



THE NEWS QUIZ

EASY!

How much do YOU know?

DIFFICULT!



1. Does the UK throw away food worth £12 million or £12 billion each year?



Explain why the government wants to replace 'sell by' dates on food with 'best before' dates.

2. Which country has been in the news a lot due to its high debt levels: Greece or China?



Some experts believe the level of European debt threatens the future of the _____ zone. Complete.

3. Millions of **ROWRESK** in the UK are members of **DETAR** unions. Unscramble the mixed-up word.



DETAR unions plan a **YAD** of **INTOAC** in November when members will **OG NO KRSITE**. Unscramble.



4. It is against the law to go on strike in the United Kingdom. True or false?



Suggest 3 reasons why workers may take industrial action such as 'work to rule' or go on strike.

5. What has passed 2.5 million in the UK: the number of people in work or the number unemployed?



If many people lose their job it costs the government a lot of money. Explain.



6. Housing in the UK is better than in most other countries in the world. True or false?



Some architects have criticised Britain for building 'shoebox homes'. What do they mean?

7. NASA has launched the world's most ambitious trips to space. Where is NASA based?

AANS has recently revealed the **SIGDEN** of its next ship **ROF** travelling **RAF** into **SCAPE**. Unscramble.

8. Millions of people in Britain **TEADON NOMYE** to charities. Unscramble.



There are **YEVN** strict **WASL** in the UK about how to **TES PU** and **NUR** a charity. Unscramble.

9. Why has the comedian David Walliams been in the news recently?



How much did he raise, and for which organisation did he raise it?

COMIC RELIEF



10 Downing Street is small but connected to a mansion at the rear. True or false?



If the Prime Minister, David Cameron, lives at No. 10, who lives at No. 11?

11. The anniversary of the Twin Towers attack was held in September. In which year was the attack?



Which list was read out by relatives and friends on the anniversary, and where was it read out?

12. Do iTunes sales count towards the official UK music charts?



What recent hit was sung by something you get in Maths, with a title shouted by a teacher?

13. Is the rugby World Cup currently being held in New Zealand, France or Ireland?



Celtic are still in the Europa League. How did they remain in the competition?

PUBLIC SECTOR WORKERS



News bulletins have recently carried reports about public sector workers taking industrial action, including going on strike. Public sector workers are mainly people who work for the government or local councils. A nurse and a street cleaner are two examples. Can you list 10 more public sector jobs?



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1. £12 billion
Sell by dates are used by shops to control their stock so they can order fresh supplies in time. However, food is normally perfectly safe to eat for some time after the sell by date. Best before dates are normally later and aim to give consumers help in deciding whether food is safe to eat. By switching sell by dates to best before dates it is likely that a lot of perfectly safe food will no longer be thrown out.
2. Greece
Eurozone
3. workers, trade
Trade, day, action, go on strike
4. false
a dispute over pay / conditions; a dispute over safety to protect workers; a dispute over redundancies; etc.
5. The number of people unemployed in the UK recently passed 2.5 million.
The government must pay benefits to unemployed people who qualify for them. Also, the government loses money in taxes because people are no longer earning money from work upon which to pay tax.
6. true.
Shoebox houses refer to small houses which are being built at a lower cost but which the architects claim are too small, particularly for families.
7. USA (The headquarters are in Washington DC)
NASA, design, for, far, space.
8. donate money
very, laws, set up, run
9. David Walliams swam the length of The Thames river for charity, finishing up beside the Houses of Parliament. He raised over £1 million. He raised it for Sport Relief - (the Comic Relief logo was included to catch pupils out).
10. true
The Chancellor of the Exchequer, George Osborne
11. 2001
The names of those who died in the 9/11 attacks. The list was read out at Ground Zero, the site where the Twin Towers collapsed and where a large memorial has been constructed.
12. yes
Example's song *Stay Awake*
13. New Zealand
They remain in the competition because although the Swiss club Sion defeated Celtic, they played 5 ineligible players and were therefore disqualified from the tournament.

PUBLIC SECTOR WORKERS

There are many possible jobs including:
doctor, teacher, civil servant, swimming pool attendant, policeman, armed forces, crossing patrol, hospital porter, social worker, planning officer, MP, etc.