

THE BIG QUIZ 2019



A brand-new decade is nearly here! Let's find out if you've been paying attention to the stories and people that have dominated the headlines this year...

Answers on page 55

WINNERS' GALLERY



1 The Champions League football tournament was won by which team in June?

- a) Brighton & Hove Albion ☐
b) Dulwich Hamlet ☐ c) Liverpool ☐

2 Which UK politician won the Conservative Party leadership contest and became Prime Minister in July?

- a) Theresa May ☐ b) Boris Johnson ☐ c) Jeremy Corbyn ☐

3 Dina Asher-Smith became the first Brit to win three medals at a global championships when she competed at the World Athletics Championships in October. But what events did she win her medals in?

- a) 100m, 200m, 4 x 100m relay ☐
b) Javelin, Shot put, Long jump ☐
c) Bobsleigh, Swimming, Darts ☐



4 David Atherton won *Great British Bake Off* in October - what kind of cake did he make for his final 'showstopper'?

- a) A selection of cakes disguised as sausage rolls and cheese ☐ b) A giant banana bread chimpanzee ☐ c) A marshmallow mountain with a chocolate waterfall ☐

5 South Africa beat England to win the Rugby World Cup in November. What's the nickname for their team?

- a) The Rhinos ☐ b) The Wallabies ☐ c) The Springboks ☐



MISSING WORDS ROUND

Can you complete these headlines?

1 China lands space probe on _____!

- a) Far side of the Moon ☐ b) Mars ☐
c) Jupiter ☐

JANUARY

2 Image of _____ revealed for the first time!

- a) Black hole ☐ b) Pink unicorn ☐
c) Red banana ☐

APRIL

3 July breaks world records to become the _____ month on record.

- a) Saddest ☐ b) Wettest ☐ c) Hottest ☐

JULY

4 Travel firm _____ goes bankrupt, leaving thousands stranded!

- a) Fredrick Roast ☐ b) Thomas Cook ☐
c) Matthew Bake ☐

SEPTEMBER

5 Climbing _____ is banned in Australia!

- a) Mountain Everest ☐
b) Cairngorm ☐ c) Uluru ☐

OCTOBER

ODD ONE OUT

1 *Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse* scooped Best Animated Feature Film at the Oscars in February. Which of the following versions of Spider-Man did NOT appear in the film?

- a) Spider-Jam - a massive strawberry with 8 legs ☐
b) Spider-Man Noir - a 1930s' version of the hero ☐
c) Spider-Ham - a funny pig superhero ☐

2 Which of these did NOT catch fire in 2019?

- a) Notre Dame ☐ b) The Amazon ☐ c) Donald Trump's hair ☐

3 Which of the following celebrities did NOT perform with Ed Sheeran on his album *No. 6 Collaborations Project*, released in July?

- a) Justin Bieber ☐ b) Cardi B ☐
c) Elvis Presley ☐

4 Which of these objects did NOT go on display at the Saatchi Gallery's blockbuster show *Treasures of the Golden Pharaoh* in London this November?

- a) King Tut's mummy ☐
b) Decorated walking sticks ☐
c) Beetle-shaped necklaces ☐



5 Which of these famous pop stars does NOT appear in the movie *Cats*, released in December?

- a) Taylor Swift ☐ b) Rihanna ☐ c) Jennifer Hudson ☐

ANIMAL JUMBLE!

1 Which oversized creature got stuck coming out of a manhole cover in Germany in June?

UIRLEQRS _____

2 This year, two of these creatures were transported from a Chinese aquarium to a new wild sanctuary in Iceland...

GUAELB SEHWAL _____

3 In July, Gizmo the Chihuahua was snatched from his garden by which animal?

LLUSAEG _____

4 Record numbers of which marine mammal were spotted in the River Thames this year?

LSEA _____

5 A new species of which creature was named after eco-activist Greta Thunberg?

EETLBE _____

CRAZY NEWS

Can you work out which of these headlines were real and which were made up by us?!

1 MAN CROSSES ENGLISH CHANNEL ON HOVER BOARD

Real ☐ Fake ☐

2 BREXIT GOES TO PLAN AND EVERYONE AGREES IT'S AN EXCELLENT IDEA



Real ☐ Fake ☐

3 DRIVING TINY CARS MAKES RATS FEEL LESS STRESSED

Real ☐ Fake ☐

4 BAGPIPES BANNED AFTER 4PM IN SCOTLAND



Real ☐ Fake ☐




5 LONDON BECOMES NATIONAL PARK CITY

Real ☐ Fake ☐





THE BIG QUIZ 2019

Answers on page 55



CULTURE VULTURES

- Stormzy headlined Glastonbury Music festival in June. What type of music does he perform?
a) Classical ☐ b) Techno ☐ c) Grime ☐ 
- What's the name of the video sharing platform that became even more massive this year?
a) Snap Chat ☐ b) Tic Tac ☐ c) TikTok ☐
- Which of these films became the highest-grossing movie ever this year?
a) Avengers: Endgame ☐ b) The Lion King ☐ c) The Secret Life of Pets 2 ☐ 
- Which popular TV show about posh people in a big house got made into a movie in September?
a) The Waltons ☐ b) Downton Abbey ☐ c) The Fresh Prince of Bel Air ☐ 
- Which of these featured in this year's art show by Olafur Eliasson at London's Tate Modern?
a) An artificial rainbow ☐ b) A frozen sheep ☐ c) A golden toilet ☐

NAME GAME

- What's the first name of Prince Harry and Meghan's baby, born 6 May?
a) Dave ☐ b) Sharon ☐ c) Archie ☐ 
- According to one survey, what is the most popular girls name in the UK this year?
a) Virginia ☐ b) Olivia ☐ c) Theresa ☐
- Boris Johnson's rescue dog moved into 10 Downing Street in September. What's it called?
a) Dilyn ☐ b) Marilyn ☐ c) Maggie ☐ 
- A new polar research ship was officially named RSS Sir David Attenborough this year. But what is the ship's lead submarine called?
a) Boaty McBoatface ☐ b) Subba Dub Dub ☐ c) Lil' Shippy ☐ 
- Bad weather ruined Easter holiday plans in April, with thousands of homes in Ireland losing power. What was the name of the storm?
a) Mr. T ☐ b) Stormy McStormface ☐ c) Hannah ☐ 

POLITICS & PROTESTS

- What was thrown over Brexit Party leader Nigel Farage in May while he was campaigning for the Brexit Party?
a) Milkshake ☐ b) Ketchup ☐ c) Doggy doo doo ☐
- When Donald Trump visited the UK this June, a big balloon was flown in protest depicting him as what?
a) A king ☐ b) A pig ☐ c) A giant baby ☐ 
- What was the colour of the boat that climate change activists Extinction Rebellion 'moored' in London's Oxford Circus in April?
a) Orange ☐ b) Pink ☐ c) Black ☐ 
- What DIDN'T happen on 31 October this year?
a) Halloween ☐ b) Brexit ☐ c) John Bercow retiring as 'speaker' of the House ☐
- How many people took part in the Global Climate Strikes this September?
a) 7,600 people ☐ b) 760,000 people ☐ c) 7.6 million people ☐ 

AMAZING EXPLORERS

In the new book *Explorer Academy: The Double Helix*, 12-year-old Cruz Coronado and his friends travel the world to learn about fascinating cultures and creatures. Can you find the last names of the 24 historical explorers hidden in this wordsearch?

Answer on page 55

N A M S A T A Z O D N E M O M
O U C S N E S D N U M A M P L
T V Y S I E V E S P U C C I G
E S R O D R A K E A B N U M L
L N A O S N K A U L D L S N I
K S L N N O S K I R E K Y A V
C C L R E N S A I H I A N L I
A O I E O T O B N N C T U L N
H T H S A L E O G G R C H E G
S T N N O L T S C N O G U G S
N E L P L E L N E O I M S A T
H E Y T R E M I K E A H E M O
Y M E A Y N B O L V D R E S N
G A B U O S A A A H O L P G E
S M A D A N R U A E R D U O C

- ADAMS
- AMUNDSEN
- BARET
- BELL
- BIRD
- BLY
- COOK
- COUDREAU
- DRAKE
- ERIKSON
- GOMES
- HENSON
- HILLARY
- KINGSLEY
- LIVINGSTONE
- MAGELLAN
- MENDOZA
- POLO
- RALEIGH
- SCOTT
- SHACKLETON
- STANLEY
- TASMAN
- VESPUCCI

Cruz and his friends, Emmett Lu and Sailor York, hope to find a piece of a puzzle that Cruz's mother left behind in Petra, Jordan.

CHECK OUT THE BOOK!



FUN STUFF MAKE IT PAPER SPIRALS

These eye-boggling decorations look complex but are a doddle to make!

What you'll need

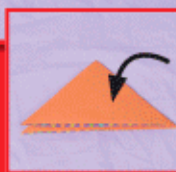


- Squares of paper (We used doubled sided origami paper but plain paper is fine)
- Scissors • Ruler • Sticky tape

Start here!

1

Fold your square into a triangle. Then fold into a triangle again.



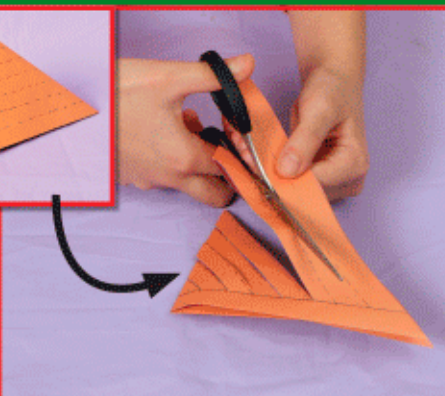
2

With the long unfolded edge at the bottom, and the single fold to your right, draw a line about 1.5cm from the thickest edge on the left side.



3

Now measure 1.5-cm-wide stripes from the folded edge to the line, and cut along them.



TOP TIP

When Christmas is over, carefully take your decorations down and save them for next year!

4

Carefully unfold out into a square again. Loop the two inside triangles around your finger so the points overlap, then join them with a bit of tape.



5

Flip the paper over and stick the next two triangles together so the points overlap (left). Flip and repeat until all the triangles have been fastened.



6

Finally, make a hole at the top and thread some ribbon through so you can hang up your decoration!

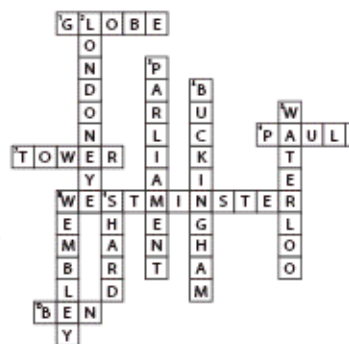


Happy Christmas, everyone!

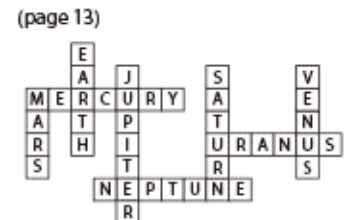
FUN STUFF ANSWERS

THE KING'S BEASTS! (page 2) A-6, B-3, C-1, D-5, E-4, F-2.

CAPITAL CROSSWORD (page 2)



PLANETARY PUZZLER (page 13)



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE (page 47)



SANTA SNAP (page 47) B and E are the same.

THE BIG QUIZ 2019!

(page 48)
WINNERS' GALLERY: 1-C Liverpool; 2-B Boris Johnson; 3-A 100m, 200m, 4 x 100m relay; 4-A A selection of cakes disguised as sausage rolls and cheese; 5-C The Springboks.

MISSING WORDS ROUND: 1-A Far side of the Moon; 2-A Black hole; 3-C Hottest, 4-B Thomas Cook; 5-C Uluru.

CRAZY NEWS: 1-Real; 2-Fake; 3-Real; 4-Fake; 5-Real.

ODD ONE OUT: 1-A Spider-Jam; 2-C Donald Trump's hair; 3-C Elvis Presley; 4-A King Tut's mummy; 5-B Rihanna.

ANIMAL JUMBLE: 1-SQUIRREL; 2-BELUGA WHALES; 3-SEAGULL; 4-SEAL; 5-BEETLE.

CULTURE VULTURES: 1-C Grime; 2-C TikTok; 3-A Avengers: Endgame; 4-B Downton Abbey; 5-A An artificial rainbow

NAME GAME: 1-C Archie; 2-B Olivia; 3-A Dilyn; 4-A Boaty McBoatface; 5-C Hannah.

POLITICS & PROTESTS: 1-A Milkshake; 2-C A giant baby; 3-B Pink; 4-B Brexit; 5-C 7.6 million people.

AMAZING EXPLORERS

(page 51)



WHAT IN THE WORLD

(page 52)

Top row: hot chocolate, igloo, polar bear paw. Middle row: sled, reindeer, snowboarder. Bottom row: gloves, robin, ice-skaters. Bonus: A SNOWBALL

Thanks to Mita. Photos © Tim Boney