

# THE QUIZ

Current Events in English for Schools

No. 1 • January • 2019 • **BASIC** Version

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No. 11 – Week 22 (May 27, Review)

No. 4 – Week 9 (February 26)

No. 8 – Week 17 (April 23)

(NOTE: Monday delivery)

**BASIC VERSION – ANSWERS**

1. D

2. B

3. D

4. B

5. D

6. C

7. B

8. B

9. B

10. A

11. C

12. C

**LINKS** • [news.bbc.co.uk](http://news.bbc.co.uk)—Current news and extensive background information from all over the world.

• [cia.gov](http://cia.gov)—Facts about all nations in the world. Click on *World Factbook* under Resources.

• [www.m-w.com](http://www.m-w.com)—Merriam-Webster's complete online dictionary and their [learnersdictionary.com](http://learnersdictionary.com)

• [metric-conversions.org](http://metric-conversions.org)—Convert anything – Celsius to Fahrenheit and more.

• [www.twitch.tv](http://www.twitch.tv)—Website of the streaming service *Twitch*, owned by Amazon.

• [www.nfl.com](http://www.nfl.com)—Official website of the National Football League.

• [billboard.com](http://billboard.com) • [sverigetopplistan.se](http://sverigetopplistan.se) • [finnishcharts.com](http://finnishcharts.com) • [hitlisten.nu](http://hitlisten.nu) • [vglista.no](http://vglista.no) • [bbc.co.uk/radio1/chart](http://bbc.co.uk/radio1/chart)—Music sales and streaming charts.

• [www.holmesandwatson.movie](http://www.holmesandwatson.movie)—Official movie website.

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- Almost one million people working for the U.S. government have been sent home – with or without pay – and millions more are affected. President Trump has shut down part of the government because he wants to...?
  - close all U.S. borders
  - finance an invasion of North Korea
  - get money to start a trade war against China
  - have billions of dollars for a wall against Mexico
- A Democrat from California is the new Speaker of the House of Representatives in Congress (*with 435 members in the House and 100 senators in the Senate*). She is the third most powerful U.S. politician. What is her name?
  - Oprah Winfrey
  - Nancy Pelosi
  - Kamala Harris
  - Katy Perry
- The Anak Krakatau volcano erupted in late December generating tsunami waves that killed hundreds of people. It sits between the islands of Sumatra and Java in a country of 263 million people. Where is this?
  - China
  - India
  - Australia
  - Indonesia
- China has a population of 1.4 billion. What is the name of the largest Chinese ethnic group?
  - Sioux
  - Han
  - Hmong
  - Tibetan
- In medicine, there is a lot of talk about cheaper products made after the patent of a certain medicine expires (ends). What are these cheaper products called?
  - replacements
  - pharmacy
  - antibiotics
  - generics
- STD is an abbreviation. What is STD short for?
  - Sexually Tested Drug
  - Soap, Towel and Deodorant
  - Sexually Transmitted Disease
  - Strong, Tough and Determined
- Twitch* (owned by Amazon) is mostly a game streaming service. It competes with the Google-owned *YouTube* where you can stream just about anything. To *twitch* means to move suddenly – to *jerk*. Which of these words is another synonym?
  - fuss
  - toss
  - cuss
  - fake
- Who is Ada Hegerberg?
  - youngest ever female astronaut
  - 23-year-old Norwegian footballer, voted world's best
  - 29-year-old U.S. congresswoman from New York
  - star of *Stranger Things* on Netflix (Season 3 on July 4)
- It's soon time for the *Super Bowl* with teams such as Cowboys, Rams and Saints. In which sport is this?
  - Baseball
  - American Football
  - Ice Hockey
  - Basketball
- "Shallow" has been a huge hit for months. Which movie is the song from?
  - A Star Is Born
  - Aquaman
  - Bohemian Rhapsody
  - Black Panther
- Drake's *Scorpion* was second, but what was the best-selling album in the United States in 2018?
  - Back in Black* (AC/DC)
  - ÷ (Ed Sheeran)
  - reputation* (Taylor Swift)
  - 25 (Adele)
- Will Ferrell and John C. Reilly star in *Holmes & Watson* – a comedy version of the classic mysteries of Sherlock Holmes and Doctor Watson. Who wrote the books about Sherlock Holmes?
  - Agatha Christie
  - Edgar Allan Poe
  - Arthur Conan Doyle
  - Stephen King

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