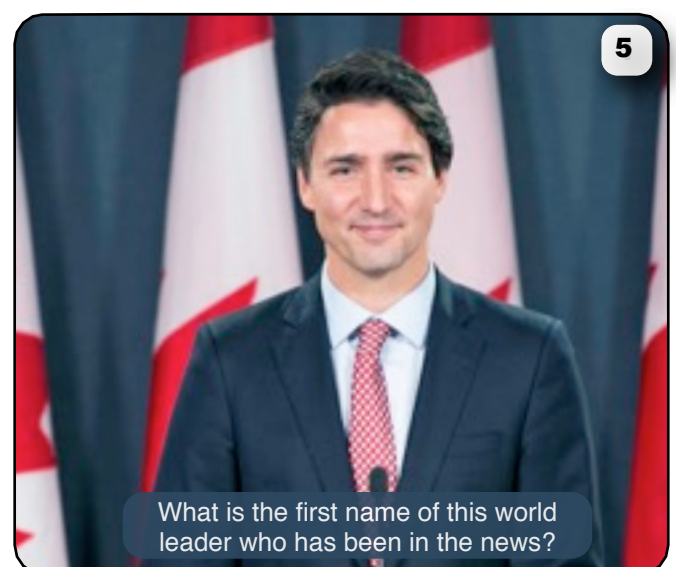


# Weekly Quiz

1. Why were some residents of Westport forced to evacuate their homes last week?
  - a. Heavy rain was threatening to flood low-lying areas
  - b. A fire from a local chemical plant was sending toxic smoke into the air
  - c. A large slip had left some houses unsafe
2. Who has extended a nationwide lockdown by two weeks?
  - a. United Kingdom
  - b. Tonga
  - c. Fiji
3. Why were several people disqualified from a women's ski jump team event at the Winter Olympics last week?
  - a. They jumped too early
  - b. Their suits did not meet the rules
  - c. Their skis were too long
4. True or false, New Zealanders who have been stranded in Australia, unable to secure a place in MIQ, will be able to isolate at home when they return from February 27?
5. Who has committed to restoring Tonga's internet following the recent volcanic eruption?
  - a. Apple
  - b. The New Zealand Government
  - c. Elon Musk's SpaceX
6. Who topped this year's Forbes list of highest-paid entertainers?
  - a. Kanye West
  - b. Dwayne "the Rock" Johnson
  - c. Sir Peter Jackson
7. What did Prince Charles receive in the week following Queen Elizabeth's platinum jubilee?
  - a. A statue of himself placed outside Buckingham Palace
  - b. A new Special Edition Range Rover
  - c. A positive COVID-19 test result
8. Residents of Madagascar have endured their second tropical cyclone in two weeks. In which ocean is Madagascar located?
  - a. Pacific
  - b. Indian
  - c. Atlantic
9. Tom Brady has announced his retirement after 22 years at the top level. In which sport is he considered the greatest of all time?
  - a. Baseball
  - b. Ice Hockey
  - c. American Football
10. Which beach has been named Australia's best beach 2022?
  - a. Misery Beach
  - b. Wiggly Belly Beach
  - c. Eggs and Bacon Bay
11. There has been a call for an independent inquiry into the unfinished Transmission Gully roading project after it was announced major repairs need to be carried out to fix surfacing issues. Where is Transmission Gully?
  - a. Auckland
  - b. Wellington
  - c. Dunedin
12. A new documentary called Street Gang tells the story of a show that first aired in 1969. Which show is the documentary focussed on?
  - a. Sesame Street
  - b. Shortland Street
  - c. Police Ten 7
13. Why was an Indonesian crocodile in the news recently?
  - a. It is the first true albino crocodile recorded in the last 70 years
  - b. At 8.5 metres, it is the largest crocodile ever
  - c. A tyre stuck around its neck was finally removed
14. What is the name of the film directed by Kiwi Jane Campion that has received 12 Oscar nominations?
  - a. The Day of the Goat
  - b. The Power of the Dog
  - c. The Eye of the Tiger
15. In which country is Karachi the most populated city?
  - a. Pakistan
  - b. Egypt
  - c. Iran

# Weekly Quiz - Visual



# Weekly Quiz - Answers

- Why were some residents of Westport forced to evacuate their homes last week?
  - Heavy rain was threatening to flood low-lying areas - About 100 people have spent the night in evacuation centres as a result of the heavy rain on Wednesday night through Thursday. The evacuation came just six days after another flooding event forced people out of their homes.
- Who has extended a nationwide lockdown by two weeks?
  - Tonga - Tonga enforced a nationwide lockdown after two port workers tested positive. The COVID-19 restrictions have caused delays in relief reaching the disaster hit Polynesian kingdom.
- Why were several people disqualified from a women's ski jump team event at the Winter Olympics last week?
  - Their suits did not meet the rules - Competitors from Japan, Germany, Austria and Norway suffered disqualifications because the jumpers' suits did not meet the rules. German team officials said that their jumpers wore the same suits in the individual event where they were deemed correct.
- True or false, New Zealanders who have been stranded in Australia, unable to secure a place in MIQ, will be able to isolate at home when they return from February 27?
  - True - New Zealand citizens stuck in other parts of the world will have to wait until March 13 to make the journey without MIQ. Jacinda Ardern recently announced tourists from Australia and other visa-waiver countries will be allowed in "no later than July".
- Who has committed to restoring Tonga's internet following the recent volcanic eruption?
  - Elon Musk's SpaceX - National Party MP Shane Reti sent a plea to Elon Musk in January asking him to help get Tonga back online. Musk tweeted that setting up internet in Tonga would be "hard" but they would look into it. A SpaceX team is now in Fiji establishing a Starlink gateway station to reconnect Tonga to the world.
- Who topped this year's Forbes list of highest-paid entertainers?
  - Sir Peter Jackson - According to Forbes, Sir Peter is only the third filmmaker in history to become a billionaire, alongside Steven Spielberg and George Lucas. Sir Peter pocketed a mammoth \$868 million (US\$580m) in 2021, with a sizeable chunk coming from the sale of his visual effects company Weta Digital.
- What did Prince Charles receive in the week following Queen Elizabeth's platinum jubilee?
  - A positive COVID-19 test result - Prince Charles tested positive for COVID-19 on Thursday and is self-isolating. Charles, 73, caught COVID once before, at the start of the pandemic in March 2020. Despite recording over 50,000 new cases daily, the UK government recently lifted most of its COVID-19 restrictions.
- Residents of Madagascar have endured their second tropical cyclone in two weeks. In which ocean is Madagascar located?
  - Indian - Local officials fear that landslides and flooding from Cyclone Batsirai could leave tens of thousands of people homeless on the world's fourth largest island. Residents of the capital, Antananarivo, were trying to reinforce their homes by putting bricks on their roofs to stop them blowing away.
- Tom Brady has announced his retirement after 22 years at the top level. In which sport is he considered the greatest of all time?
  - American Football - Brady, a five-time Super Bowl Most Valuable Player, won six Super Bowl titles with the New England Patriots before his final triumph with the Buccaneers last year.
- Which beach has been named Australia's best beach 2022?
  - Misery Beach - Located near Albany in Western Australia, the ironically named 'Misery Beach' has just been named the Best Beach in Australia, according to Tourism Australia's beach ambassador. Some reports say the name of the beach comes from its close proximity to an old whaling station.
- There has been a call for an independent inquiry into the unfinished Transmission Gully roading project after it was announced major repairs need to be carried out to fix surfacing issues. Where is Transmission Gully?
  - Wellington - Construction on the 27-kilometre road began in 2014 but has been hampered by delays. It was due to be finished in April 2020, then September 2021, then Christmas. The cost also blew out from \$850 million to \$1.2 billion.
- A new documentary called Street Gang tells the story of a show that first aired in 1969. Which show is the documentary focussed on?
  - Sesame Street - The documentary's film director Marilyn Agrelo, believes Sesame Street was no ordinary kids tv show. "In the 1960s, children in America's inner cities faced significant disadvantages. Sesame Street was created for them. The creators of Sesame Street came from the era of the American civil rights movement and they wanted to make a radical change in society".
- Why was an Indonesian crocodile in the news recently?
  - A tyre stuck around its neck was finally removed - The four-metre elusive Indonesian crocodile had swum around with a motorcycle tyre stuck around its neck for six years before finally been freed by an animal lover on the island of Sulawesi. In 2020, authorities in the province had offered an unspecified reward for anyone who could remove the tyre.
- What is the name of the film directed by Kiwi Jane Campion that has received 12 Oscar nominations?
  - The Power of the dog - New Zealand director Jane Campion's The Power of the Dog, has won two Golden Globe Awards, received eight BAFTA nominations and has now been nominated for 12 Oscars including Best Picture and Best Director. The film stars Benedict Cumberbatch who has been nominated for Best Actor in a Leading Role. The Power of the Dog was filmed in New Zealand.
- In which country is Karachi the most populated city?
  - Pakistan - The greater Karachi metropolitan area has around 15 million residents. Although the coastal city of Karachi has the largest population, Islamabad is the capital city.

## VISUAL ANSWERS

- c. Italy** - The Leaning Tower of Pisa is one of the most photographed buildings in the world. It has had a great deal of remedial work to prevent it falling over from subsidence.
- Curling** - Athletes compete to see who can slide stones closest to centre of a target. The sweeping allows competitors to influence the speed, distance and direction of the stones.
- b. Wellington** - Protesters continue to occupy the lawns in front of parliament despite heavy rain over the weekend. The protest started early last week and looks set to continue for some time.
- South Africa**
- Justin** - Justin Trudeau and the Canadian government have been dealing with an anti-vaccine and anti-mandate protest that has blocked traffic around the capital of Ottawa and prevented the movement of goods across the border with the United States.