

# Weekly Quiz - Answers

- A 7.7 magnitude earthquake prompted a tsunami warning for parts of New Zealand last week. Where was the earthquake located near?

a. New Caledonia - A large quake off the coast of the Loyalty Islands east of New Caledonia prompted a tsunami warning for areas in the far north and east coast of the North Island.
- True or false, The World Health Organisation team in China said they have found evidence that shows that COVID-19 probably came from bats?

False - The World Health Organisation team in the Chinese city of Wuhan said similar viruses can be found in many animals, but they have been unable to find direct evidence of animal-human spreading.
- Which New Zealand company has recently been criticised for their role in supporting the Saudi Arabian Navy?

c. Air New Zealand - The Prime Minister said it was not appropriate for Air New Zealand to be supporting the Saudi Navy while it was involved in an armed conflict with Yemen
- Why have two East Otago towns, Karitane and Waikouaiti, been in the news recently?

b. Lead was found in the town's water supplies - Residents were told they must not use the tap water, as lead had been discovered in the reservoir. Recent blood tests of residents have shown that there doesn't seem to be any lasting health effects from the contamination. The council is still investigating what caused the spike in lead levels.
- What happened to SpaceX's Starship prototype during their latest test flight?

c. It crashed on landing - Elon Musk's company launched its latest Starship prototype from the south-eastern tip of Texas, two months after the previous test ended in an equally explosive belly flop.
- What has been blamed for the spread of COVID-19 between guests at the Pullman Hotel?

b. Droplets in the air - Five people were found to have been infected while at the managed isolation facility, not testing positive until after they were released into the community. The hotel currently isn't being used as an isolation facility while it's being cleaned and upgrades are being made to the ventilation system, which had been blowing droplets in the air into peoples rooms when they opened their doors.
- Why was Māori Party Co-Leader, Rawiri Waititi asked to leave the debating chamber of parliament last week?

a. He refused to wear a tie - Speaker Trevor Mallard prevented Mr Waititi from asking questions in the debating chamber on Tuesday, insisting that MPs could only ask a question if they were wearing a tie. When Mr Waititi continued with his question, Mr Mallard ordered him to leave. Mr Waititi, argued that he should be able to wear hei-tiki (taonga pendants-usually pounamu), instead of a tie. Since the incident, it has been announced that ties are no longer mandatory in Parliament.
- Jeff Bezos has stood down from the top job in which company?

a. Amazon - Bezos founded Amazon as an online bookstore 30 years ago and it now sells just about everything. He is now one of the world's richest people.
- Environment Minister David Parker has announced that the RMA will be scrapped and replaced with three new laws. What does RMA stand for?

b. Resource Management Act - The RMA is a 30-year-old set of rules which have often been blamed for slowing down the building of new homes.
- Queen Elizabeth II welcomed another great grandchild into the royal family last week. Which royal does the baby boy belong to?

a. Princess Eugenie - In a statement, Buckingham Palace said the baby weighed 8lbs, 1oz. Princess Eugenie is the younger daughter of Prince Andrew.
- True or false, Australia's Lowy Institute has listed New Zealand as having the second best response to the COVID-19 pandemic?

False - New Zealand was listed first, Vietnam second and Taiwan third. Australia was listed 8th and the United States sat at 94th.
- Rescuers raced to free around 35 construction workers trapped in a tunnel, after the dam they were helping to build was swept away by a wall of water caused by ...?

a. A collapsed glacier - The Himalayan glacier lake was fed by India's second-highest peak, Nanda Devi. The glacier collapsed, and sent flood waters sweeping down the Dhauliganga river. Over 180 people were missing after the wall of water hit.
- Why were people told to stay out of the water in Manukau harbour last week?

b. There had been a chemical spill in the water - About 5000 litres of methyl methacrylate, which is used in the manufacture of plastics and adhesives, spilled from storage at a specialist chemical business. The spill entered a stormwater drain, and leaked into the Manukau Harbour.
- The Chinese New Year was celebrated on February 12, welcoming in the Year of the ...?

c. Ox - Chinese New Year, known in China as the Spring Festival, is a holiday on and around the new moon on the first day of the year in the traditional Chinese calendar. This calendar is based on the changes in the moon. Each year is dedicated to an "animal" of the Chinese zodiac.
- Following a mix up with quarantine vouchers, the Government has intervened to allow which Australian entertainment group into New Zealand?

a. The Wiggles - The Wiggles contacted several MPs asking for help to enter New Zealand as uncertainty loomed over their scheduled 20-show tour. The Wiggles tour starts in March but they had failed to book any of the highly sought after slots in managed isolation.

## VISUAL ANSWERS

**1. b. The Capitol** - The US Capitol was locked down with lawmakers inside as violent clashes broke out between supporters of President Donald Trump and police last month. The lawmakers were meeting to affirm Joe Biden's victory in the US presidential election.

**2. c. Myanmar** - Myanmar's military has seized power after detaining Aung San Suu Kyi and other democratically elected leaders. Troops are patrolling the streets and a night-time curfew is in force, with a one-year state of emergency declared. The United Nations and UK are among countries and organisations condemning the military coup.

**3. a. Bay of Islands** - Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern served hundreds of people breakfast alongside other ministers and Government MPs. Last year, hundreds turned for the barbecue breakfast of sausages, eggs and bacon after the dawn ceremony on the treaty grounds at Waitangi – this year the numbers appeared to have increased significantly.

## 4. Spain

**5. c. American Magic** - The American used a sticker on their boat to acknowledge the support from the other America's Cup teams in helping them repair their boat after a dramatic capsizing. Unfortunately, despite the heroic effort in returning to the water, American Magic were eliminated in the semifinals. returning.