

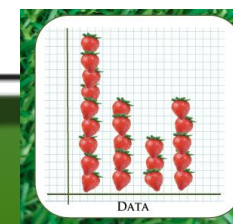
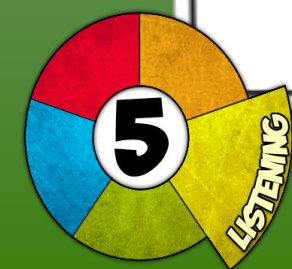


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Which country has recently approved changes that could allow the current president of their country to remain president for life?

- a. United States
- b. Germany
- c. China

c. China - China had imposed a two-term limit on its president since the 1990s. It has now approved the removal of term limits for its leader, in a move that effectively allows Xi Jinping to remain as president for life.



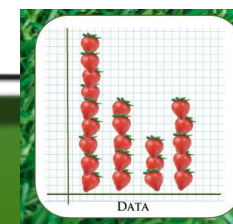
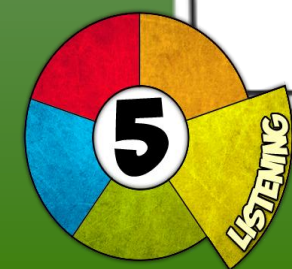


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Which group of professionals have been holding strikes across the country due to a dispute over pensions?

- a. university staff
- b. surgeons
- c. fire fighters

a. university staff - University strikers have turned down an agreement reached by university union leaders and employers to end the pensions dispute. It means the strike will continue - with threats to disrupt final exams and assessments in the summer term.





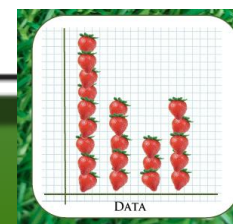
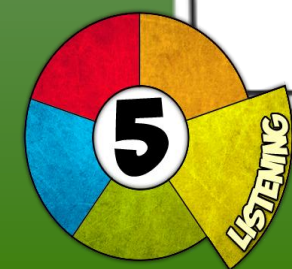
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Last week the Marvel film Black Panther hit a milestone when it made ...?

- a. \$51 million in ticket sales
- b. \$230 million in ticket sales
- c. \$1 billion in ticket sales

c. \$1 billion in ticket sales - It is the first film since Star Wars: The Force Awakens to lead the North American box office for four straight weekends. It has grossed \$US1.08 billion (\$1.2b) worldwide, making it 21st highest of all time.



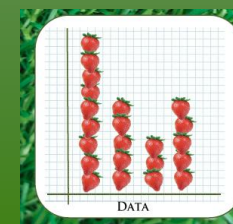
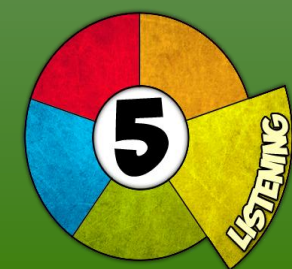


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In which sport has this UK athlete having to defend allegations that he used medicines to improve his performance?
a. athletics b. swimming c. cycling

c. cycling - The Digital, Culture, Media and Sport select committee report said the cyclist, Bradley Wiggins and Team Sky got permission to take banned drugs for medical need but used them to enhance performance. Wiggins, who has asthma, and Team Sky have rejected the report's findings.



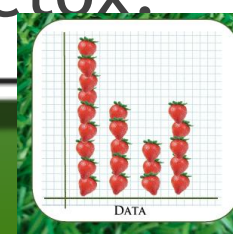


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True or false, officials on the tourist island of Bali shut down all mobile internet so people could focus on the traditional New Year celebrations.

True - Bali asked phone companies to turn off mobile internet to celebrate New Year, which fell at the weekend. Mobile internet was shut down to mark Nyepi, a Hindu holiday on the Indonesian island. "Many Hindu people are addicted to gadgets," Hinduism Society head Gusti Ngurah Sudiana said. "I hope during Nyepi they can be introspective". Voice calling and SMS services still worked and tourists in hotels could still access WiFi, but for Bali's 4 million internet users, it was a day of digital detox.





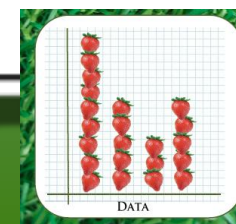
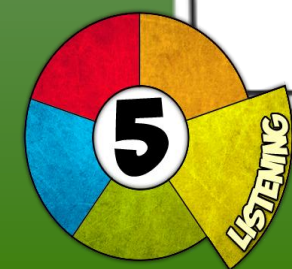
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Why has footballer and television presenter, Jamie Carragher, been in trouble recently?

- a. he was caught driving at excessive speed in a Sky Sports vehicle
- b. he was caught spitting at a member of the public
- c. he was recorded by a taxi driver criticising his fellow presenters

b. he was caught spitting at a member of the public - Carragher was filmed by a motorist while they both had their windows down. He said he was "goaded three/four times while being filmed" by the motorist, but that there was "no excuse" for his behaviour.





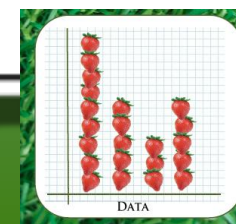
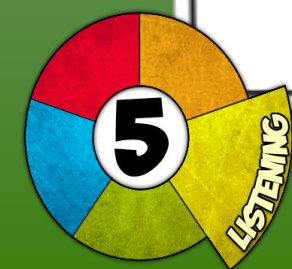
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Sixteen people lost their lives and a further 140 people were injured while attending church in the African country of Rwanda last week when ...?

- a. they were run down by stampeding water buffalo
- b. they were struck by lightning
- c. when a tornado ripped through the area

b. they were struck by lightning - A similar incident occurred the week before when lightning struck a group of 18 students, killing one. Lightning strikes are frequent across Rwanda.



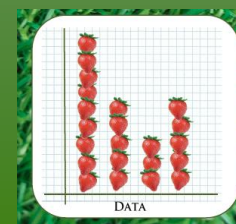
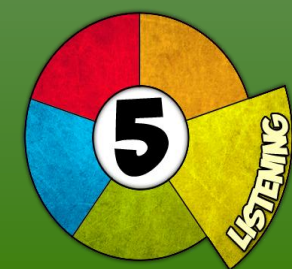


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Sadly, this famous scientist passed away last week. What was his last name?
a. Hawking b. Darwin c. Sagan

a. Hawking - Stephen Hawking, the Cambridge University physicist and best-selling author who roamed the cosmos from a wheelchair, pondering the nature of gravity and the origin of the universe and becoming an emblem of human determination and curiosity, died recently at his home aged 76.





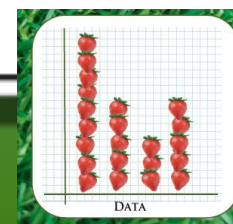
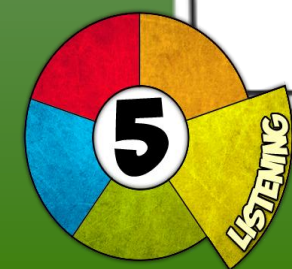
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Due to an incident the attracted world-wide attention last week,
British politicians and royals will not attend the FIFA World Cup.

Where is the FIFA World Cup being held?

- a. Russia
- b. China
- c. France

a. Russia - The announcement was among a series of measures hitting back at the Russian government. The response comes after a Russian man who was convicted of spying on Russia and his daughter were attacked with a nerve agent in the English city of Salisbury.





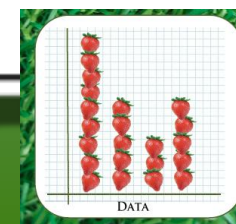
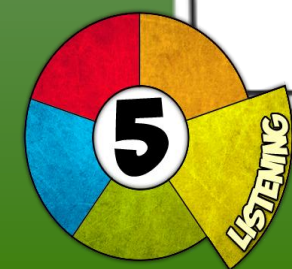
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What happened to a group of skiers who were traveling on a chairlift in the mountains of Georgia last week?

- a. they were left stranded for 10 hours when the lift broke down
- b. the were diverted to a free concert given by Elton John
- c. the were flung from their chairs as the chairlift started traveling backwards at high speed

c. the were flung from their chairs as the chairlift started traveling backwards at high speed - Several people were injured when the out of control lift started going backwards fast, at the Gudauri ski resort. Some skiers jumped and others were flung from the chairs, which jammed together at the bottom of the slope.

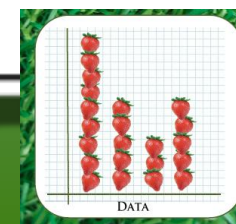
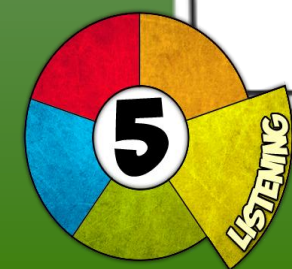




Which toy store chain is set to shut all of its stores due to financial difficulties?

- a. The Entertainer
- b. Toys R Us
- c. Smyths Toys

b. Toys R Us - All Toys R Us stores in the UK will close in the next six weeks following the chain's collapse into administration. Attempts to find a buyer for the US retailer's 100 stores in the UK have failed.





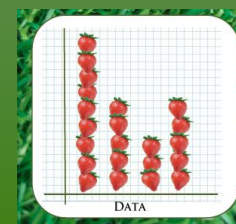
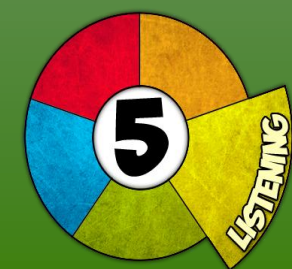
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In which US state did this tragic collapse occur?

a. Florida b. California c. Texas

a. Florida - The pedestrian bridge under construction near Florida International University collapsed last Thursday, crushing cars below, claiming the lives of at least six people and leaving investigators with the difficult task of trying to figure out why it happened and who might be held responsible.





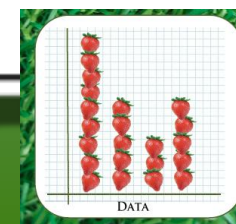
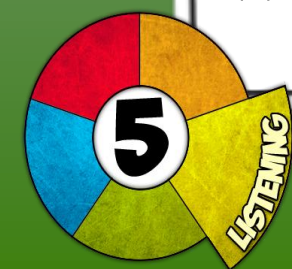
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According to a recent study by the World Health Organisation, what do most leading brands of bottled water contain?

- a. small particles of plastic
- b. traces of sugar
- c. unsafe levels of the heavy metal, lead

a. small particles of plastic - The study revealed that 93 percent of the samples from all of the tested leading brands of bottled water including Evian, Nestle and San Pellegrino were contaminated with microplastics including polypropylene, nylon and polyethylene terephthalate (PET). Across all of the brands the global average of plastic particles found in bottled water was 325 per litre.

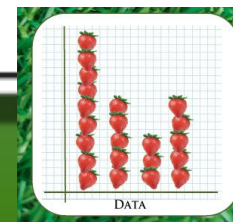
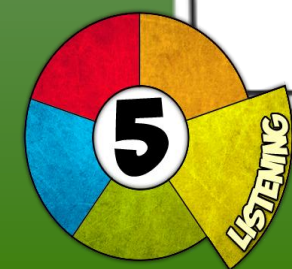




Which of the following did the Irish rugby team achieve when they beat England in their final match of the Six Nations tournament?

- a. A Triple Crown
- b. A Grand Slam
- c. The Millennium Trophy
- d. All of the above

d. All of the above - This occurs when one team in the Six Nations Championship manages to beat all the others during that year's competition. This has been achieved 39 times in total, for the first time by Wales in 1908, and most recently by Ireland in 2018. The team to have won the most Grand Slams is England with 13.



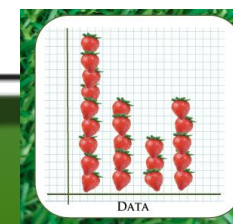


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How many items are there in a Baker's Dozen?

- a. six
- b. eleven
- c. thirteen

c. thirteen - The most widely accepted explanation relates to laws in medieval times. There were laws that related the price of bread to the price of the wheat used to make it. Bakers who were found to be “cheating” their customers by overpricing undersized loaves were subject to strict punishment and sometimes beatings. So bakers would include another loaf or roll, to make certain the customer was getting a fair deal.



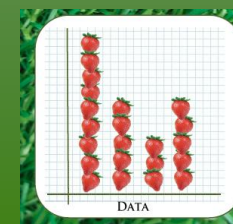
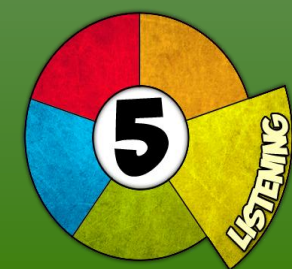


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Which country has this flag?

Israel

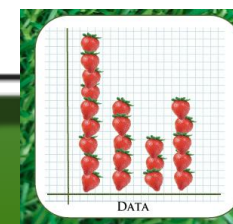
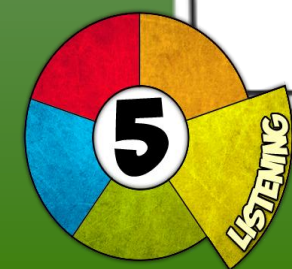




Around 22,000 participants took part in Crufts last week. What is Crufts?

- a. a fashion show
- b. a famous marathon
- c. a dog show

c. a dog show - Now in its 127th year, the British competition is host to hundreds of breeds and crossbreeds from around the world who are ranked by their agility, obedience and heelwork to music ability, among other competitions. Two intruders from the of animal rights group Peta disrupted the live broadcast just as the top prize was awarded.



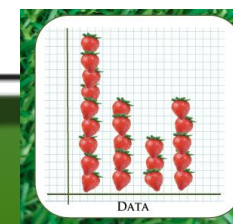
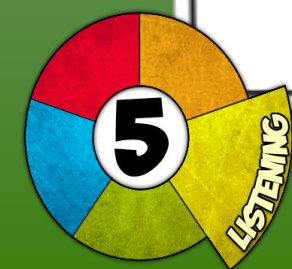


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Which country has Santiago as its capital city?

- a. Argentina
- b. Portugal
- c. Chile

c. Chile





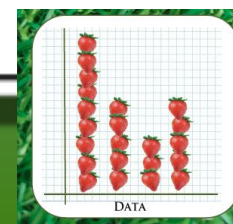
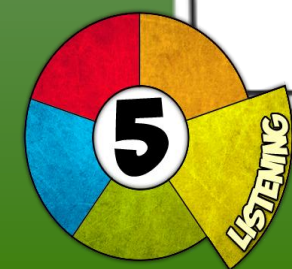
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According to researchers, which Australian native animal might hold the answer to the world's antibiotic resistance problem?

- a. the platypus
- b. the koala
- c. the kangaroo

a. the platypus - The platypus is a monotreme, which along with echidnas, are the only mammals that lay eggs and produce milk to feed their young. But because they don't have teats, they express their milk onto their belly which leaves it exposed to the environment. That is why researchers believe it is so potent with antibacterial properties.





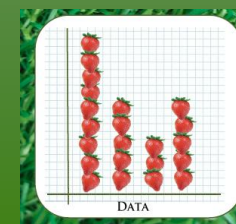
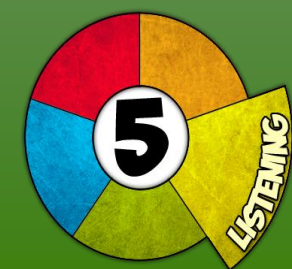
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What caused this scene in Chicago last week?

- a. a chemical spill
- b. a Greenpeace protest
- c. St Patrick's Day

c. St Patrick's Day - The Chicago River has been turned green in honour of St Patrick's Day for more than 50 years. A harmless orange vegetable dye is used to get the desired green hue





The End

