

Kids vs Adults Weekly News S'Quiz

Hello Squiz Kids Quizzers -

And welcome to our first Kids v Adults Weekly News S'Quiz for 2026 ... this is your chance to prove who's been paying the most attention to the week that just was.

I'm Christie Kijurina -

So, how does it work? First, we'll have five questions for kids about what's been happening in the world for the past seven days, then five questions for adults ... whoever answers the most correct questions can take the winner's podium.

Easy as.

Plus - of course - because it's a Friday - we've got all today's birthday shoutouts and all the shoutouts for the weekend coming ... including the birthday reggae tune – because it wouldn't be a Friday without it.

OK, You ready, y'all? Let's do this ...

Alright kids - here are your five questions ...

In our Catch-Up episode on Monday, Bryce told us that one city set a world record for the biggest New Year's Eve celebration as millions welcomed in 2026. Which city was it?

- A) Sydney
- B) Paris
- C) Rio de Janeiro

In Thursday's podcast, Bryce explained that experts have released new back-to-school guidelines to help kids get enough sleep. According to those experts, how much passive screen time should primary school kids have at most each day during school weeks?

- A) One hour
- B) Two hours
- C) Unlimited, as long as homework is finished

During Spin the Globe this week, we heard about a toy going viral in China during the Year of the Horse. Why were people rushing to buy this particular horse plush toy? I'll give you a hint... it's something to do with its expression.

In Thursday's episode, Bryce warned that swimmers in Melbourne needed to stay out of the water after an invasion of blobby sea creatures closed beaches in Port Phillip Bay. What animal caused the closures?

Much of Australia has been experiencing a heatwave this week. The town of Ceduna recorded a top temp of 49.5°C or more than 120°F, making it one of the hottest places in the country.

Which Aussie State is Ceduna in?

I'll give you a hint...it was the first Australian state to grant women the right to vote and stand for parliament, it's home to the magnificent Flinders Ranges, and it's where you'll find Australia's oldest family-owned chocolate maker, Haigh's.

Answers:

C) Rio de Janeiro

B) Two hours

It had a sad face that people related to

A jellyfish and take an extra point if you knew that it was the lion's mane jellyfish

South Australia

“Alrighty... how'd you go, kids? Be honest — did you just cook the adults?

Yeah... thought so.”

Just before we get into the adult questions... this weekend's Squiz Kids Science Short asks:

How many generations have ever lived?

Not birthdays. Not centuries. Generations.

From modern humans and deep time, to how many people have ever lived on Earth, and why a fruit fly experiences time very differently to us, this Short stretches our brains right back through history — and helps us understand where we fit in the long human story.

You'll find it in your podcast feed first thing Saturday morning.

Alright adults — stretch, hydrate, and come on back.”

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Alright adults - now it's your turn ... time to show those kids how it's done...

A baggy green cap worn by cricket legend Sir Donald Bradman went up for auction this week after being carefully preserved by the Indian family who owned it. How much did the cap sell for?

- A) \$160,000
- B) \$460,000
- c) \$960,000

A new free trade agreement, described as “the mother of all deals,” was announced this week. The agreement is between the European Union and which country? I’ll give you a hint: it’s the world’s most populous country.

Recent anger in the state of Minnesota has been sparked by the fatal shooting of a protester by federal immigration agents. Who is the Governor of Minnesota, the state where these protests are happening... and I’ll give you a hint He was Kamala Harris’ running mate in the 2024 US election? How good’s your memory?

True or False... The new Australian of the Year, Katherine Bennell-Pegg is the first Australian woman to have flown in space?

After his album Britpop went to number one in the UK, which artist described himself as “the Forrest Gump of pop,” having now surpassed The Beatles for most UK number-one albums? And you can take an extra point if you can tell me how many number one albums that is...

- A) Robbie Williams
- B) Harry Styles
- C) Elton John

Answers:

B) \$460,000

India

Hi name is Tim Walz

False... She is the first Australian to qualify as an astronaut under the Aussie flag, but is yet to be selected for a space mission.

A) Robbie Williams - 16.

“Alright adults — how’d you go? Count up your score.

Who’s claiming the bragging rights this week?”

If you’ve missed any of those cool news stories throughout the week and you want to refresh your memory - all of this week’s Squiz Kids episodes are available for a re-listen wherever you get your podcasts ... and for the big people, check out the Squiz Kids Today podcast for our news content for grownups.

Alrighty, we’re not done yet — because coming up next it’s time for...

SHOUTOUTS!

It’s Friday, January 30 - National Croissant Day... Making a croissant properly involves folding and rolling dough dozens of times to create its flaky layers. That’s why good croissants take hours to make — and why bad ones feel... well...sad.

It's also a special day for these Squiz Kids celebrating a birthday today, and over the coming weekend... and because it's a Friday let's crack out the 'ol birthday reggae tune... hit it!

It's a happy birthday to...Mila from Manly, Luke from North Maclean, Jacky from Kallangur, Lincoln from Brunswick Junction and Thomas from Holland Park.

Belated shoutouts go to... Angad, Bennett, Vincent and Navya - all from Forest Lake.

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And don't forget to tune in this Sunday — when a new From The Vault episode arrives.

This time, we're heading back to one of the most expensive, tragic, and mistake-riddled expeditions in Australian history: Burke and Wills.

It's the story of ambition, bad decisions, ignored knowledge, and a journey that almost crossed the continent — but ended in disaster. We'll unpack who Burke and Wills were, what went so badly wrong, and why this ill-fated expedition is still more famous than many that actually succeeded.

That's your Squiz Kids Shortcut to Burke and Wills — landing in your feed this Sunday.

For now though - this is Christie Kijurina signing off - and reminding you to get out there and have a most excellent day ... over and out.