
Summer 2021 Review

Top Stories of the Last 3 Months – Quiz Challenge

Game Rules:

- **Requirement:** *Exclusive use of the English language during preparation time.*
- *Making use of any **outside help** is strictly **forbidden** (i.e. no internet search).*
- *Since you **play as a team**, each team member **must contribute** by sharing their knowledge or intuitions. **Tip:** “A wild guess is usually better than no answer at all”.*
- *The game is divided into three distinct **phases**. The team which comes ahead with the highest score wins the quiz challenge. **1 point** is given for **each correct answer**.*
- **Phase 1 – Answer the 20 questions.**
- **Phase 2 – Match each headline with the related story. The fastest team gets a +5 bonus.**
- **Phase 3 – Vocabulary. From the context, guess the French translation of the listed words.**

Questions

JUNE 2021

1. What social media platform was banned* by government officials in Nigeria?
2. What political leader’s career ended after a 12-year run as Israel’s prime minister?
3. In what Southeast Asian country, the Formula 1 Grand Prix, originally scheduled* for October 3, was cancelled* due to pandemic-related travel restrictions?
4. What digital currency* Salvadoran President announced would be adopted as legal tender alongside* the U.S. dollar?
5. In consequence of what disgraceful event that took place on January 6th, the U.S. Department of Justice has announced that over 465 people have been arrested?
6. What social media platform announced it would remove* immunity for politicians posting fake news or abuse from this time on?

JULY 2021

1. In which Communist-run country thousands of people erupted in street protests?
2. Which international athletic competition was regrettably declared to be held without spectators?
3. What movement led President Joe Biden to sign an executive order protecting consumers who own* products such as laptops, smartphones, cars or washing machines? (*Complete the answer with one word: "The Right to ... movement"*)
4. What monuments were removed from Charlottesville, Virginia, four years after major disturbance* erupted in the city?
5. What devastating event occurred* in Surfside, Florida and killed 98 people?
6. Which country was defeated during the UEFA Euro 2020 Final in penalty shootout*?
7. Which major US company was fined* a record €500M for failing to negotiate "in good faith"* with media companies over the use of their content?

Phase 1

AUGUST 2021

1. Which large-scale* natural disaster has devastated the following locations: Canada, Turkey, California, Greece, Siberia, Algeria and Portugal?
2. Name the religious movement and military organization that took over Afghanistan's capital Kabul following President Biden's decision to withdraw* from the country?
3. The IPCC, an international group of scientists signaled a "code red for humanity" in an alarming report. What is this global phenomenon described in the report? *Hint: IPCC*
4. What country in the Caribbean Sea was, yet again*, devastated by an earthquake?
5. In the same way as in France, what are New York City residents required to show to access indoor dining venues*, fitness clubs, museums, movie theaters and night clubs?
6. The first Black woman, a famed French-American jazz singer and dancer who also served in the French resistance will be buried* in Paris' Panthéon. What is her name?
7. Which spin-off* of a US dating* reality TV series premiered* its 7th season on ABC?

Answer Sheet

Team name:

Phase 1

JUNE 2021

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JULY 2021

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3. *"The Right to movement"*
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AUGUST 2021

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Phase 2

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- A New report on climate change is a call to action
- B What to Watch on Monday: 23 singles are ready to mingle on
- C Italy gets an ego boost
- D **Could Developing Nations Follow El Salvador's Move To Bitcoin?**
- E No fans, fewer athletes: Tokyo Olympics set for unusual opening ceremony
- F Tensions rise in struggle to get aid to victims in Haiti
- G Will We Need Vaccine Passports To Do Fun Things?
- H **Nigeria will pay for its punitive treatment of Twitter**
- I Musical legend gets French burial honor
- J **Assessing Benjamin Netanyahu's 12 Uninterrupted Years In Power**

K 98 Deaths Have Now Been Confirmed In The Florida Condo

L Charlottesville to Remove Confederate Monuments Saturday

M Afghanistan on the brink of Taliban takeover

N Wildfires burn out of control in Greece and Turkey as thousands flee

O A Cuban Crisis: Economic Problems, COVID-19, and Protests

P Facebook blocks accounts to combat fake news

Q Google fined nearly \$600m by French competition authority

R **Singapore Grand Prix called off for 2021**

S President Biden Wants To Make It Easier For You To Get Your Broken Smartphone Fixed

T Hundreds arrested in Capitol riot case

Answer Sheet

Team name:

Phase 3 TRANSLATION OF THE WORDS (IN FRENCH)

JUNE 2021

- Q1 — to ban: —
- Q3 — to schedule: —
- Q3 — to cancel: —
- Q4 — currency: —
- Q4 — alongside: —
- Q6 — to remove: —

JULY 2021

- Q3 — to own: —
- Q4 — disturbance: —
- Q5 — to occur: —
- Q6 — penalty shootout: —
- Q7 — to be fined: —
- Q7 — in good faith: —

AUGUST 2021

- Q1 — large-scale: —
- Q2 — to withdraw: —
- Q4 — yet again: —
- Q5 — dining venues: —
- Q6 — to be buried: —
- Q7 — a spin-off series: —
- Q7 — dating: —
- Q7 — to premiere: —

Answers *Phase 1*

JUNE 2021

1. **Twitter** — Any Nigerian users of the app could be arrested and prosecuted. [Link](#)
2. **Benjamin Netanyahu** — At a time of heated debate lawmakers approved — by a one-vote margin — the formation of a new coalition government. [Link](#)
3. **Singapore** — This season's Singapore Grand Prix has been cancelled as a result of tightening coronavirus pandemic restrictions in the country. [Link](#)
4. **Bitcoin** — The Central American country would be first in the world to formally adopt the cryptocurrency. [Link](#)
5. **The attack on the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021** — 150 days since the insurrection, it is likely the largest criminal investigation in the U.S. Department of Justice's history. [Link](#)
6. **Facebook** — The reversal could have widespread implications for politicians, who could have their posts removed for breaching misinformation or abuse rules. [Link](#)

Answers

Answers *Phase 1*

JULY 2021

1. **Cuba** — People took to the streets nationwide on July 11 to protest a dire economic crisis and curbs on civil rights in Cuba. [Link](#)
2. **The Olympic and Paralympic Games** — Summer Games organiser announced no fans in the stands as COVID-19 surge hit Japan. [Link](#)
3. **The “Right To Repair”** — Order may loosen rules on who can undertake phone repairs. [Link](#)
4. **Confederate monuments** — Two monuments of Confederate generals Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson. [Link](#)
5. **The collapse of a building (a condominium complex)**. [Link](#)
6. **England**. Italy beat England 3–2 on penalties. [Link](#)
7. **Google** — (equivalent to \$593 million) A Google spokesperson said in a statement that the company was “very disappointed” by the decision. [Link](#)

Answers

Answers *Phase 1*

AUGUST 2021

1. **Wildfires** — Many residents were evacuated or lost their homes, the smoke caused unhealthy air quality. The wildfire in California was named “Dixie Fire”. [Link](#)
2. **The Taliban** — The word Taliban means ‘students’ or ‘seekers’ in Pashto, one of the two official languages of Afghanistan. [Link](#)
3. **Climate change** — IPCC stands for Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (GIEC in French). The report says we must keep planetary warming under 2 degrees Celsius this century to prevent catastrophic consequences. [Link](#)
4. **Haiti** — It was a 7.2-magnitude quake. In 2010 another earthquake devastated the country. [Link](#)
5. **A proof of vaccination or “health pass”** — New York was the first major US city to introduce a vaccine pass. [Link](#)
6. **Joséphine Baker** — She will lie alongside other French national icons such as authors Emile Zola and Victor Hugo in the Pantheon mausoleum, one of France's highest honors. She arrived in Paris in the 1920s and brought over with her American jazz culture, she later served in the French Resistance during World War Two. [Link](#)
7. **Bachelor in Paradise** — The show was filmed in a beautiful seaside resort in Mexico. [Link](#)

Answers *Phase 2*

JUNE 2021

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JULY 2021

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Answers

AUGUST 2021

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3	A
4	F
5	G
6	I
7	B

Answers *Phase 3*

JUNE 2021

- Q1 — to ban: — *interdire*
- Q3 — to schedule: — *prévoir, programmer*
- Q3 — to cancel: — *annulé*
- Q4 — currency: — *devise, monnaie*
- Q4 — alongside: — *au même titre que, à côté*
- Q6 — to remove: — *retirer*

JULY 2021

- Q3 — to own : — *posséder, être propriétaire de*
- Q4 — disturbance: — *troubles, émeutes*
- Q5 — to occur : — *se produire, survenir*
- Q6 — penalty shootout: — *les tirs au but*
- Q7 — to be fined: — *être condamné à une amende*
- Q7 — in good faith: — *en toute bonne foi*

AUGUST 2021

- Q1 — large-scale: — *à grande échelle*
- Q2 — to withdraw: — *se retirer, évacuer*
- Q4 — yet again: — *encore une fois, à nouveau*
- Q5 — dining venues: — *restaurants*
- Q6 — to be buried: — *être enterré, être inhumé*
- Q7 — a spin-off series: — *une série dérivé, sous-produit*
- Q7 — dating: — *de rencontres, drague*
- Q7 — to premiere: — *commencer, débiter, être lancé*