

ANIMAL NEWS

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 - c) Iguanas



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 - c) The red panda
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 - a) Horses
 - b) Cows
 - c) Goats









- 4) What animals were collecting rubber bands from the Cornish mainland and taking them to Mullion Island where they were being eaten and thrown back up?
 - a) Seagulls
 - b) Seals



- 5) Why was the silver-backed chevrotain in the news this year?
 - a) The mammal had been "lost" for 30 years, but was rediscovered in
 - b) Their numbers increased by 200% in 2019
 - c) One snuck aboard a flight to Madagascar
- 6) What animals invaded Russian towns in February because climate change has damaged their natural habitat?
 - a) Arctic foxes
 - b) Emperor penguins
 - c) Polar bears
- 7) A pair of what animals were rescued from captivity in China and sent to a sanctuary in Iceland in June?
 - a) Beluga whales
 - b) Pangolins
 - c) Giant pandas
- 8) A newly discovered beetle was named after a famous activist in October. What is the beetle called?
 - a) Nelloptodes gretae
 - b) Attenbrae todes
 - c) Darwaen nellop



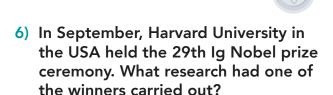
SCIENCE NEWS

- What was special about a spacewalk carried out by two NASA astronauts on the International Space Station?
 - a) Both astronauts were monkeys
 - b) Both astronauts were female
 - c) Both astronauts were British



- 2) In July, it was announced that which scientist will feature on the new UK f50 notes?
 - a) Alan Turing
 - b) Ada Lovelace
 - c) Rosalind Franklin
- 3) In October, it was announced that Jupiter is no longer the planet with the most moons. Which now has the most moons?
 - a) Mars
 - b) Venus
 - c) Saturn
- 4) In January, which country successfully landed their Chang'e-4 spacecraft on the far side of the moon?
 - a) China
 - b) USA
 - c) Germany
- 5) What vaccine was every UK primary school child offered for the first time this autumn?
 - a) Flu
 - b) Measles
 - c) Polio





- a) Research into making ice cream that doesn't melt
- b) Research into how, and why, wombats make cube-shaped poo
- c) Research into attaching parachutes to mice, so they can be used as spies
- 7) One million seagrass seeds are to be planted off the Welsh coast in a bid to restore habitat and increase the population of which animal?
 - a) Jellyfish
 - b) Basking sharks
 - c) Seahorses



- 8) What has the UK's new polar research ship been named?
 - a) Boaty McBoatface
 - b) Ms Greta Thunberg
 - c) Sir David Attenborough





SPORT NEWS

- 1) Which tennis player won this year's Women's Singles at Wimbledon?
 - a) Coco Gauff
 - b) Simona Halep
 - c) Serena Williams



- 2) Which tennis player won this year's Men's Singles at Wimbledon?
 - a) Roger Federer
 - b) Novak Djokovic
 - c) Andy Murray
- 3) This year's men's Cricket World Cup took place in the UK in July. Which country won?
 - a) Australia
 - b) New Zealand
 - c) England



- 4) Why did England's Euro 2020 qualifier against Bulgaria have to be suspended?
 - a) Racial abuse from fans towards England players
 - b) Extreme hail
 - c) Concern over whether the Bulgarian team captain was fit enough to play

- 5) Who won the Rugby World Cup, which took place in Japan this autumn?
 - a) New Zealand
 - b) England
 - c) South Africa
- 6) After winning her 19th world title and fifth all-around gold at the World Gymnastics Championships in Stuttgart, Germany, this person is now the most successful gymnast in the history of the competition. Who is she?
 - a) Sunisa Lee
 - b) Simone Biles
 - c) Claudia Fragapane
- 7) In October, in which country did thousands of women attend a FIFA football game for the first time in 40 years, following the lifting of a ban?
 - a) Iran
 - b) Japan
 - c) Bolivia
- 8) Briton Dina Asher-Smith won a recordbreaking three medals at the World Athletics Championships in which events?
 - a) 100m sprint, 200m sprint and 4x100m relay
 - b) Javelin, hammer and discus
 - c) High jump, long jump and pole vault





WORLD NEWS

- 1) Which world leader visited Kim Jongun for the third time this July?
 - a) U.S. president, Donald Trump
 - b) French president, Emmanuel Macron
 - c) South Korean president, Moon Jae-in





- 2) In October, the capital city of which country elected its first female mayor, Claudia López?
 - a) Bogotá in Colombia
 - b) Madrid in Spain
 - c) Wellington in New Zealand



- 3) What was discovered in Luxor, Egypt, in December – the biggest find of its kind in more than a century?
 - a) Thirty cat statues representing the ancient Egyptian goddess Bastet
 - b) Thirty ancient wooden coffins with mummies inside
 - c) Thirty canopic jars containing organs of the deceased



- 4) Why was Uluru, once known as Ayers Rock, closed to climbers this year?
 - a) To respect the indigenous Anangu people
 - b) The rock became too eroded
 - c) No-one was interested in climbing it any more
- 5) Why was NATO in the news this year?
 - a) Because Sweden joined the organisation
 - b) Because the organisation turned 70
 - Because Donald Trump refused to attend the NATO summit in the UK in December
- 6) Where in the world experienced devastating wildfires for more than a month, triggering worldwide uproar this summer?
 - a) Australia
 - b) Florida
 - c) The Amazon rainforest
- 7) Where in the world has been experiencing anti-government demonstrations since June?
 - a) Taiwan
 - b) China
 - c) Hong Kong
- 8) Which historic French building was seriously damaged in a fire in April?
 - a) The Eiffel Tower
 - b) Notre-Dame Cathedral
 - c) The Louvre Museum



HOME NEWS

- 1) What did the Make Your Mark Campaign find to be the highest priority for 11 to 18-year-olds in the UK?
 - a) Knife crime
 - b) Climate change
 - c) Higher education costs



- 2) Why were the words 'blatherskite' and 'spindleshank' in the news in November?
 - They are words from a newlydiscovered Roald Dahl novel
 - b) New research will find out whether these old words are still being used today
 - c) They are new words added to the 2019 Oxford English Dictionary
- 3) Which royal couple launched legal action against British newspapers for violations of privacy?
 - a) The Duke and Duchess of Sussex
 - b) The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge
 - c) The Duke and Duchess of Cornwall





- 4) What was 11-year-old Alfie Howard-Hughes prepared to take his school to court over in August?
 - a) His wheelchair
 - b) The length of his hair
 - c) His support dog
- 5) Which holiday company collapsed this year, leaving people stranded abroad?
 - a) Virgin Holidays
 - b) Thomas Cook
 - c) Thomson Travel Group
- 6) What event will take/took place in the UK on Thursday 12 December?
 - a) A general election to vote in a new government
 - b) The launch of the UK's first lunar rover, Mooncrawler
 - c) A world-record attempt to create the biggest choir to sing a Christmas carol
- 7) What disaster affected the north of England this autumn?
 - a) A hurricane
 - b) Lightning storms caused by hot weather
 - c) Severe flooding
- 8) Bristol is the first UK city to ban diesel cars. What harmful gas do diesel vehicles produce?
 - a) Carbon monoxide
 - b) Nitrogen dioxide
 - c) Oxygen



ENTERTAINMENT

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- 1) How did Sony say we were to pronounce the symbols on PlayStation controllers?
 - a) The ⊗ button is pronounced 'cross'
 - b) The o button is pronounced 'o'
 - c) The \(\Delta \) button is pronounced 'triangle'



- 2) Who was criticised this year for spending \$35,000 (£28,000) on designer kittens?
 - a) Taylor Swift
 - b) Ed Sheeran
 - c) Justin Bieber
- 3) 135,000 tickets for what event sold out in just 34 minutes?
 - a) Glastonbury Festival
 - b) The Avengers: Endgame preview
 - c) The Oscars
- 4) At what event in August did Disney announce updates about upcoming films, and celebrate all things Disney?
 - a) Comic Con
 - b) Disney Drive
 - c) D23



- 5) Who was named one of the top ten most influential black people in Britain?
 - a) Footballer and Strictly star, Alex Scott
 - b) Musician, Stormzy
 - c) Actor, Samuel Anderson
- 6) Who was crowned the winner of this year's X Factor: Celebrity?
 - a) V5
 - b) Jenny Ryan
 - c) Megan McKenna
- 7) Who celebrated their 60th birthday this March, after their first appearance at the American International Toy Fair in New York in 1959?
 - a) Barbie
 - b) Micky Mouse
 - c) Paddington Bear



- 8) Which much-anticipated Disney film came to UK cinemas in November?
 - a) Frozen 2
 - b) Onward
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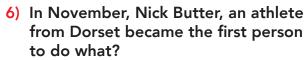
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 - a) Poland
 - b) Scotland
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- 2) In June, Mavis Paterson, an 81-yearold grandmother, became the oldest person to do what?
 - a) Get a record deal
 - b) Fly a plane
 - c) Cycle from Land's End to John O'Groats
- 3) How much did a previously lost medieval chess piece from the historic Lewis Chessmen collection sell for at auction?
 - a) £200
 - b) £50
 - c) £785,000



- 4) After a year of collecting, what did one man make an engagement ring from?
 - a) Fingernails
 - b) Egg shells
 - c) Platinum from old mobile phones



- 5) How did a steppe eagle rack up a huge phone bill?
 - The bird worked out how it could call its friend who was near a phone at a local sanctuary
 - b) It flew to Iran, where its GPS tracker was very expensive to use
 - c) It got caught in a power line and damaged signals, which means there was a hefty fine to pay



- a) Run seven marathons on seven continents in seven days
- b) Run a marathon in every country in the world
- c) Complete the world's longest triathlon



- 7) Why did Ai-Da, a robot, get her own exhibition in July?
 - a) Because she can accurately predict people's future
 - b) Because she is an artist
 - c) Because she can imitate celebrities
- 8) What animal can run 108 times its own body length in one second? (A cheetah can only run 16!)
 - a) A buffalo spider
 - b) A Saharan silver ant
 - c) A water bear (tardigrade)





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