

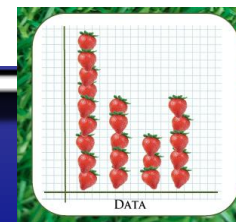
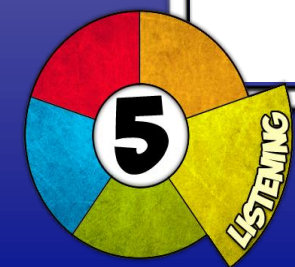


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What appliances do UK authorities have major safety concerns over because of their potential to accidentally cause fires?

- a. Whirlpool toasters
- b. Whirlpool irons
- c. Whirlpool tumble dryers

c. Whirlpool tumble dryers - Whirlpool has known about the fault, which is caused by excess fluff coming into contact with the heating element, since late 2015. The fault has led to at least 750 fires since 2004. It is estimated that there are around one million defective and potentially dangerous tumble dryers that have been sold in the UK over the last 11 years under the brands Hotpoint, Creda and Indesit.





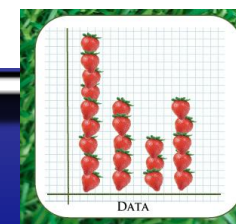
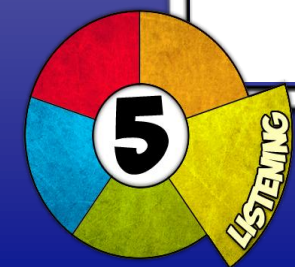
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The controversial VAR system has been introduced to some English football matches. What do the letters VAR stand for?

- a. Video Assistant Referee
- b. Virtual Augmented Reality
- c. Verify And Review

a. Video Assistant Referee - Chelsea boss Antonio Conte says the video assistant referee (VAR) system let his team down after Willian's penalty appeal was rejected during the FA Cup win over Norwich. The system was being trialled for the FA Cup third-round replay.





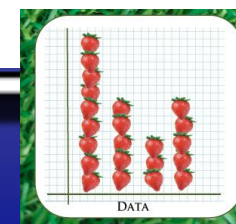
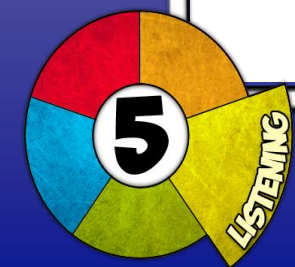
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What product is at the centre of a food safety scandal in France?

- a. baby milk formula
- b. free range eggs
- c. farmed prawns

a. baby milk formula - More than 12 million boxes of powdered baby milk have been recalled in 83 countries following a salmonella outbreak. Lawsuits have been filed by parents who say their children became unwell after drinking the formula. A Lactalis factory was closed last month after it was thought the contamination started in one of its drying towers.





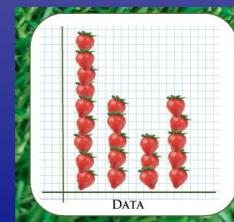
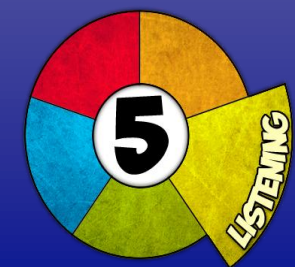


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Of which country is this man the leader?

Russia - The photo shows Vladimir Putin taking his annual dip in the icy cold waters of Lake Seliger. Putin was celebrating the Epiphany, which in Eastern Christianity, commemorates the baptism of Jesus Christ.





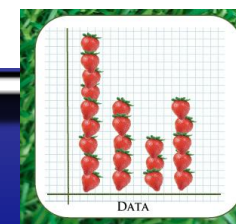
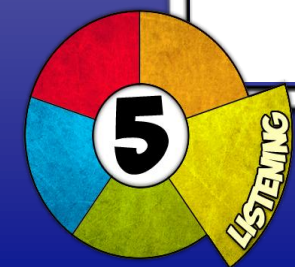
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China has recently introduced a ban on trading ivory. Which of these animals has NOT targeted for ivory?

- a. elephant
- b. rhinoceros
- c. walrus

b. rhinoceros - However rhinoceros horn is still sought after by poachers. China has long been one of the world's biggest markets for ivory, but as of 2018 all trade in ivory and ivory products in the country is illegal. The move is being hailed as a major development in efforts to protect the world's elephant population. Wildlife campaigners believe 30,000 African elephants are killed by poachers every year.



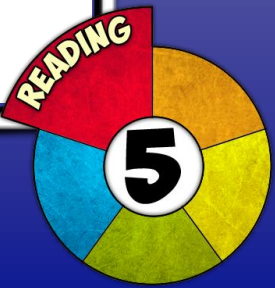
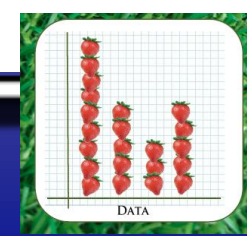
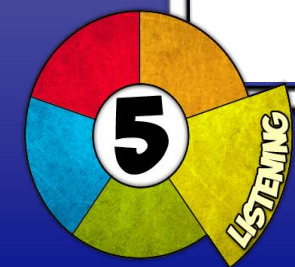


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Ed Sheeran has just announced his engagement to long-time girlfriend Cherry Seaborn. Which of the following is NOT true about her?

- a. she went to school with Ed Sheeran
- b. she has represented England in field hockey
- c. she has been employed as Ed Sheeran's concert promoter since 2015

c. she has been employed as Ed Sheeran's concert promoter since 2015 - Although they both attended the same school in Framlington, Suffolk, they were not childhood sweethearts. They have however been dating since 2015. Cherry Seaborn helped England U21's win the bronze medal at the 2012 European Hockey Championships.







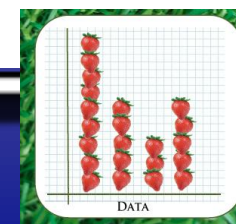
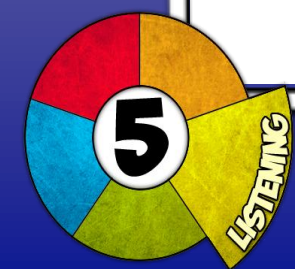
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In which country has the Prime Minister announced she is pregnant with her first child?

- a. Brazil
- b. Denmark
- c. New Zealand

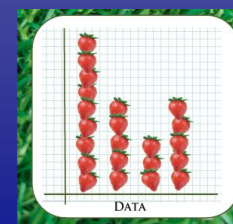
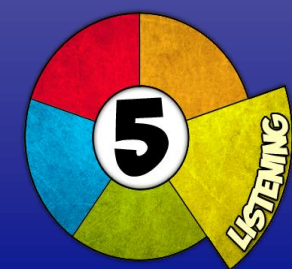
c. New Zealand - Recently elected PM, Jacinda Ardern, has announced she is expecting her first child in June. She plans to take six weeks maternity leave. She will become only the second serving world leader to have a child while in office.





In which country did this emergency situation recently occur?  
a. Spain   b. Australia   c. Turkey

c. Turkey - The 162 passengers on board the Boeing 737-800 miraculously escaped without any serious injuries after the out-of-control plane suddenly veered off an icy runway and hurtled down the side of the cliff at Trabzon Airport.



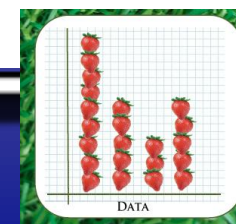
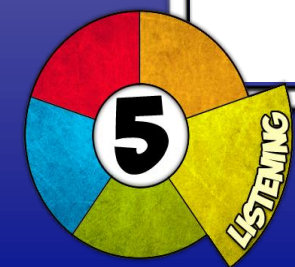




What policy has Asda and Aldi introduced around energy drinks?

- a. they have decided not to stock any in their stores
- b. they will not sell to people under 16
- c. they will not sell anybody more than one at a time

b. they will not sell to people under 16 - Asda has become the first of the "big four" supermarkets to announce an age limit, which will apply to 84 high-caffeine drinks, also from 5 March. Aldi will apply it to soft drinks containing 150mg of caffeine per litre from 1 March.





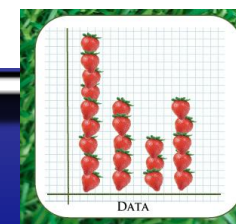
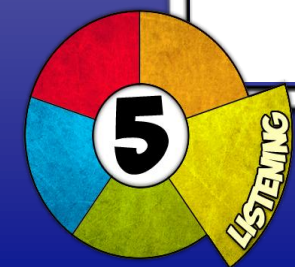
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Which American city is known as ‘The city that never sleeps’?

- a. Las Vegas
- b. Los Angeles
- c. New York

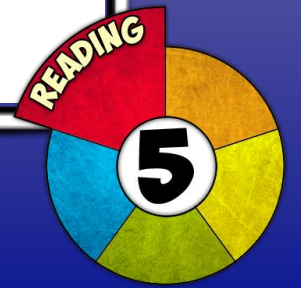
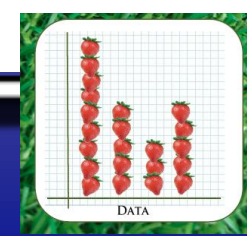
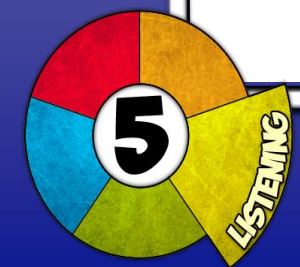
c. New York - The phrase become a popular nickname for America’s biggest city after it was included as a lyric in Frank Sinatra’s song ‘New York, New York’. One good reason for the nickname is the fact that New York City is the only city in the world with a subway system that does not close. New York is also known as ‘The Big Apple’.





True or false, North and South Korea have agreed to march together under the same flag in the upcoming Winter Olympics?

True - They also agreed to field a joint women's ice hockey team in rare talks at the truce village of Panmunjom. It marks a thaw in relations that began in the new year when North Korea offered to send a team to the games.

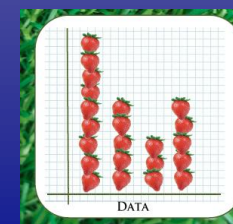
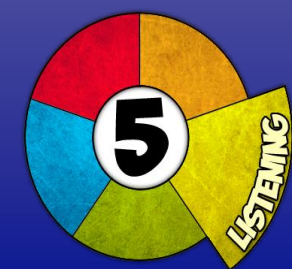






In which country would find this remarkable archeological site?  
a. Greece   b. China   c. Japan

b. China - The Terracotta Army is a collection of terracotta sculptures depicting the armies of Qin Shi Huang, the first Emperor of China. They were buried with the emperor in 200BC to protect him in his afterlife. Farmers discovered the buried warriors in 1974.

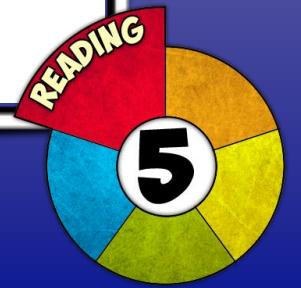
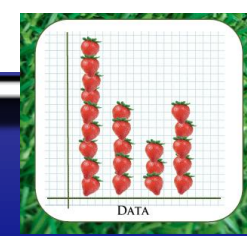
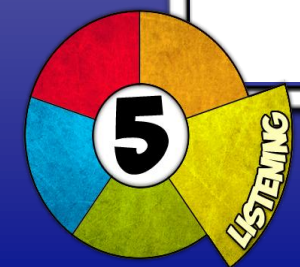




Moscow received a record low amount of sunshine hours in December. How much sunshine did it receive for the month?

- a. six minutes
- b. six hours
- c. six days

a. six minutes - Moscow had its darkest December on record in 2017, getting just six minutes of sunshine instead of the normal one hour per day.

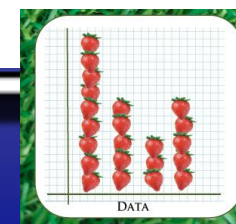
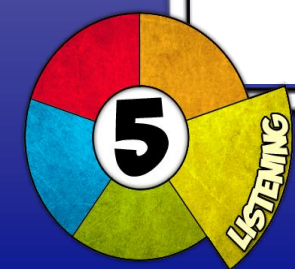




According to recently released data, the UK's favourite new car colour is...?

- a. red
- b. black
- c. white

b. black - According to the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, more than 500,000 black cars (20.3% of new sales) were sold last year. White was the most popular colour in 2016, but has dipped to third place with 19% of sales, with grey in second.







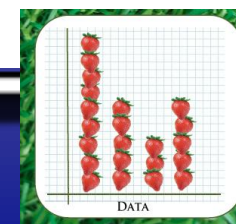
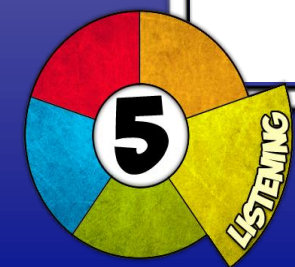
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For which national football team has former Manchester United player, Ryan Giggs, been appointed manager?

- a. Northern Ireland
- b. Wales
- c. Scotland

b. Wales - Giggs was always one of the favourites for the role once Chris Coleman departed after Wales failed to qualify for the 2018 World Cup. Giggs represented Wales as a player 64 times between 1991 and 2007.



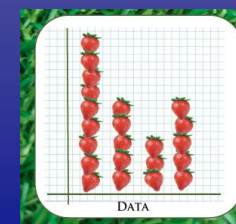
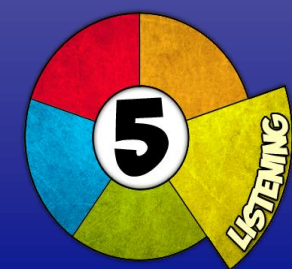


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Which South American country has this flag?  
a. Argentina   b. Uruguay   c. Ecuador

b. Uruguay

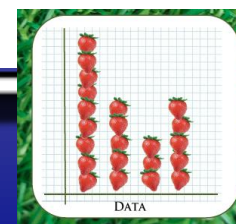
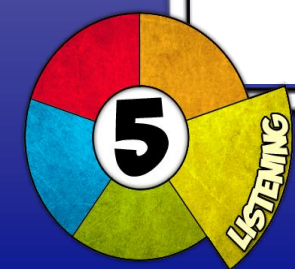




What is the name of the UK's second-largest construction company that has recently suffered financial collapse?

- a. Balfour Beatty
- b. Interserve
- c. Carillion

c. Carillion - A last-ditch effort to secure a deal with the UK government and the company's bank lenders failed over the weekend. The collapse raises fears for the jobs and pensions of the 43,000 people employed by the company worldwide as well as questions over what will become of the 450 projects the UK government has employed the company to carry out.



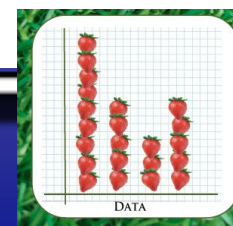
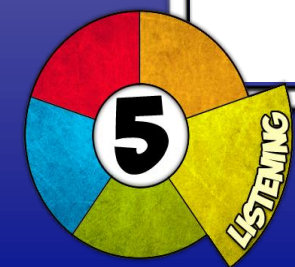




What is the main language spoken in the city of Rotterdam?

- a. French
- b. German
- c. Dutch

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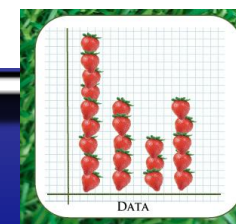




What is the name of the new minister that Theresa May's government has recently established?

- a. Minister for the Internet
- b. Minister of Honesty
- c. Minister for Loneliness

c. Minister for Loneliness - A Minister for Loneliness was a project first started by the late MP Jo Cox. Conservative MP, Tracey Crouch, said she was proud to take on the "generational challenge" to tackle an issue affecting about nine million UK people, young and old, and said she would work across political parties and with communities. A 2017 report said loneliness was as harmful to health as smoking 15 cigarettes a day.



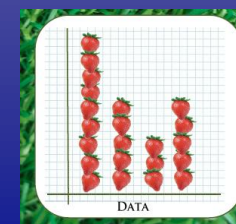
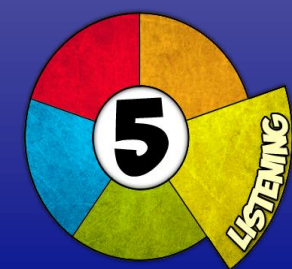


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What is the last name of this UK sportsman?

Joshua - WBA and IBF Heavyweight boxing champion, Anthony Joshua, has announced a unification bout with WBO champion, Joseph Parker from New Zealand.







The End

