

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

You know how this works ... First, we'll have five questions for kids about what's been happening in the world around us 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 ...

1. True or False: at Werribee Open Range Zoo in Victoria, elephants are trained to snort salty water and snot into a plastic bag to help with scientific research?
2. We've heard a lot recently about researchers who hoped a mysterious shape near a Pacific island might be Amelia Earhart's missing plane. A closer look suggested it was most likely what?

a) Washed-up trees coated in coral sand

b) The remains of an old boat

c) Amelia Earhart's plane

3. Four university students in New Zealand recently unveiled a robot with some seriously speedy moves. What colourful cuboid puzzle did it solve in just 9.8 seconds?

4. Japan's MMX spacecraft blasted off on Tuesday morning on a mission to collect dust from Phobos. Which planet does this lumpy little moon orbit?

a) Jupiter

b) Mars

c) Mercury

5. Squiz-E sniffed out a viral video of a red-lipped batfish this week. The fish is real, but what was used to create the fake footage?

a) Artificial intelligence

b) Stop-motion animation

c) lipstick and some fish food training treats

ANSWERS

1. True!

2. a) Washed-up trees coated in coral sand

3. A 4x4x4 Rubik's cube

4. b) Mars

5. a) Artificial intelligence

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

Good for you! Kid power!.”

Just before we dive into the adult questions, let’s take a quick look at what’s coming up in this week’s Squiz Kids Science Short.

We all know trees help make the oxygen we breathe. But how? What’s happening inside those leaves, and where does sunlight come into it?

This week’s excellent question comes from Dylan, who’s eight and from Karrinyup, and wants to know: how do trees take in carbon dioxide and make the oxygen we breathe?

We’ll explore the tiny openings that let gases move in and out of leaves, why saving water can make that job tricky, and how some of the ocean’s smallest living things help keep our planet supplied with oxygen too.

Catch this new Squiz Kids Science Short in your favourite podcasting app first thing on Saturday morning.

– and if you have a Science question you’d like me to investigate, send it to squizkids@thesquiz.com.au

Alright adults — stretch, hydrate and get ready to rumble ... you’ve got this!

1. Tesla has been making headlines this week with a demonstration that looked straight out of a science-fiction film. What did the company show off at a test site in Texas?
 - a) A car that can drive on water
 - b) A car that folds itself up to fit into smaller parking spaces
 - c) A car that can briefly take flight

2. A very exciting tax-related question now. The Albanese government has been feeling the heat over an Australian Taxation Office announcement planning to stop businesses doing what?
 - a) Claiming laundry-related expenses
 - b) Claiming any international travel
 - c) Paying their tax bills by credit card

3. Which Canadian province voted this week on whether to begin the process towards a future referendum on leaving Canada? Here's a hint: it starts with A, and its capital is Edmonton.
4. The cast was announced this week for a stage version of which classic Aussie movie about a family fighting to save their much-loved home?
5. True or false? After a heavy defeat in game one, the Wallabies redeemed themselves with a resounding win over New Zealand's All Blacks in the second Bledisloe Cup match last weekend.

— STING —

Answers:

1. c) A car that can briefly take flight
2. c) Paying their tax bills by credit card
3. Alberta
4. The Castle
5. False. The All Blacks won 43–21 in Sydney, completing a clean sweep of the two-match series. Sorry, Wallabies fans... that one was wishful thinking

Alright adults — how'd you go?

Who wins the trophy 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 Today podcast or sign up for the newsletter for our news content for grown-ups.

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

SHOUTOUTS!

It's Friday, October 23 - International Snow Leopard Day! These incredible mountain cats are sometimes called "ghosts of the mountains" because they're so hard to spot. And here's a fun fact - a snow leopard's tail is almost as long as its body and it's used to balance, store fat for those harsh winter months and to wrap around its body and over its nose, kinda like a scarf, to help keep warm.

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! ...

And it's a very happy birthday to: Eric from Exeter, Eddie from Maiden Gully, Eden from Launceston, Lathy from Forest Lake, Jack from Oran Park, Arwen from Petrie, Josh from Lakes Entrance, Fregus from Thornbury, Yahya from Chester Hill, Ridhika from Belmont and Will listening over in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

And don't forget to tune in this Sunday, when a new From The Vault episode arrives in your podcast feed.

With Halloween just over a week away, I'm guessing some of you are already getting your costumes ready. But have you ever wondered WHY we dress up in the first place? And who decided that carving a face into a perfectly good pumpkin was a good idea?

This week, we're dusting the cobwebs off our Squiz Kids Shortcut to Halloween!

From haunted houses to dressed-up pets, there's plenty to sink your vampire teeth into.

Find it in your favourite podcasting app this Sunday ...

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

