

Weekly Quiz

1. Which sports team has just signed an investment agreement with US group Silver Lake?
 - a. Silver Ferns
 - b. Warriors
 - c. All Blacks
2. Tensions between Russia and Ukraine remain as Russian troops continue to occupy positions on Ukraine's border. What is unusual about Ukraine's current President?
 - a. He is an actor who previously played the President of Ukraine
 - b. He is the son of the previous President
 - c. He is only 23 years old
3. The Speaker of the House received criticism from some MP's recently for playing loud music at the protestors camped out on Parliament grounds. What is the name of the Speaker of the House?
 - a. Trevor Mallard
 - b. David Seymour
 - c. Kiri Allan
4. The New Zealand scientific team in Antarctica are advertising for many vacancies at their research facility. What is the name of New Zealand's research facility in Antarctica?
 - a. Hillary Base
 - b. Scott Base
 - c. Cook Base
5. Hundreds of people in Switzerland have jumped at the chance to trial a new ...?
 - a. Alpine rollercoaster
 - b. Meat alternative burger at McDonald's
 - c. Prison
6. In which American sports league did the LA Rams defeat the Cincinnati Bengals in the final game of the season?
 - a. NBA
 - b. NFL
 - c. MLB
7. In which event did Kiwi Zoi Sadowski-Synnott, receive a silver medal at the Winter Olympics?
 - a. Snowboard half-pipe
 - b. Snowboard slalom
 - c. Snowboard big air
8. The music festival Coachella has announced that they will drop all COVID-19 restrictions including the wearing of masks. Where is Coachella held?
 - a. A desert in the United States
 - b. A farm in England
 - c. A rainforest in Brazil
9. Prince Charles tested positive for Omicron recently. Which other royal also tested positive last week?
 - a. The Queen
 - b. Prince William
 - c. The Duchess of Cornwall
10. Why was the Wellington Phoenix women's A-League clash with Adelaide United called off?
 - a. Players tested positive for COVID-19
 - b. Access to the venue was cut off by a major traffic incident
 - c. A lightning storm made play unsafe
11. In 2031 the International Space Station (ISS) will be de-orbited from space. What will happen to it?
 - a. It will be left where it lands in the ocean
 - b. It will become an exhibition at NASA's Space camp
 - c. It will be turned into a boutique hotel
12. Australia has announced it will be building its first ...?
 - a. Underwater theme park
 - b. Marae
 - c. Dedicated zoo for animals that have survived bushfires
13. University students living in Castle Street have been told to isolate after a student tested positive for Omicron. Known for its connection with Kiwi band Six60, where is Castle Street located?
 - a. Christchurch
 - b. Wellington
 - c. Dunedin
14. What is being blamed for a power outage that crippled Australia's largest warship HMAS Adelaide at the end of last month?
 - a. Sabotage
 - b. Volcanic ash
 - c. Wire damage caused by rats
15. Why was New Zealand Olympian Sir Mark Todd, in the news?
 - a. He has bought a property formally owned by Prince Andrew
 - b. He was filmed striking a horse with a stick
 - c. He has been announced as the new president of the National Olympic Committee

Weekly Quiz - Visual

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What is the first name of this Kiwi olympic medal-winning athlete?

2



In which country have these parliament buildings been full of activity lately?
a. Ukraine b. United States
c. Russia

3



In which country did devastating events like these happen last week following heavy rain?
a. Indonesia b. Brazil
c. South Africa

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Which country has this flag?

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This woman is the Duchess of ...?
a. Cornwall b. Essex c. Cambridge

Weekly Quiz - Answers

1. Which sports team has just signed an investment agreement with US group Silver Lake?

c. All Blacks - After almost two years of talks, a deal has finally been approved for multi-billion-dollar American investment firm Silver Lake to invest in New Zealand Rugby. The partnership will provide "capital to invest in the game at all levels and supporting the development of new capabilities and the pursuit of new global opportunities enabled by digital technologies," a statement said.
2. Tensions between Russia and Ukraine remain as Russian troops continue to occupy positions on Ukraine's border. What is unusual about Ukraine's current President?

a. He is an actor who previously played the President of Ukraine - Volodymyr Oleksandrovych Zelenskyy trained as a lawyer then pursued comedy. He created his own production which produces films, cartoons, and TV shows including Servant of the People, in which Zelenskyy played the role of president of Ukraine. A political party was created by employees of the film company and Zelenskyy was voted in a President in 2019.
3. The Speaker of the House received criticism from some MP's recently for playing loud music at the protestors camped out on Parliament grounds. What is the name of the Speaker of the House?

a. Trevor Mallard - Opposition parties have criticised Trevor Mallard for turning on the lawn sprinklers and blasting loud music through speakers to encourage protestors to leave.
4. The New Zealand scientific team in Antarctica are advertising for many vacancies at their research facility. What is the name of New Zealand's research facility in Antarctica?

b. Scott Base - They are seeking a team of 40, from engineers, mechanics, domestics and chefs that keep the home fires burning, to support crew for field camps and the traverse across the Ross Ice Shelf.
5. Hundreds of people in Switzerland have jumped at the chance to trial a new ...?

c. Prison - Volunteers will test the conditions of the new prison such as tasting the food and undergoing intake procedures. Zurich corrections authorities say they have received 832 applications for the unpaid positions.
6. In which American sports league did the LA Rams defeat the Cincinnati Bengals in the final game of the season?

b. NFL - The Los Angeles Rams had a 23-20 victory over the Cincinnati Bengals to give the Rams their first NFL title since the 1999 season. It was just the second time a team got to win the Superbowl in their home stadium. The half time show featured Dr Dre and a host of other hip-hop artists including Eminem and Snoop Dog.
7. In which event did Kiwi Zoi Sadowski-Synnott, receive a silver medal at the Winter Olympics?

c. Snowboard big air - After winning a gold medal in the snowboard slopestyle event, Sadowski-Synnott delivered two of the highest scoring jumps of the day, before Austria's Anna Gasser stomped her third run to claim the overall lead.
8. The music festival Coachella has announced that they will drop all COVID-19 restrictions including the wearing of masks. Where is Coachella held?

a. A desert in the United States - Coachella is one of the most iconic music festivals in the world and is held in the Colorado Desert in California. The festival warned customers there is "no guarantee" they won't be exposed to COVID-19.
9. Prince Charles tested positive for Omicron recently. Which other royal also tested positive last week?

c. The Duchess of Cornwall - Camilla tested positive four days after Prince Charles.
10. Why was the Wellington Phoenix women's A-League clash with Adelaide United called off?

c. A lightning storm made play unsafe - Kickoff was delayed 90 minutes, then the rescheduled start was called off with players lined up in the tunnel, as weather conditions deteriorated.
11. In 2031 the International Space Station (ISS) will be de-orbited from space. What will happen to it?

a. It will be left where it lands in the ocean - The ISS will crash at Point Nemo in the Pacific Ocean, an artificial reef made up of hundreds of de-orbited spacecraft. Point Nemo is located about halfway between New Zealand and Chile and was chosen because of its position as the furthest point from land in any direction.
12. Australia has announced it will be building its first ...?

b. Marae - It will be built in a Sydney suburb, on Aboriginal land. Organisers say it has taken 30-years, 15 hectares and \$4 million to turn the Ngā Uri o Rāhiri Marae into a reality.
13. University students living in Castle Street have been told to isolate after a student tested positive for Omicron. Known for its connection with Kiwi band Six60, where is Castle Street located?

c. Dunedin - Orientation week street parties have resulted in the entire street being identified as a place of interest and hundreds of students needing to isolate and be tested.
14. What is being blamed for a power outage that crippled Australia's largest warship HMAS Adelaide at the end of last month?

b. Volcanic ash - HMAS Adelaide suffered significant power failures last month on its way to provide aid to Tonga. Ash and rock from Tonga's volcanic explosion is believed to have affected the ship's generators but the exact reasons for the power failures remain part of an ongoing investigation.
15. Why was New Zealand Olympian Sir Mark Todd, in the news?

b. He was filmed striking a horse with a stick - The film shows the double Olympic gold medallist striking a horse with a tree branch as it hesitates to cross a water obstacle. He cannot be charged because the footage is too old for Scottish animal welfare laws to apply. Todd has apologised and stood down from his role as a patron of World Horse Welfare.

VISUAL ANSWERS

1. **Nico** - Nico Porteous had a second successful Winter Olympics, claiming a gold medal in the Men's Ski Halfpipe event.
2. **a. Ukraine** - There are ongoing tensions over a potential takeover of Ukraine by Russia. Diplomatic relations are strained and Western powers are worried about the build-up of Russian troops along Ukraine's border.
3. **b. Brazil** - Landslides and flash flooding claimed dozens of lives in the Brazilian city of Petrópolis, leaving a trail of destruction after a month's rainfall fell in three hours. The mudslides destroyed hillside houses and vehicles that were washed away by the floodwaters.
4. **Greece**
5. **c. Cambridge** - Kate Middleton has taken over the patronage of rugby and rugby league in Britain after the Queen stripped Prince Harry of his royal patronages in February.