

Kids vs Adults Weekly News S'Quiz

Hello, fabulous Squiz Kids listeners -

And welcome to the Kids v Adults Weekly News S'Quiz ... your chance to see who's had their listening ears on and been paying the most attention to the week that just was.

I'm Christie Kijurina -

All week in the Squiz Kids Today podcast, we've been bringing you the big news stories of the day - run through our kid-friendly filter - to make sure you know all you need to know about the world around you.

Now it's time to test how much of the week's news you've retained. And in the process, see who's smarter: kids or adults ...

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.

Here's how the quiz works: five questions for kids about the week in news - then five questions for adults.

Whoever answers the most correct questions wins. Easy peasy.

You ready? Let's do this ...

Alright kids - here are your five questions ...

1. Wednesday this week marked the beginning of Lunar New Year. What animal represents this year in the Chinese Zodiac?

Is it:

a) a dragon?

b) a tiger? Or

c) a snake?

2. We heard this week in the podcast that an ancient golden helmet was stolen from a museum in the Netherlands. What was this helmet being used for before it was rediscovered in 1927?

Was it:

a) a pot plant holder?

b) a fancy dress costume? Or

c) a water bowl for chickens?

3. The Australian Open Tennis tournament wrapped up last weekend, and we told you about the go-to snack players relied on for energy during their gruelling matches. Which fruit were they peeling through—hoping not to slip on any sneaky skins?

4. This legendary Melbourne sports venue has hosted everything from Taylor Swift to AFL Grand Finals—and this week will hold, what is hoped to be, a record crowd for the women's Ashes cricket match. Known affectionately as 'The G', what's its full name? You can have 1/2 a point for just the initials and a full point for the full name.

5. Scientists in China just made a record-breaking step toward clean energy, keeping a fusion reactor running for nearly 18 minutes. What gigantic, fiery space object does this technology aim to replicate?

Answers:

1. c) a snake
2. c) a water bowl for chickens
3. Bananas - 200 kilos a day..
4. The MCG or the Melbourne Cricket Ground
5. The Sun

How did you go kids? How many did you get right out of five? Reckon you're going to beat the adults? Yeah - I reckon so too.

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Alright adults - now it's your turn ...fire up the grey matter - here we go ...

1. It took them 14 seasons, but which Big Bash League team finally claimed their first-ever title—thanks to an explosive 108-run innings by opener Mitch Owen?
2. After two more dingo attacks over the long weekend, authorities are growing concerned about safety on this Australian island. Now officially called K'gari, what was its former name?
3. This footy great and newly crowned Australian of the Year has dedicated his life to raising awareness and funds for motor neurone disease. Who is he?
4. A new low-cost Chinese AI chatbot has sent shockwaves through global markets, triggering major losses in tech stocks. What is the name of this AI, which is being compared to OpenAI's ChatGPT?
Is it:
a) AI Dragon?

- b) DeepSeek? Or
- c) NeoChat

5. From a chocolate factory to the folk music scene—Timothée Chalamet is receiving rave reviews for his portrayal of which iconic singer in *A Complete Unknown*, in cinemas this week?

Answers:

1. The Hobart Hurricanes.
2. Fraser Island
3. Neale Daniher
4. b) DeepSeek
5. Bob Dylan

How did you go adults? How many did you get right?

Did you beat the kids? Who won bragging rights 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 ...

That's the end of the quiz - which means now it's time for ...

SHOUTOUTS!

It's Friday, January 31 — National Hot Chocolate Day! There's nothing better than snuggling up in bed or on the couch with a favourite book or podcast and a big mug of delicious hot chocolate... What do you think? Marshmallows or no marshmallows? I'm for pink marshmallows all the way.

Today is 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!

It's a happy birthday to... Saxon and Scout from Canberra and Linda from White Rock.

And a belated shout-out goes to... Olivia from Ermington

Well - that's all we have time for.

I hope you're enjoying these quizzes.

Don't forget there will be a new one dropping first thing every Friday morning .. and the best bit? They're absolutely free. Just as our other excellent content is free too ... we're talking a Squiz Kids Today news podcast on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, a Squiz Kids Shortcut or a Squiz The World every Tuesday - and for all the teachers out there, keep an eye out in a couple of weeks because we'll be bringing you the Classroom Companion - our teacher-produced classroom activity sheets - curriculum-aligned and tied to the daily pod on Mondays and whose entire back catalogue is able to be searched via our website. Genius ...

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