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AUSTRALIAN WILDFIRES

Australia has experienced many bushfires recently (beginning June 2019) which have been



caused by record-breaking temperatures and very dry weather. This has had a devastating impact on Australia, with around 12.35 million acres of land being burned.

Many people have been affected by this and some have had to move out of their homes due to the danger of their houses being burnt down. It's not just the people who have been affected. More than 1 billion animals have been hurt or killed, including kangaroos and koalas. Luckily, Australia has now had some rain which has stopped some of the fires and people are not in as much danger.

You may be thinking that there is nothing you can do if you really want to help.



Fortunately, you can. For a start, you can try donating to the following charities that are helping the bushfires: Red Cross Disaster Relief and Recovery, The Salvation Army's Disaster Appeal and Vinnies Bushfire Appeal. Many people are also helping by knitting pouches for kangaroos and by holding special events at school. Hayes Primary School will soon be holding a charity day to raise money to help Australia. Details about this day will be revealed soon.

SPORTS IN 2020

It's 2020 and what an exciting year ahead we have. The Olympics are on! The event starts on Friday 24th July and ends on Sunday 9th August. There are some new sports coming up: karate, skateboarding, basketball / softball, climbing and surfing. The summer Olympics, whose official name

is Games of XXXII Olympiad, will be held in Tokyo, Japan. The tickets will be sold at around 70 dollars a day.



The Euro 2020 will also be this year. This is a football tournament held from 12th June to 12th July. The hosting cities are Amsterdam, Baku, Bilbao, Bucharest, Budapest, Copenhagen, Dublin, Glasgow, London, Munich, Rome and Saint Petersburg. The big Wembley Stadium will hold the final match.



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READ BEYOND THE LINES!

Does your mind sometimes get tangled when reading the news? Do you question whether it is fake or true? Well, our helpful tips will help you decide.

Here are some things to remember so that your brain doesn't get tricked by fake news. You should consider the source (where it came from) and check who the author is. You should think about whether it sounds realistic and, if it doesn't, see if there are any other articles about the same topic published. Try to think about whether it is just a joke and, if you are unsure, ask the experts!

Try it out! Do you think this is a real article or a fake article?



People Struck By Flying Cows Suddenly, out of the blue, a cow lands on top of you. This happens more often than

It is actually fake! If you look carefully at the picture, you will see that it is unrealistic. Look out the window for yourself. Can you see any? Compare it to other newspaper articles. It doesn't look as professional.

When some fake news comes out of someone's lips, just remember to think of our tips!

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A GUIDE TO FINDING YOUR IDEAL PET

Are you looking to find a pet? Here you'll find a guide to help you make your decision.

1. Dogs. A dog might be a stereotypical choice

but it could be the pet for you. They are great fun and loving animals but they can be high maintenance. Be prepared to spend a lot of time training a dog and looking after it.



- Turtles. A turtle is a good choice if you want a pet which is low maintenance. A turtle is easy to take care of but you still need to be responsible.
- Cats. These are pretty common pets and they have long life spans. They can reduce your stress and keep you calm!
- 4. Fish. Fish are quiet pets and are easier and less expensive to feed and care for than others. However, they still need a proper tank and a knowledgeable owner.
- 5. Hamsters. Hamsters are very cute and lively but they require a lot of responsibility. If you prefer smaller animals, this could be the pet for you. Be careful though – if they are mishandled they can bite and buying a cage can also set you back a bit on money.

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NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS AROUND THE WORLD

What did you do on New Year's Eve? Well, we bet it's not as strange as this bundle we have snatched up for you. Take a look at how people celebrate across the world.

Scotland – Scotland have a brilliant firework display and they throw burning fireballs into the ocean!

Brazil – In Brazil, people get into the swing of the new year by wearing white clothes and throwing flowers into



the ocean for their Goddess of the Sea.

Thailand — In this country they have a lantern display. They also celebrate with a brilliant firework display.



London – London has the biggest firework display in Europe. It's phenomenal!



Japan – In Japan they offer money to children in a beautiful red envelope and decorate their houses with rice, straw and Kadomatsu (lucky pine).

China – Much like Thailand, China has a ginormous lantern display and during the night they play tunes and eat scrumptious food such as Chinese dumplings, rice cake and longevity noodles.

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TOP 10 VIEWED SONGS IN THE LAST DECADE

Are you someone who enjoys watching YouTube and listening to music? Read this article to find out about the ten most watched YouTube music videos of the decade!

10. Lastly, in tenth place, we have Ed Sheeran – Thinking Out Loud. This video had 2.87 billion views. You may not have watched this video because it was released in 2014 (six years ago).

9. Next we have One Republic – Counting Stars. With 2.89 billion views, this song helped the band reach new heights.

8. In 8th place is Katy Perry – Roar. This was released in 2013 but performed by 5B in their class assembly in 2019.

7. After that, in 7^{th} place, is Maroon 5 – Sugar. With 3.1 billion views, this is the most watched video released by a band.

6. Justin Beiber's song Sorry, received 3.23 billion views. It was the fastest video to reach one billion views on YouTube in history!



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5. The 2012 hit by PSY, named Gangnam Style, comes in 5th place with 3.48 billion views. It introduced K-pop.

4. Next, Pingfong's song Baby Shark received 4.21 billion views. It is an extremely popular song that is known across the world.

3. Now to the top 3! In 3rd place is Khalifa and Charlie Puth – See You Again. This is the only song on this list to have been used in a movie. The movie is called Fast and Furious.

2. Just missing out on the top spot is Ed Sheeran – Shape Of You. It received 4.54 billion views which is impressive considering it was only released in 2017. It is the third fastest video to reach a billon views.

1. And the moment you've all been waiting for. First place goes to Luis Fonsi and Daddy Yankee for their song Despacito. This catchy song reached up to 1 billion views in just 7 days!

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