

Weekly Quiz - Answers

1. New Zealand celebrated Waitangi Day last Wednesday. In what year was the Treaty of Waitangi signed?
 - a. 1840 - The Treaty of Waitangi was signed by 43 chiefs on the 6th of February 1840 at Waitangi. Several copies were sent around the country and signed by another 457 chiefs.
2. Where is Waitangi located?
 - c. Bay of Islands - Waitangi is in the Bay of Islands close to the town of Paihia, about 60 kilometres north of Whangarei. The name Waitangi means "weeping waters" in Māori.
3. Why were around 800,000 US government employees, unpaid for over a month?
 - c. Donald Trump had chosen to shutdown the government - Trump announced the shutdown which started on 22 December, after Democrats refused to support Trump's plan to spend \$5.7 billion on constructing a wall on the Mexican border.
4. During the holiday, which member of the royal family rolled their car in a road accident?
 - b. Prince Philip - The Queen's husband, was not injured in the accident, in which he pulled out of a driveway in front of a car. The 97 yr-old has since received criticism for driving without a seatbelt, just days after the accident.
5. What is the most expensive city to rent in New Zealand according to recent reports?
 - a. Wellington - A recent rental price index revealed in December 2018 the median weekly rent increased 5.8 per cent, with the record average price now \$562. In Auckland, the median weekly rent remained unchanged in December from the same period in 2017, at \$550.
6. Tonga has been in the news recently after being left without what?
 - b. mobile and internet services - Tonga's 100,000 residents experienced a two week blackout of mobile and internet services after the country's only undersea cable was damaged. It is unclear what caused the damage.
7. A polar vortex has been in the news a lot recently. What is a polar vortex?
 - b. very cold air that sits around the North and South poles - The US has recently been in the grip of a polar vortex which dropped temperatures to -46C and below. A polar vortex is a large pocket of very cold air, which sits over the polar region during the winter season. The freezing air can be pushed farther south, affecting parts of Canada and the US.
8. Why has kiwi teen Zoi Sadowski-Synott been in the news?
 - c. she won a gold in snowboarding at the X Games - Winter olympic bronze medalist snowboarder Zoi Sadowski-Synott, claimed a dramatic gold medal in the slopestyle event at the X Games in Colorado. She also won silver in the snowboard big air competition.
9. Chinese New Year was celebrated on Tuesday 5 February. This year 2019, is represented by which animal?
 - c. the pig - Chinese New Year or 'Spring Festival' is China's most important festival and holiday time. The date of Chinese New Year varies between January 21 to February 20.
10. What is the name of the valley that has been affected the most by the recent bushfires?
 - c. Pigeon Valley - The fire had covered more than 2100 hectares with a perimeter of over 27 kilometres. Thousands of residents in the area were forced to evacuate.
11. Townsville been in the news because of severe flooding. In which country is the city of Townsville?
 - c. Australia - The once-in-a-century big wet event caused flooding that that took the lives of two men, forced thousands of people to flee and is expected to have impacted up to 20,000 homes to some degree.
12. What has been wreaking havoc for boat owners in Auckland marina?
 - b. a seal has been damaging boats - Owha the leopard seal that's become well known through-out New Zealand, has been tearing chunks out of boat's at Auckland's Westhaven Marina, and some boaties think it's only a matter of time before a person gets hurt.
13. Which team won the most watched sports game in the U.S, the Super Bowl?
 - a. New England Patriots - The Patriots won their sixth title (and third in five years), by defeating the Los Angeles Rams 13–3. One hundred and three million people watched this year's Super Bowl.
14. What language is spoken in the Netherlands?
 - c. Dutch
15. New Zealand police are spending \$20.7 million on ...?
 - a. new body armour - New Zealand police are being kitted out with \$20.7 million worth of new body armour that officials boast is lighter, more comfortable and more customisable.

VISUAL ANSWERS

1. **c. Great White** - Footage emerged of divers getting up close and personal with what could be one of the biggest great white sharks on record. The divers assessed the pregnant shark was not feeding at the time and posed no threat.

2. **Kane** - Kane Williamson is the captain of the Black Caps, and will be hoping for an improvement from their recent series against India if they are to win the upcoming Cricket World Cup

3. **a. Nelson** - Since the middle of last week, emergency crews have been fighting fires in and around Nelson. The largest fire is southwest of the city and a major threat to the satellite town of Wakefield.

4. **Greece**

5. **Brian** - Controversial preacher, Brian Tamaki, attracted media attention at Waitangi when he talked about entering politics.