

AUGUST

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THIS
WEEK IN...

Countries

MULTIPLE CHOICE - *highlight or circle the answer you think is most correct*

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1. Tigers are native animals in which continent?
 - a) Asia
 - b) Australia
 - c) Antarctica
 - d) Africa
2. Tigers are found in amazingly diverse habitats: rainforests, grasslands, savannas and mangrove swamps. Why have their numbers decreased so much?
 - a) Poaching
 - b) Habitat loss
 - c) Urbanisation
 - d) All of the above
3. Japan was hit with 2 earthquakes last week of magnitudes 6.7 and 7.1. Why were casualties and damage much less in Japan than occurred with the twin quakes that rocked Venezuela in June?
 - a) Better preparedness of the population
 - b) Better infrastructure and building regulations
 - c) Lesser intensity
 - d) All of the above
4. Which country won the most gold medals at the 2026 Glasgow Commonwealth Games?
 - a) Australia
 - b) Canada
 - c) New Zealand
 - d) England
5. What is the name of the Australian swimming team?
 - a) Platypuses
 - b) Capybaras
 - c) Wombats
 - d) Dolphins
6. The son of legendary Australian athlete Hayley Lewis, Kai Taylor, won which event at the Commonwealth Games last week?
 - a) 50-metre individual freestyle swimming
 - b) 100-metre individual freestyle swimming
 - c) 200-metre individual freestyle swimming
 - d) 200-metre freestyle individual track
7. China's military conducted joint air and naval combat drills around the disputed Scarborough Shoal in which sea to the south of China Sea?
 - a) Coral Sea
 - b) Red Sea
 - c) Java Sea
 - d) South China Sea
8. Which of the following countries have land borders with China?
 - a) Nepal, Mongolia, Pakistan
 - b) Nepal, Japan, Pakistan
 - c) Japan, Mongolia, India
 - d) Taiwan, Mongolia, India
9. Hydropower plants had to brace for heavy rains in southern Brazil as severe El Niño looms. In which continent is Brazil located?
 - a) North America
 - b) South America
 - c) Asia
 - d) Africa
10. What type of weather does El Niño bring to the east coast of Australia?
 - a) Average rainfall conditions
 - b) Below average rainfall conditions
 - c) Above average rainfall conditions
 - d) Torrential rainfall conditions
11. Sam Fender and Olivia Dean's collaboration "Rein Me In" broke a 73-year record to become the longest-running Number One single in which country?
 - a) India
 - b) South Korea
 - c) UK
 - d) Germany
12. Tom Holland, Zendaya and Jon Bernthal led Sony's superhero feature that had a stunning opening in what movie first released in Hollywood, Los Angeles, USA ?
 - a) Iron Man: Rust Free
 - b) Superman: Last Days
 - c) Spider-Man: Brand New Day
 - d) Metaphorical Man: Surreal Adventure

13. Fires continue to burn in and around Bordeaux in which west European country?

- a) Italy
- b) Germany
- c) France
- d) Poland

14. A coup has rocked the nation of Niger, with troops announcing on live TV they had taken control of the government. In which region of Africa is Niger located?

- a) West
- b) North
- c) East
- d) South

15. The deadly H5N1 bird flu has been detected on Kangaroo Island, with one case at Seal Bay, a critical breeding site for the endangered Australian sea lion on the island's southern coastline. Where is Kangaroo Island located?

- a) Tasman Sea
- b) Great Australian Bight
- c) Bass Strait
- d) Coral Sea

Fun fact -

The number of people in Japan aged 100 or older has risen to a record high of nearly 100,000, its government has announced. Of that total, women accounted for an overwhelming 88%. Japan has the world's longest life expectancy. It is home to the world's oldest living person - 114-year-old Shigeko Kagawa, a woman from Yamatokoriyama, southern Honshu.

COUNTRY IN THE SPOTLIGHT

JAPAN



Japan is an island country in East Asia. Located in the Pacific Ocean off the northeast coast of the Asian mainland, it is bordered to the west by the Sea of Japan, the Sea of Okhotsk in the north, and the East China Sea in the south. The Japanese archipelago consists of four major islands alongside over 14,000 smaller islands. Around 75% of its terrain is mountainous and heavily forested, concentrating its agriculture and highly urbanised population along its eastern coastal plains. With a population of almost 123 million as of 2026, it is the world's 11th most populous country. The currency is the Yen, the exchange rate currently is 1AUD=113Yen. The official language is Japanese and the main religion is Shinto.

**Japan is on the northwestern edge of the Pacific Ring of Fire. The Ring is a tectonic belt of earthquakes and volcanoes. It is about 40,000 km (25,000 mi) long and up to about 500 km (310 mi) wide, and surrounds most of the Pacific Ocean. The Ring of Fire contains over 750 active or dormant volcanoes, around two-thirds of the world total. About 90% of the world's earthquakes, including most of its largest, occur within the belt.*

This island has a population of and includes the city of Kochi

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What is the name of this island?

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The northern most of the 4 main islands

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The largest and most populated island of Japan

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This is the capital of Japan, with an estimated population of 37 million within its greater urban agglomeration.

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