

Weekly Quiz - Answers

1. The 80th anniversary of which major event was marked across the UK last week?
 - a. Battle of Britain - The battle, fought entirely in the air, was a dramatic turning point in World War Two. Fewer than 100 guests attended the 80th anniversary service in Westminster Abbey due to coronavirus restrictions. It usually attracts about 2,000 people. A flypast took place after the service, with a Hurricane and three Spitfires flying over central London.
2. Spain's largest city has seen large protests from residents in poorer areas due to renewed restrictions on movement and gatherings. What is the largest city in Spain?
 - c. Madrid - The renewed measures have been put in place in many in areas of lower income and with higher immigrant populations, and protestors are labelling it discrimination. Residents will only be able to leave their zone to go to work, school or to seek medical care. Social gatherings within their zone will be limited to six, public parks will be shut and commercial businesses will need to close by 22:00.
3. Why has the HSBC bank been in the news over the last week?
 - a. Their share price has fallen dramatically - Its role in a £62m fraud is detailed in the FinCEN leak of "suspicious activity reports". According to reports, HSBC allowed fraudsters to transfer millions of dollars around the world even after it had learned of their scam. It is the largest bank in Europe, and the 6th largest in the world.
4. What was the name of the hurricane that recently caused widespread damage along the east coast of the United States?
 - c. Hurricane Sally - Storm Sally battered the US Gulf Coast, Florida and Alabama with rain and storm surges, downed power lines, turned roads into rivers and left homes submerged.
5. Which of the following food brands plans to change its name due its current cultural inappropriateness?
 - b. Uncle Ben's (rice) - Uncle Ben's Rice will change its name to Ben's Original and remove the image of a smiling, grey-haired black man from its packaging. The change follows through on a pledge its owner Mars Food made in June to review the brand amid global protests over police brutality and racism. Uncle Ben's entered the market in the 1940s and was for decades the best-selling rice in the US.
6. Which member of the Royal Family has just announced that they are pregnant?
 - b. Princess Eugenie - Princess Eugenie and Jack Brooksbank are expecting their first baby early next year, Buckingham Palace has announced. The couple's baby will be the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh's ninth great-grandchild.
7. What was unusual about the 2020 Emmy Awards held recently?
 - c. The awards show was recorded without an audience - The Emmy Awards were held virtually amid the coronavirus pandemic. It was a significantly lower-key event this year, with most winners dialling in to make their acceptance speeches from home.
8. According to recent research, Antarctica's melting ice shelves over the past 25 years have produced enough water to ...?
 - b. Fill the Grand Canyon - Antarctica's melting ice shelves over the past 25 years have produced enough water to fill the Grand Canyon, according to a new study. Greenland's ice sheet lost 532 gigatonnes of ice in 2019, 15 per cent more than the previous record in 2012
9. Who is the BBC's highest paid presenter according to the annual list they published recently?

Lineker was the highest-earning star with an unchanged salary of £1.75m in the 2019/20 financial year. But close behind is Radio 2 presenter, Zoe Ball, who has seen her pay rise by £1m since taking over the breakfast show in 2019.
10. In which Asian country could you visit the large city of Osaka?

Japan - Osaka is the second largest metropolitan area in Japan and among the largest in the world with more than 20 million inhabitants.
11. Which UK political party recently unveiled the new slogan "A new leadership"?
 - b. Labour - The Labour Party is looking to establish a new direction under Sir Keir Starmer who has replaces Jeremy Corbyn as leader of the second largest party in parliament.
12. On which island was a large rescue operation launched when a mass stranding of around 500 pilot whales occurred in an isolated harbour last week?
 - c. Tasmania - Although almost 350 whales did not survive, rescuers managed to save 108 of the whales. Australia's Marine Conservation Program called it a fantastic outcome after five days of hard work by the rescue team.
13. Which British personality has just broken the record for the fastest time to reach a million followers on Instagram?
 - c. David Attenborough - At 94 years, the naturalist's follower count on his new account raced to seven figures in four hours 44 minutes. Beating previous Guinness World Record-holder, Jennifer Aniston.
14. Which person from history is famous for the 'I Have a Dream' speech?
 - b. Martin Luther King Jr - The US civil rights leader delivered the famous speech during the March on Washington event on August 28, 1963.
15. Why did a Spanish triathlete competing in the 2020 Santander Triathlon make the news last week?
 - b. he gave up third place by letting a runner who went the wrong way go past him again - Diego Méndrida has been hailed for his great sportsmanship. British athlete James Teagle was on course to win third place in the competition when he made a mistake metres from the finish. Méndrida overtook him but noticed the error and stopped to allow Teagle to cross first. Méndrida was also awarded honorary third place by the organisers and given the same €300 prize money.

VISUAL ANSWERS

1. **c. Pangolin** - The pangolin, a scaly mammal often described as looking apologetic, has been suggested as an intermediary animal in the journey of SARS-CoV-2 from bats into humans.
2. **a. Sunak** - Chancellor of the Exchequer, Rishi Sunak, will not be delivering an Autumn Budget this year because of the coronavirus pandemic.
3. **Australia** - Uluru (Ayer's Rock) is the largest monolith - or rock - in the world and is located in the Northern Territory
4. **Turkey**
5. **b. Melania Trump** - A new bronze statue to US First Lady Melania Trump has been unveiled near her hometown in Slovenia. It replaces a wooden sculpture erected last year, which was set alight shortly afterwards by unknown arsonists. Some described the original as a "disgrace" or a "Smurfette", saying it did not look like Mrs Trump.