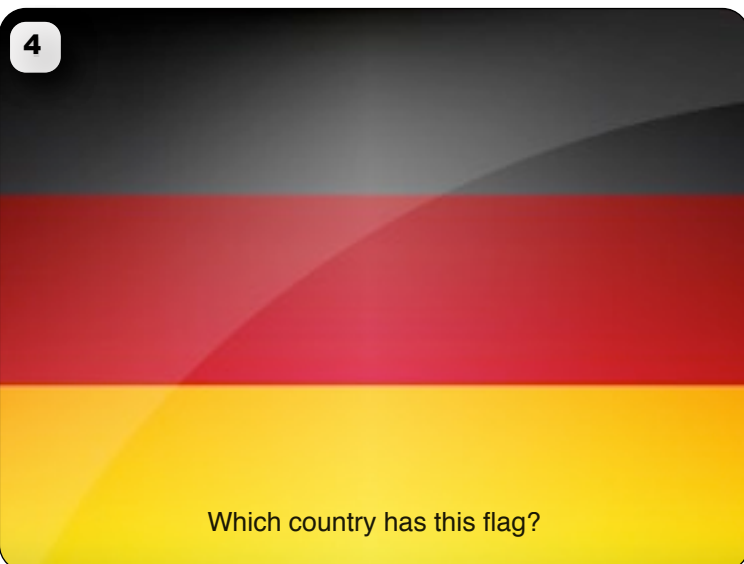


Weekly Quiz

1. What extreme weather conditions has much of India been facing recently?
 - a. Blizzards
 - b. Hurricanes
 - c. Heatwave
2. Why did the Black Ferns perform a haka for Portia Woodman last week?
 - a. She is retiring
 - b. She scored her 200th try
 - c. She is taking on the role of head coach
3. What is Moscow using to protect a naval base from possible Ukrainian attacks?
 - a. Trained dolphins
 - b. Huge magnets
 - c. Robotic sharks
4. Why were Countdown supermarkets in the news last week?
 - a. They announced they will be hiring full time security guards
 - b. They have announced that 500 essential items will remain the same price throughout winter
 - c. They have increased the wages of all their employees by \$1.95 hour
5. What did the FBI and US Marshals seize in Fiji last week?
 - a. Thousands of rhinoceros horns
 - b. A person involved in organising the 2021 US Capitol attack
 - c. A superyacht owned by a Russian oligarch
6. What type of annual event is the Eta Aquariid?
 - a. A meteor shower
 - b. An art festival
 - c. A lunar eclipse
7. A shirt owned by Diego Maradona recently sold at auction for 7.1 million pounds. In which sport was Diego Maradona a legend?
 - a. Tennis
 - b. Golf
 - c. Football
8. Sir Robert 'Bom' Gillies, the last remaining member of the World War II 28th Māori Battalion, has formally received his knighthood at Government House in Wellington. When was World War II?
 - a. 1929 to 1935
 - b. 1939 to 1945
 - c. 1945 to 1948
9. Who has got her own Barbie doll recently?
 - a. Meghan Markle
 - b. Activist Greta Thunberg
 - c. Queen Elizabeth II
10. Who offered to meet with President Vladimir Putin to try to end Russia's war in Ukraine?
 - a. Kim Kadashian
 - b. Pope Francis
 - c. Elon Musk
11. A restaurant chain founded by Transformers actor Mark Wahlberg, is coming to New Zealand. What is the name of the chain?
 - a. Wahlburgers
 - b. MarkDonalds
 - c. More Than Meat n' Fries
12. It was recently revealed that the Government is still spending \$10 million a month on...?
 - a. Contract tracers
 - b. MIQ facilities
 - c. Vaccination booths
13. Which streaming service has cancelled a series created by Meghan, Duchess of Sussex?
 - a. Netflix
 - b. Neon
 - c. Disney Plus
14. In which US state is the world's largest volcano?
 - a. California
 - b. Alaska
 - c. Hawaii
15. What controversial action is a climate group in Auckland taking to highlight climate change?
 - a. Deflating the tyres on large SUV's
 - b. Planting their own trees on roadside verges
 - c. Blocking parking buildings

Weekly Quiz - Visual



Weekly Quiz - Answers

- What extreme weather conditions has much of India been facing recently?
 - Heat Wave - While heatwaves are common in India, especially in May and June, summer began early this year with high temperatures from March itself - average maximum temperatures in the month were the highest in 122 years. Heatwaves also began setting in during the month.
- Why did the Black Ferns perform a haka for Portia Woodman last week?
 - She scored her 200th try - Portia Woodman made sevens history in Canada recently, becoming the first woman to score 200 World Series tries.
- What is Moscow using to protect a naval base from possible Ukrainian attacks?
 - Trained dolphins - The dolphins may be tasked with preventing Ukrainian divers from infiltrating the Sevastopol harbor underwater and sabotaging warships there, according to a naval analyst. During the Soviet era, Russia began using trained dolphins to search for mines and plant explosives on ships. In 2018 Russia sent military trained dolphins to Syria to counter enemy divers, retrieve objects from the sea floor, and perform intelligence operations.
- Why were Countdown supermarkets in the news last week?
 - They have announced that 500 essential items will remain the same price throughout winter - Customers will find the price on some staples such as tinned tomatoes, butter, cheese, sugar, flour and some vegetables won't go up despite what happens with inflation over the winter months. The move comes amid a cost of living crisis and with inflation at 6.9%, its highest rate since 1990.
- What did the FBI and US Marshals seize in Fiji last week?
 - A superyacht owned by a Russian oligarch - The 106-metre luxury superyacht Amadea is believed to belong to sanctioned Russian oligarch Sulieman Kerimov. Fijian authorities worked with members of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) as well as the US Marshals Service who are now in Fiji.
- What type of annual event is the Eta Aquariid?
 - A meteor shower - The Eta Aquariids is one of two meteor showers created by debris from Comet Halley. The Earth passes through Halley's path around the Sun a second time in October. This creates the Orionid meteor shower, which peaks around October 20.
- A shirt owned by Diego Maradona recently sold at auction for 7.1 million pounds. In which sport was Diego Maradona a legend?
 - Football - The shirt Diego Maradona wore when he scored the 'Hand of God' goal for Argentina against England at the 1986 World Cup, has sold for a record £7.1m. It is the highest price ever paid for a piece of sports memorabilia. The goal is known as the 'Hand of God' goal because Maradona controversially used his hand to punch the ball beyond England's goalkeeper - the goal was allowed.
- Sir Robert 'Bom' Gillies, the last remaining member of the World War II 28th Māori Battalion, has formally received his knighthood at Government House in Wellington. When was World War II?
 - 1939 to 1945 - The 97-year-old said he had been reluctant to accept the honour because of the way Māori had been treated by the Crown upon returning home to New Zealand from the war.
- Who has got her own Barbie doll recently?
 - Queen Elizabeth II - Queen Elizabeth II has got her own Barbie in honour of her 96th birthday and upcoming Platinum Jubilee. California-based toymaker Mattel released the doll in commemoration of her 70 years of service, which will be celebrated beginning on June 2.
- Who offered to meet with President Vladimir Putin to try to end Russia's war in Ukraine?
 - Pope Francis - Pope Francis told an Italian newspaper he had offered to travel to Moscow to meet with President Vladimir Putin to try to end Russia's war in Ukraine. He said he is yet to hear back.
- A restaurant chain founded by Transformers actor Mark Wahlberg, is coming to New Zealand. What is the name of the chain?
 - Wahlburgers - The Wahlberg brothers Paul, Donnie and Mark founded the chain in 2011 and there are now 91 Wahlburgers around the world. The New Zealand venture will be owned and operated by the family, who own Australia's largest independent cinema chain, United Cinemas.
- It was recently revealed that the Government is still spending \$10 million a month on...?
 - Contract tracers - Most of it is going to two contracted telehealth companies. During a press conference COVID-19 minister Chris Hopkins defended the spend saying, "The staff who do contract tracing don't only do contact tracing, they've been supporting people with COVID-19 in the community".
- Which streaming service has cancelled a series created by Meghan, Duchess of Sussex?
 - Netflix - The couple had initially signed a production deal - thought to be in excess of US\$100 million, with Netflix back in 2020 but are yet to produce any content for the streaming platform. News of the series' cancellation comes just days after Netflix announced it had suffered a loss of 200,000 subscribers.
- In which US state is the world's largest volcano?
 - Hawaii - Rising gradually to more than 4 km above sea level, Hawaii's Mauna Loa is the largest active volcano on the planet. Its submarine flanks descend to the sea floor an additional 5 km, and the sea floor in turn is depressed by Mauna Loa's great mass another 8 km. This makes the volcano's summit about 17 km above its base, arguably making it the tallest mountain in the world!
- What controversial action is a climate group in Auckland taking to highlight climate change?
 - Deflating the tyres on large SUV's - The 'Tyre Extinguishers' said that it was "the first action in a new wave of climate protest in New Zealand". Flyers left on the windscreens attempted to justify the tactic, informing the vehicle owners that their "gas guzzler kills".

VISUAL ANSWERS

1. Ellen - After 19 seasons, the daytime TV legend took her final bow as host of The Ellen DeGeneres Show as she filmed its final episode recently.

2. b. The Met Gala - The Met Gala is a fundraiser held at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. It's also a chance for celebrities to flaunt fantastic fashion. This photo shows Sarah Jessica Parker ascending the famous steps in front of the fashion media.

3. a. South America - Machu Picchu is located on a 2,430-metre (7,970 ft) mountain ridge in Peru, and contains the ruins of a 15th-century Incan settlement. The UNESCO World Heritage Site typically attracts 1.5 million tourists per year.

4. Germany

5. Musk - Elon Musk has successfully purchased Twitter for \$44 billion. He has stated that he plans to make sure the platform promotes the philosophy of 'freedom of speech'.