

Kids vs Adults Weekly News S'Quiz

Hello fabulous Squiz Kids Quizzers -

And welcome to the Kids v Adults Weekly News S'Quiz ... 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.

And just before we kick off the S'Quiz today... I have a correction to make... because if you've listened to this week's Shortcut to the Winter Olympics and Paralympics... of course you have... you would have heard us tell you that Alissa Camplin took out Australia's first-ever Winter Olympic Gold and Steven Bradbury grabbed the second one.. Bom Bom... That would be wrong...

We made a mistake, and it was actually Steven who gloriously won Australia's first-ever gold... and Alissa snatched the second one...

A huge thank you to Archie from Lane Cove who made sure his Mum wrote to correct us.. Excellent fact-checking Archie... You're a true Newshound!

OK.... where was I up to....ooh , You ready, y'all? Let's do this ...

Alright kids - here are your five questions ...

1. Let's start with the Winter Olympics... There are only a few hours left until the opening ceremony starts in Italy, with athletes travelling from all over the world to compete. Roughly how many athletes are taking part?
 - A. Around 300
 - B. Around 3,000
 - C. Around 30,000

2. In the United States, a groundhog named Punxsutawney Phil popped out of his burrow on Groundhog Day saw his shadow and predicted six more weeks of winter. True or false... Phil's predictions have been correct 100 percent of the time?

3. It's been raining Iguana's in Florida this week... ok, not quite but they have been dropping from trees...
Which weather phenomenon has caused the iguanas to go into a kind of mini hibernation?
Is it
 - A. a Heat Wave
 - B. Thunder and Lightning
 - C. an Arctic Cold Snap

4. Japanese volleyball player Yuji Nishida went viral this week, sliding torpedo-like across the court towards one of the sideline judges. What was he doing?

5. Dogs descended on New York this week for the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show...I hope you were listening hard this week because this is a tricky one...
Which of these dog breed could NOT have won the Best in Show this year?
 - A. Labradoodle
 - B. Miniature Schnauzer

C. Doberman pinscher

Answers:

1. B. Around 3,000
2. False. Over the years Phil has only been right about 35-40% of the time. Not great odds, Phil!
3. C. an Arctic Cold Snap
4. Apologising - he'd accidentally hit her with a ball.
5. A. Labradoodle... Doodles can't enter because they're not a recognised breed...
If you were wondering Penny the Doberman pinscher took out the top prize.

“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...

What's the deal with the dark side of the moon?

For centuries, humans believed half the Moon lived in permanent darkness — unseen, unexplored, and unknowable.

But the truth is a little more surprising.

We're clearing up one of the most famous space myths of all time... and yes, even Pink Floyd gets a mention.

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...

1. A Spanish figure skater found himself in a real spin this week when officials told him he couldn't use his chosen music for competition... not because of the choreography, but because of copyright rules.
The soundtrack came from a very famous Pixar movie franchise, and organisers said it was off-limits.
I'll give you a hint...his costume included overalls and a bright yellow T-shirt.
Which Pixar movie franchise was his music from?
2. Cricket fans around the world are gearing up as the T20 World Cup gets underway this weekend. This year's tournament isn't being hosted by just one nation, with matches spread across two cricket-mad countries. Which two countries are co-hosting the T20 World Cup?
A. India and Sri Lanka
B. Australia and New Zealand
C. England and South Africa
3. A school run in the Northern Territory town of Humpty Doo (yes, that's a real place) turned into a wildlife rescue this week when a mum spotted something very unexpected lurking in a rain-filled puddle. She jumped in to help restrain the animal while another person tied its jaws shut. What animal did she bravely jump on to help remove it?
Was it:
A. A crocodile
B. A python
C. An emu

4. Australians with home loans — and anyone watching prices at the checkout — were paying close attention this week as interest rates were lifted by 0.25 percentage points, taking the official cash rate to 3.85 per cent. Which governing body is responsible for setting interest rates in Australia?

- A. The Australian Treasury
- B. Reserve Bank of Australia
- C. The Australian Stock Exchange

5. It was Groundhog Day this week... again...And for many of us adults, this strange tradition first entered our lives thanks to a now-classic 1993 comedy that made reliving the same day over and over weirdly entertaining. Who were the male and female lead actors in the movie? Aaand I think you can have half a point for each.

Answers:

- 1. Minions... By the end of the week, the decision had been thankfully reversed and he can use the music. I'll be staying up to watch the figure skating for that alone!
- 2. A. India and Sri Lanka
- 3. A. A 1.5 metre or almost 5 foot long freshwater croc.
- 4. B. Reserve Bank of Australia
- 5. Bill Murray and Andie MacDowell

“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, February 6 - Waitangi Day in Aotearoa / New Zealand. It marks the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi in 1840. That was an agreement between Māori leaders and the British Crown. It's considered the founding document of modern New Zealand, and today it's marked with ceremonies, discussions, and celebrations of Māori culture — as well as conversations about fairness, history, and how a country moves forward together. And because it's a public holiday, that means no school today — lucky New Zealand Squiz Kids, enjoy!

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...Daanish from Croydon, Olivia from East Melbourne, Miyana (pron Mee-ya-na) from Brisbane, Harper and Ibadat from Forest Lake, Zachary from Geebung, Isabel W from Cleveland, Kiowa from Ashmont, Anthea from Keperra, Maria from Bankstown, Cillian from Maroubra and Leo from Attadale.

Belated shoutouts go to...

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And don't forget to tune in this Sunday — when a new From The Vault episode arrives. This week, we're checking out the Space Race.

NASA's Artemis II mission has been in the headlines after its launch was delayed when a hydrogen fuel leak was discovered during testing, pushing the earliest possible launch back to early March.

But while today's space missions grab the headlines, the truth is the Space Race didn't start with Artemis — and it didn't end with the Moon landings either. It's been going on for decades, shaped by war, politics, science, rivalry, and some seriously ambitious humans.

Dive into From the Vault to explore how the Space Race began, who was involved, and why we're still racing for space today.

That's your Squiz Kids Shortcut to the Space Race — landing in your podcast 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.