

Part A: Words

- A1** Which festive classic topped the music charts 36 years after it was released?
- A2** With one in three secondary school pupils overweight, what is the Government planning to ban by April 2022 to try to help prevent childhood obesity?
- A3** Why has Denise Betsema already had a better year so far in 2021 than in 2020?
- A4** Which organisation has written to the environment secretary saying it “no longer has the investment we need to protect and enhance the environment”?
- A5** Why are the UK’s chief medical officers not following US firm Pfizer’s research?
- A6** Why may a new wind farm planned for Yorkshire seriously impact native seabirds, according to wildlife charity the RSPB?
- A7** Showing the negative effects that the coronavirus and lockdowns have had on jobs, what percentage of the 481,834 people who called the Citizens Advice helpline to ask about benefits had never done so before?
- A8** Apart from wanting to break a world record, why did Danish swimmer Stig Severinsen swim 202 metres (662 feet) underwater with a single breath?
- A9** Which company “repeatedly and illegally accessed a competitor’s computers” and has been ordered to pay \$10m (£7.3m) in fines?
- A10** Why is Gerwyn Price of Wales in the news?

Part B: Pictures What news do these pictures tell us?

B1



Lorna Hughes

B2



Getty

B3



Getty

B4



PoetBearWilson6/Twitter

B5



Getty

B6



Getty

Part C: Person

Who is this person, and why is he in the news this week?



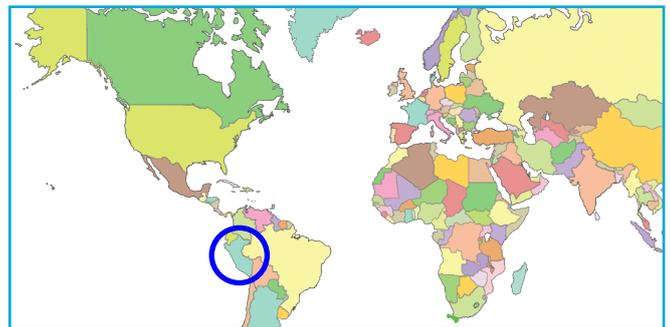
Part D: Object

What is this object, and why is it in the news?



Part E: Place

Where in the world has seen its World Heritage site invaded by squatters?



Part F: Statistics What news do these numbers tell us this week?

| | |
|--|---|
| F1 1.5 megabits per second | F2 A 70% increase in call-outs last month, compared with December 2019 |
| F3 A magnitude of 6.4 | F4 Making up less than 0.1% |
| F5 Now 51,829,023; 20,838 fewer in number | F6 10,000; £1.5m; 3,000 |

Teacher Answers

Part A: Words

- A1 Wham!'s Last Christmas. 'Good week for... Wham!', Big News, page 5
- A2 The multi-buy offers, such as 'buy one, get one free' deals on unhealthy food, as well as no longer allowing retailers to display unhealthy food in prominent places, such as at checkouts. 'MPs say "No deal" to junk food', Big News, page 7
- A3 The Dutch rider has just won the fourth round of the UCI Cyclo-cross World Cup in the Netherlands, after serving a ban in 2020 for failing anti-doping tests. 'Sport in Numbers', Sport, page 28
- A4 The UK's Environment Agency. "'We can't catch the big polluters'", Big News, page 5
- A5 The UK's chief medical officers now want to use the available vaccines to give as many people as possible a first dose, and then give a second dose 12 weeks after the first jab, rather than give people who have had a first dose of the Pfizer vaccine a second one three weeks later, as the company's tests recommend. 'New jab strategy', Big News, page 7
- A6 Because the development will be in the direct path of seabirds and their feeding grounds, as it is just 120km away from England's biggest seabird colony at Flamborough Head. It means the birds will have to dodge the wind turbines to get between their nests and their food supply. 'Wind farm worries', Animal News, page 10
- A7 Around 75%. 'Money problems', UK, Home News, page 6
- A8 He said he wanted to inspire children and raise awareness of protecting oceans and undersea life. 'Swimming record', Quick News, page 2
- A9 Ticketmaster. 'Bad week for... Ticketmaster', Big News, page 5
- A10 The Welshman won his first darts' PDC World Championship title, after beating champion Gary Anderson 7-3 in the final. 'Sport in Pictures', Sport, page 27

Part B: Pictures

- B1 Keepers at Edinburgh Zoo have shared a first-look image of the UK's only koala joey peeking out of its mother's pouch. 'Edinburgh, UK', News in Pictures, page 4
- B2 The Moscow Metro has hired its first female drivers since the 1980s, with tube drivers having previously been on a list of professions described as "harmful to women's health" by the government! 'Women at the wheel', Russia, World News, page 8
- B3 Unlike most meteor showers, which originate from comets, the Quadrantid, a January meteor shower, came from an asteroid. It is pictured helping to light up the sky above Bosten Lake. 'Bayingolin, China', News in Pictures, page 4
- B4 Poet Dean Wilson posts a "pebble of the day" from his daily beach walks, and he plans to share 1,000 pebble pictures and says "the rest is geology"! 'Pap that pebble!', Quick News, page 2
- B5 People watch the moon from the Edge observation deck in New York. It is the highest sky deck in the Western Hemisphere: at 100 storeys above the ground and with 360-degree views, with a glass

floor which gives you the feeling of floating in the sky! 'New York, USA', News in Pictures, page 4

B6 Slovak alpine skier Petra Vlhová has been crowned "Snow Queen" for the second year in a row after narrowly winning the World Cup Slalom event in Zagreb, Croatia. 'Snow queen!', Sport, page 28

Part C: Person

Who is this person, and why is he in the news this week? It's Ben Blowes. He has raised more than £150,000 for the charity Tom's Trust, which supports children with brain tumours, by running a marathon every day in December, making his total distance run an amazing 1,307km (812.2 miles)! '31 marathons in 31 days', Suffolk, Home News, page 6

Part D: Object

What is this object ,and why is it in the news? This is one of the 19 likely World War Two grenades that magnet fisher Che Williams pulled from the River Tame, just outside Birmingham. 'Grenade fishing', Crazy but True, page 11

Part E: Place

Where in the world has seen its World Heritage site invaded by squatters? The ruins of the oldest city in the Americas, the city of Caral, in Peru. 'Scientist threatened', Peru, World News, page 8

Part F: Statistics

What news do these numbers tell us this week?

F1 1.5 megabits per second – or ten times slower than the lowest internet speeds in Berlin, Germany, meant that photographer Klaus-Peter Kappest was able to send photo files to his editor more quickly by horse! 'Horse vs Wi-Fi', Big News, page 5

F2 A 70% increase in call-outs last month, compared with December 2019 – were reported by the Lake District Search and Mountain Rescue Association. 'Mountain rescue increase', Cumbria, Home News, page 6

F3 A magnitude of 6.4 – was the size of an earthquake that hit Croatia, which was part of a series of earthquakes and aftershocks. It was the largest that the country has experienced in decades. 'Deadly earthquake', Croatia, World News, page 8

F4 Making up less than 0.1% – of the UK's fox population are black foxes. 'Rare black fox returned home', Somerset, Home News, page 6

F5 Now 51,829,023; 20,838 fewer in number – For the first time in history, South Korea's population has fallen. At the end of December 2020, it was 51,829,023, which is 20,838 fewer in number than at the end of 2019. 'Population falls', South Korea, World News, page 8

F6 10,000; £1.5m; 3,000 – Using 10,000 solar panels, Swansea Bay University Health Board expects to save £1.5m a year, as well as reducing annual carbon emissions by around 3,000 tonnes. 'Solar-powered hospital', Swansea, Home News, page 6