

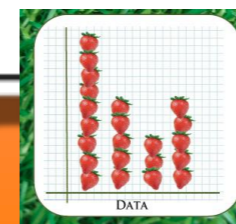


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What type of weather phenomena affected much of Europe last week?

- a. a severe winds
- b. heavy rainfall causing flash flooding
- c. heat waves

c. heat waves - Germany, France, Poland and the Czech Republic have all recorded their highest ever June temperatures.





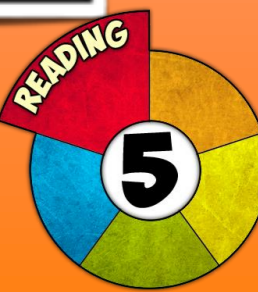
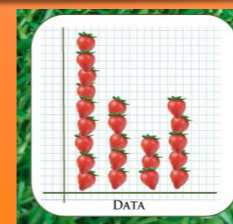
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The Queen addressed the Scottish Parliament as part of its anniversary celebrations. For how long has Holyrood been the home of the current Scottish Parliament?

- a. 20 years
- b. 50 years
- c. 100 years

a. 20 years - The modern Scottish Parliament was reconvened in 1999 after Scotland voted overwhelmingly for devolution in a referendum. The original Parliament of Scotland was the national legislature of the independent Kingdom of Scotland, and existed from the early 13th century until the Kingdom of Scotland merged with the Kingdom of England under the Acts of Union 1707 to form the Kingdom of Great Britain.





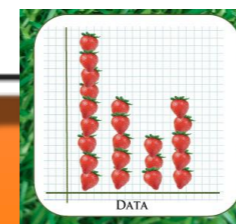
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Which of these venues has been selected for the 2026 Winter Olympics?

- a. Stockholm, Sweden
- b. Milan and Cortina, Italy
- c. Vienna and Salzburg, Austria

b. Milan and Cortina, Italy - Skating sports and ice hockey will be held in Milan, while most alpine skiing events will take place in the resort of Cortina. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) voted for Italy's joint bid ahead of Stockholm, Sweden.



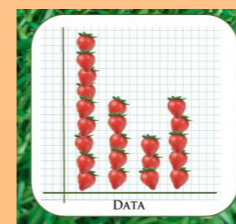
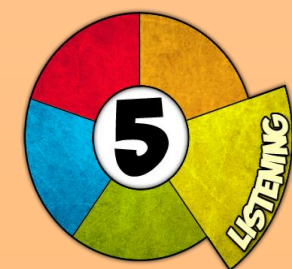


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What is the popular name of this UK team?

The Red Arrows - More than 300 events have been held across the UK to mark Armed Forces Day. The day was celebrated with military displays, including a flypast by the RAF's Red Arrows and an aerial display by the Army's Parachute Regiment.





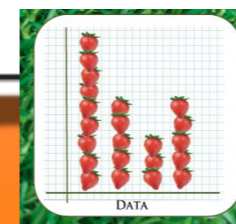
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Which spiritual leader has said that Donald Trump lacks moral principle?

- a. Pope Francis
- b. Deepak Chopra
- c. Dalai Lama

c. Dalai Lama - The Dalai Lama has said the fact Donald Trump wants America to be first is “wrong.” The 14th Dalai Lama is the spiritual leader of Tibetan Buddhism.





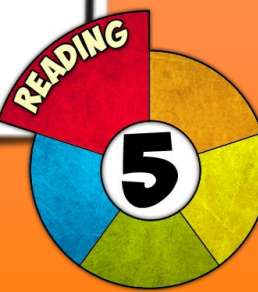
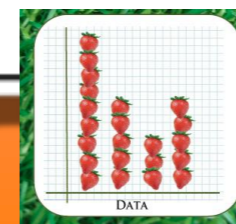
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Officials have announced that the population of the United Kingdom rose by 400,000 last year. What is the current population of the UK?

- a. 55.4 million
- b. 66.4 million
- c. 77.4 million

b. 66.4 million - The annual growth rate is only 0.6%. The figures also showed that the number of births was the fewest in over a decade, while the number of deaths was the highest since the year 2000. Migration contributed 275,000 of the 400,000 increase.





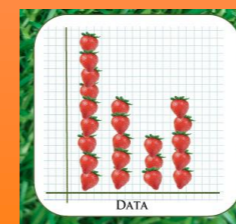
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Malaysian authorities have arrested four people at the Kuala Lumpur airport after finding what in their luggage?

- a. over 5000 baby turtles
- b. over 5000 stolen diamonds
- c. over 5000 rare bird eggs

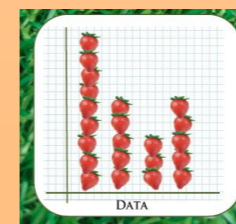
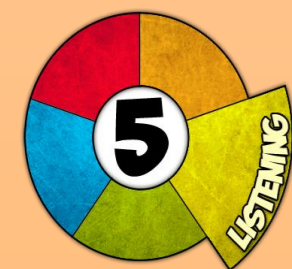
a. over 5000 baby turtles - Agents found a total of 5255 red-ear slider turtles from the luggage of two Indian nationals, who flew in from Guangzhou, China. The turtles were valued at around \$19,000.





In which country have Greenpeace uncovered this 'animal jail'
a. Russia b. Chile c. Cuba

a. Russia - Russia has started to release a group of nearly 100 captive whales which have been kept in small pens in the far east of the country. It comes after the so-called "whale jail" provoked an international outcry, with marine scientists and celebrities calling for the mammals to be released. In total, 11 killer whales (orcas) and 87 belugas are being kept in cramped enclosures on the Sea of Japan.

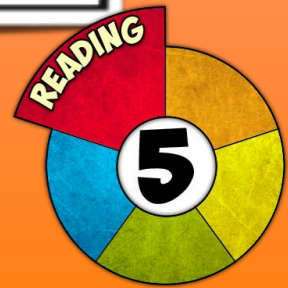
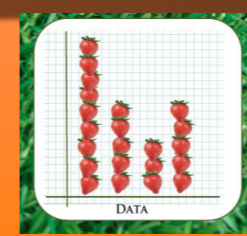




The Japanese film 'Spirited Away' has raced ahead of 'Toy Story 4' to be the current top-grossing film in Chinese cinemas. What is unusual about the film 'Spirited Away'?

- a. Disney has accused it of being a direct copy of Toy Story 4
- b. It was released to the rest of the world in 2001
- c. It is the first Japanese film ever screened in China

b. It was released to the rest of the world in 2001 - China officially has an annual quota of 38 foreign films that are allowed to be shown in the country. Spirited Away was officially released in 2001, but only now, 18 years later, has it been released in China. Spirited Away was the first hand-drawn and non-English language animated film to win an Academy Award.





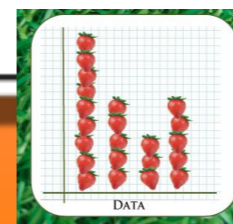
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Prior to the current 2019 tournament, what was the highest placing England has achieved at the Women's Football World Cup?

- a. First
- b. Second
- c. Third

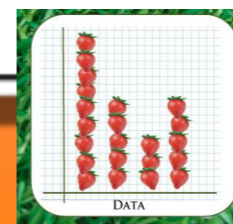
c. Third - The only other time that England have made the semi-finals of the tournament was in 2015, when they managed to get third, behind United States and Japan.





Why was Air Canada in the news recently?
a. they had to make an emergency landing in China
b. they accidentally left a sleeping passenger in a plane
c. they accidentally landed in the wrong country

b. they accidentally left a sleeping passenger in a plane - The woman woke up "all alone" on a "cold dark" aircraft after a flight to Toronto. She was forced to unbolt a cabin door, lean out of the aircraft and call over a ground crew, who got her out.



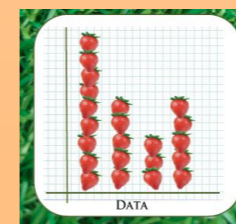
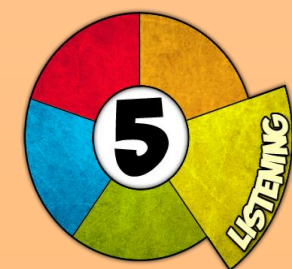


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What large annual event is shown in this photo?

Glastonbury Festival - the five-day annual music festival attracts crowds of around 175,000

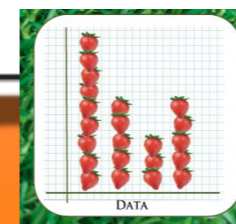




France set an all-time record for its hottest recorded temperature. How hot did it get at the weekend?

- a. 35.3C
- b. 39.5C
- c. 45.9C

c. 45.9C - France has hit its highest recorded temperature - 45.9C (114.6F) - amid a heatwave in Europe that has claimed several lives. The new record was measured in the southern village of Gallargues-le-Montueux. Before this year the previous record was 44.1C during a heatwave in 2003.

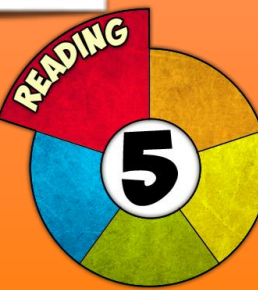
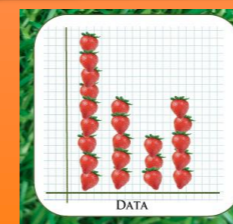




The Government has just announced that the 2022 Commonwealth Games will cost £778m. Which UK city will host the 2022 Commonwealth Games?

- a. Liverpool
- b. Leeds
- c. Birmingham

c. Birmingham - It is the first time the city has hosted the games and it will be the most expensive sports event in the UK since the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. The 2022 Commonwealth Games were originally awarded to the South African city of Durban in 2015, but it was then stripped of the event because it did not meet key Commonwealth Games Federation criteria.

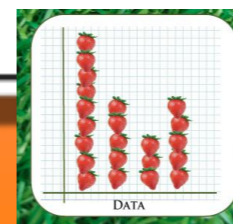




The Duke and Duchess of Sussex's home was renovated with £2.4 million of taxpayers' money. What is the name of the home?

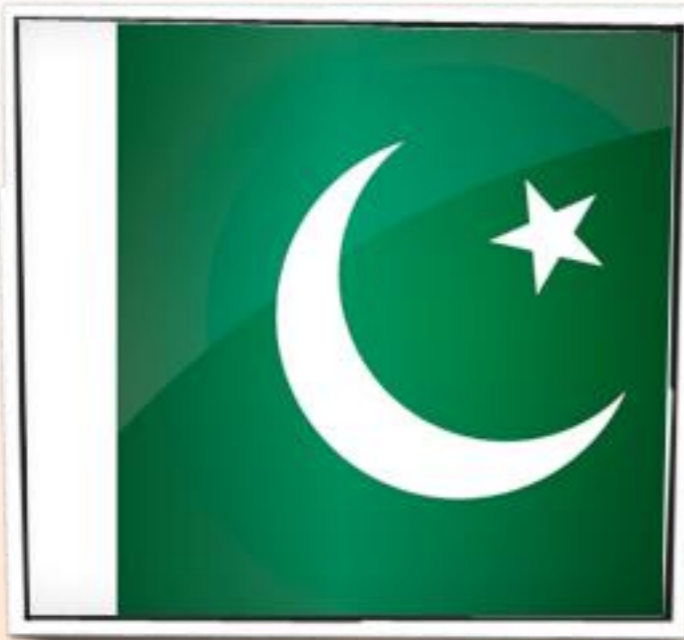
- a. Frogmore Cottage
- b. Crabapple Cottage
- c. Foxden Cottage

a. Frogmore Cottage - Frogmore Cottage in Windsor has been transformed from five separate homes into one property. Fixtures, fittings and furnishings at the Victorian-era structure were paid for by the royal couple.



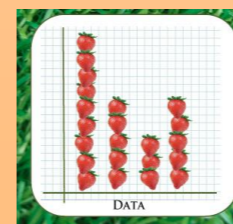
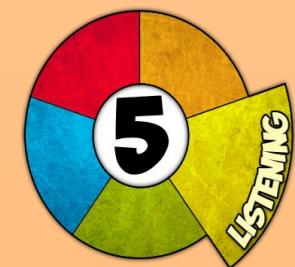


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Which country has this flag?

Pakistan

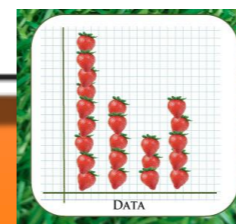




What was the cause of widespread rail disruption on the Japanese island of Kyushu last week?

- a. a large typhoon made landfall
- b. a teenager hacked into the railway computer system
- c. a slug crawled into signaling equipment causing it to short-circuit

c. a slug crawled into signaling equipment causing it to short-circuit - More than 12,000 people's journeys were affected when nearly 30 trains on Kyushu shuddered to a halt because of the slimy intruder's actions. The incident in Japan has echoes of a shutdown caused by a weasel at Europe's Large Hadron Collider in 2016.

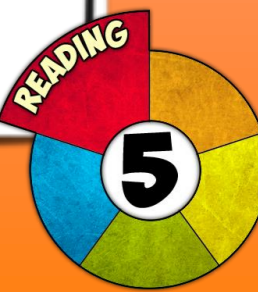
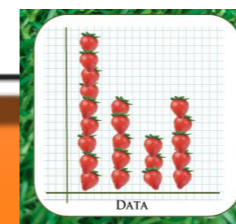




On which continent would you find the Amazon River?

- a. South America
- b. Africa
- c. Asia

a. South America

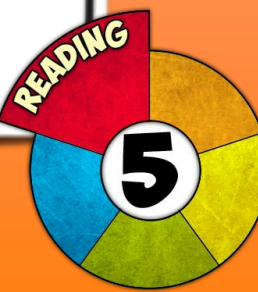
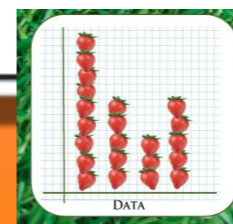


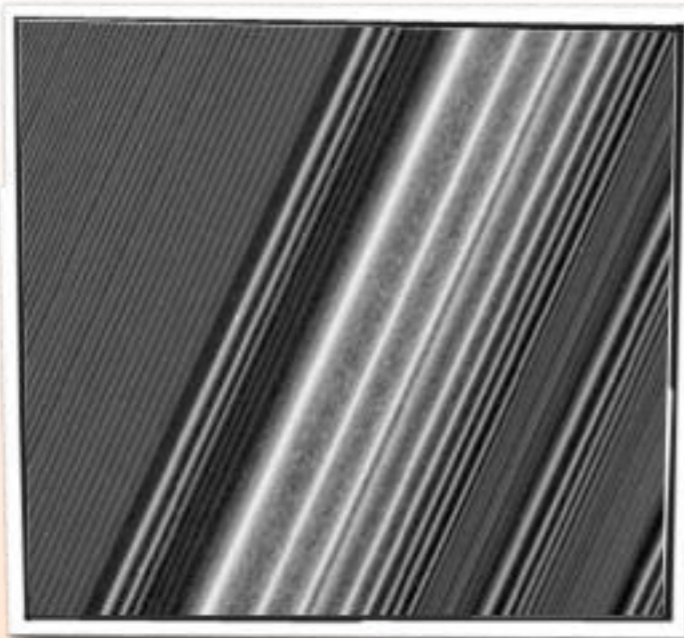


What caused play to stop during a Cricket World Cup match between South Africa and Sri Lanka?

- a. heavy rain
- b. spectators spilling onto the pitch
- c. a swarm of bees

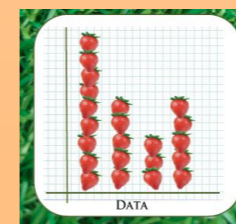
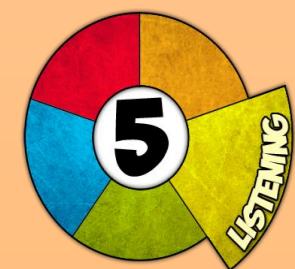
c. a swarm of bees - A swarm of bees halted the game in the 48th over. All of the South African fielders, the Sri Lankan batsmen and both umpires went to ground, face down, to avoid any stings.





This photo featured in the news recently.
What does it show?
a. A famous vinyl record
b. The rings of Saturn
c. security features of the £1 coin

b. The rings of Saturn - NASA's recently released images taken from the Cassini spacecraft just before it plunged through the planet's rings to its demise in 2017. The close up images have provided unprecedented detail of the Saturn's ring structure.





The End

