grown in the Fukushima nuclear disaster region - The luxury retailer has begun selling peaches from Japan's Fukushima region as part of efforts to restore trust in produce grown there following 2011's nuclear disaster.

## VISUAL ANSWERS

- 1. a. New Zealand** - During their visit to Buckingham Palace, the New Zealand women's rugby team, the Black Ferns, asked King Charles III for a hug, which quickly turned into a group hug. Afterward, the King said the hug was "very healing."
- 2. c. Airbus Beluga** - The 'world's strangest-looking plane' – the Airbus Beluga, got its name because of its resemblance to the species of whale. The Beluga has been dispatched from Toulouse with spare parts to repair a damaged British Airways plane that has been left stranded at Heathrow since April.
- 3. b. Trevi Fountain** - The city has been grappling with the impacts of overtourism. The plans under consideration include having people reserve in advance to visit the monument. Access to the fountain would most likely be free for residents while everyone else would be asked to make a "symbolic" contribution of one or two euros, he said.
- 4. Switzerland**
- 5. c. Typhoon Yagi, Vietnam** - A busy bridge in northern Vietnam collapsed after being hit by Super Typhoon Yagi. The storm wreaked havoc across the north of the country, with flooding and landslides claiming over 60 lives, and leaving millions of people without power.