

# Weekly Quiz

1. According to the recent government announcement, on what date is the final stage of easing lockdown restrictions now likely to take place?
  - a. July 9th
  - b. July 19th
  - c. July 29th
2. How much did a bidder pay for a seat on a spaceflight with Amazon founder Jeff Bezos?
  - a. \$280,000
  - b. \$2.8 million
  - c. \$28 million
3. Why has the well known home furnishings company Ikea, been in the news?
  - a. They have been found guilty of spying on people
  - b. They have been found guilty of copying furniture designs from other companies
  - c. The Swedish founded company is being bought by a US company
4. Which country has struck the first major post-Brexit trade agreement with the United Kingdom?
  - a. New Zealand
  - b. Australia
  - c. Japan
5. Leaders of the Group of Seven (G7) wealthy nations have pledged to provide poor nations with more than 1 billion ...?
  - a. Dollars in aid
  - b. COVID-19 vaccinations
  - c. Oxygen tanks
6. One of the world's largest ever diamonds was discovered in Botswana recently. In which part of the world is Botswana?
  - a. Eastern Europe
  - b. Western Asia
  - c. Southern Africa
7. In which country has long-serving Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu been forced out of his role?
  - a. Israel
  - b. South Africa
  - c. Sweden
8. True or false, four-time Grand Slam champion Naomi Osaka, has pulled out of the upcoming Wimbledon tennis tournament?
  - a. True
  - b. False
9. Why has political figure Dominic Cummings been in the news recently?
  - a. He has stepped down as leader of the DUP Party after less than a month
  - b. He has launched a legal challenge to become Mayor of London
  - c. He is a former advisor of Boris Johnson who is releasing damaging material about the Prime Minister
10. What surprising admission from North Korean leader, Kim Jong-un, has made international headlines?
  - a. He has indicated that North Korea is facing a food shortage crisis
  - b. He has suggested that he would like to join with South Korea by 2030
  - c. He has announced that he will pass North Korea's leadership to his sister in 2025
11. What was the result of the much-anticipated UEFA EURO 2020 football match between England and Scotland last Friday?
  - a. England 2 - 0 Scotland
  - b. England 0 - 0 Scotland
  - c. England 0 - 2 Scotland
12. Which of these achievements has China's space programme just managed?
  - a. sent astronauts to its new space station for the first time
  - b. landed a space probe on the surface of Mercury
  - c. launched a rocket into orbit using fuel made from corn
13. What unusual situation are residents currently facing in rural Victoria, Australia?
  - a. a large plague of toads
  - b. a mega swarm of bees
  - c. a mass of spider webs
14. In which year was the Great Fire of London?
  - a. 1066
  - b. 1666
  - c. 1866
15. Which famous footballer caused an issue for Coca-Cola in a recent post-match press conference when he swapped drink bottles?
  - a. Lionel Messi
  - b. Cristiano Ronaldo
  - c. Neymar

# Weekly Quiz - Visual

What is this famous UK site known as?  
 a. Eden Project  
 b. Alpha Project  
 c. Genesis Project



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This tribute is for a footballer recovering from a sudden medical emergency he recently suffered while on the field for which country?  
 a. Croatia b. Denmark c. Norway



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What is the last name of the world leader on the left?



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Which Caribbean country has this flag?

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What is the name of the writer shown here?  
 a. Mary Shelley b. Jane Austen  
 c. Charlotte Bronte

# Weekly Quiz - Answers

- According to the recent government announcement, on what date is the final stage of easing lockdown restrictions now likely to take place?
  - July 19th - It means most remaining curbs on social contact will continue beyond 21 June, when they had been due to be lifted. The limit on wedding guest numbers will be removed but venues will still have to adhere to other rules. Boris Johnson said there would be a review after two weeks and he was "confident" the delay would not need to be longer than four weeks.
- How much did a bidder pay for a seat on a spaceflight with Amazon founder Jeff Bezos?
  - \$28 million - The flight is the first crewed spaceflight by the billionaire's Blue Origin company. Jeff Bezos, his brother Mark, the auction winner and another tourist will form the four-strong crew for the 20 July flight.
- Why has the well known home furnishings company Ikea, been in the news?
  - They have been found guilty of spying on people - A French court has ordered Ikea to pay 1.1 million euros (\$1.7 million) in fines and damages over a campaign to spy on unhappy customers, employees and union representatives in France.
- Which country has struck the first major post-Brexit trade agreement with the United Kingdom?
  - Australia - Under the deal, the age limit for working holiday visas will be increased to 35 for both countries, and the UK will ease tariffs (trade taxes) on Australian lamb, beef and sugar. New Zealand hopes to have a deal by the end of the year.
- Leaders of the Group of Seven (G7) wealthy nations have pledged to provide poor nations with more than 1 billion ...?
  - COVID-19 vaccinations - The G7 leaders' summit was held in Cornwall, England. The G7 consists of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States. As of 2018, the G7 countries account for close to 60% of global net wealth (\$317 trillion) but only 10% of the world's population.
- One of the world's largest ever diamonds was discovered in Botswana recently. In which part of the world is Botswana?
  - Southern Africa - The diamond believed to be the third largest ever found weighs 1,098 carats and was found by diamond firm Debswana. The huge gem is only slightly less heavy than the world's second-largest diamond which was also found in Botswana in 2015. Botswana is Africa's largest producer of diamonds.
- In which country has long-serving Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu been forced out of his role?
  - Israel - Benjamin Netanyahu has lost his 12-year hold on power in Israel after its parliament voted in a new coalition government. Now, right-wing nationalist, Naftali Bennett, will lead an unprecedented coalition of parties which was approved with a razor-thin majority of 60-59.
- True or false, four-time Grand Slam champion Naomi Osaka, has pulled out of the upcoming Wimbledon tennis tournament?
  - True - The current Number 2-ranked player also withdrew from the French Open in May having citing concerns about depression and anxiety.
- Why has political figure Dominic Cummings been in the news recently?
  - He is a former advisor of Boris Johnson who is releasing damaging material about the Prime Minister - Mr Cummings is a political strategist who was appointed as Chief Adviser to PM Boris Johnson for around a year until November 2020. He caused a scandal when he traveled to his parents' farm in Durham during the pandemic lockdown while experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. Since leaving Downing Street, Cummings has criticised the government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and Johnson's leadership.
- What surprising admission from North Korean leader, Kim Jong-un, has made international headlines?
  - He has indicated that North Korea is facing a food shortage - Addressing a meeting of senior leaders, he said: "The people's food situation is now getting tense". He said the agricultural sector had failed to meet targets due to typhoons last year, which caused flooding. There are reports that food prices have spiked, with NK News reporting that a kilogram of bananas costs £32.
- What was the result of the much-anticipated UEFA EURO 2020 football match between England and Scotland last Friday?
  - England 0 - 0 Scotland - The first meeting between the men's teams in a major tournament since Euro 96 was played out at Wembley in a typically raucous atmosphere despite only 22,500 fans in attendance - and both sides had big opportunities to win, but eventually played out a goalless draw.
- Which achievement has China's space programme managed?
  - sent astronauts to its new space station for the first time - China has launched three astronauts into orbit to begin occupation of the country's new space station. The three men are to spend three months aboard the Tianhe module some 380km (236 miles) above the Earth. It will be China's longest crewed space mission to date and the first in nearly five years.
- What unusual situation are residents currently facing in rural Victoria, Australia?
  - a mass of spider webs - In one area of Australia's state of Victoria, spider webs cover more than a kilometre of land next to a road. Blankets of webs cover grass, shrubs, fences, signs and trees in parts of the Gippsland region following flooding. The phenomenon is called ballooning. It's a survival tactic spiders use when threatened, and involves them throwing out silk to climb to higher ground and escape.
- In which year was the Great Fire of London?
  - 1666 - The Great Fire of London swept through the central parts of London over four days in September 1666. It is estimated to have destroyed the homes of 70,000 of the City's 80,000 inhabitants at the time.
- Which famous footballer caused an issue for Coca-Cola in a recent post-match press conference when he swapped drink bottles?
  - Cristiano Ronaldo - The Portugal captain removed two bottles of Coca-Cola and encouraged people to drink water at the after-match press conference. The action had an immediate negative effect on Coca-Cola's share price. The next day, French midfielder Pogba, a practising Muslim, discreetly removed a bottle of Heineken beer. Teams at Euro 2020 could now face fines if their players move drinks provided by sponsors.

## VISUAL ANSWERS

- a. Eden Project** - The visitor attraction in Cornwall is built in the crater of a reclaimed clay pit. The complex is dominated by two huge enclosures consisting of adjoining domes that house thousands of plant species, and each enclosure emulates a natural biome (landscape), including the largest indoor rainforest in the world.
- b. Denmark** - Danish footballer Christian Eriksen has been discharged from hospital following a successful operation nearly a week after suffering cardiac arrest during a European Championship match against Finland.
- Putin** - The presidents of the US and Russia praised their talks in Geneva, the first such meeting since 2018. Joe Biden said they got to talk about their disagreements, while President Putin said Biden was an experienced statesman and the two "spoke the same language". The talks lasted around three hours, less time than was scheduled.
- Cuba**
- b. Jane Austen** - The note features a portrait of the author, an image of Elizabeth Bennet from *Pride and Prejudice*, and illustrations of Austen's writing table and her brother Edward's home, Godmersham Park. Jane Austen was the first female author to grace a British banknote, and the third writer, behind Charles Dickens and Charles Darwin, to feature on the 10-pound note.