



**Weekly Quiz**  
**Current Events**  
 12 February 2024



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**Answers**

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a. Aluminium cans - According to the Ministry for the Environment, standardising recycling means an extra 36,000 tonnes of waste will be recycled each year. The new standards were supposed to be nationwide but some councils lack the infrastructure to handle the changes. Clutha, Hurunui, Westland and Gore District Councils have until 2027 to get up to speed. Get the Binny app or your local council website to check out the new rules.

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a. The dragon - Millions of people around the world celebrate Lunar New Year, which marks the first new moon of the lunar calendar.



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c. Taylor Swift - Women dominated this year's Grammy Awards with record of the year going to Miley Cyrus for Flowers, Billie Eilish won song of the year for the Barbie hit, What Was I Made For? and SZA won the best R&B song category.

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Chloe - The prominent young MP is set to become the new co-leader of the Green Party, following the resignation of long-time co-leader, James Shaw.

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a. A company creating brain implants - Neuralink was founded in 2016 by Elon Musk and a founding team of seven scientists and engineers. Their goal is to create brain implants that could potentially change the lives of people with disabilities that prevent them from moving or communicating. Last week Neuralink inserted a tiny chip into its first human test subject. The chip entwines minute filaments from the processor into their brain.

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c. Birds flocking on and around the runway - Birds on the runway at Timaru Airport caused another Air New Zealand flight to be stopped after takeoff, just 24 hours after a pilot aborted takeoff at speed.

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True or false, a US court has ruled that Donald Trump has presidential immunity in an election interference case?

False - Donald Trump does not have immunity from charges he plotted to overturn his 2020 election defeat, a federal appeals court ruled last Tuesday, bringing the former U.S. president a step closer to an unprecedented criminal trial.

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c. Paris - The Louvre Pyramid, completed in 1989, serves as the main entrance to the museum. This modern glass and metal pyramid contrasts with the traditional architecture of the Louvre Palace. It sparked controversy when it was first unveiled, but has since become an iconic symbol of the museum.

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a. King Charles III - Buckingham Palace announced last Monday that King Charles III has a form of cancer. The King has already started treatment and Prince William is taking over some of his royal duties. Prince Harry flew to London to see his father after learning of his condition but reportedly only spent 30 minutes with the King before flying back to the US.

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b. 41 - Two outlets were forced to close temporarily after being issued E grades. Breaches included poor cleaning and food safety preparation, hygiene and storage, deficient temperature controls, poor maintenance of equipment and facilities, and pests (eg. rodents, cockroaches).



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b. Major downpours caused flooding and mudslides - The Los Angeles Fire department responded to more than 307 mudslides and five buildings were deemed uninhabitable. Downtown Los Angeles received nearly 180mm of rain in one night - nearly half the yearly average of 360mm.

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c. Iceland - Late last month, a volcano erupted near the town of Grindavik in Iceland, just hours after its 4,000 residents evacuated. Authorities erected rock and earthen barriers to stop the lava flow from reaching Grindavik, but the eruption breached the defenses. The lava flow had come within an estimated 1,500 feet of the town, but luckily, no lives were in danger from the eruption.

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c. Chile - The fires which could be seen from space, broke out last week amid an unusual heat wave. Nearly 15,000 homes have been damaged, according to the authorities. Police and experts are investigating whether the fires may have been started deliberately. Hundreds are still missing.

Which political party's leader is putting forward the controversial Treaty Principles Bill?

- a. National
- b. New Zealand First
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c. ACT - The Prime Minister agreed to allow the bill to go before a select committee but has said National will not support the bill past its first reading. Protests against the bill have been seen around the country.

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b. Australia - The 10 fatal attacks globally in 2023 doubled the five in the previous year, with four of last year's deaths occurring in Australia. Surfers were slightly more prevalent in the data than people swimming or wading, experiencing 42% of the 69 "unprovoked" bites around the world, 22% of which were in Australia.

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b. Pieces of the Eiffel Tower - A hexagonal, piece of iron taken from the iconic 135 yr-old landmark is being embedded in each gold, silver and bronze medal that will be hung around athletes' necks at the July 26 - August 11 Paris Games and Paralympics that follow. The pieces were cut from girders and other bits that were swapped out of the Eiffel Tower during renovations.

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c. Japanese - Osaka is Japan's third-largest city and a major economic and cultural hub, renowned for its dynamic food scene, cutting-edge architecture, and historic landmarks such as Osaka Castle.



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b. Facial recognition technology - Facial recognition technology is going to be used in New Zealand supermarkets for the first time in a bid to combat repeat offending but it's a move that has the Privacy Commissioner concerned.

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b. Williamson - Kane Williamson has pulled clear as the world's best batsman on the ICC cricket rankings, following two centuries against the touring South African team.

**The End**