

IN THE NEWS

1. Who will be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2013?

- A. Malala Yousafzai
- B. The Tea Party
- C. Pope Francis

D. The Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons

2. Rock icon Lou Reed passed away this week at the age of 71. He was co-founder and lead singer for what influential band?

- A. The Youngbloods
- B. The Yardbirds

C. The Velvet Underground

D. The Stooges

3. How much did economists at Standard & Poor's estimate the government shutdown cost?

- A. Net zero
- B. \$2 billion
- C. Saved \$13 billion

D. \$24 billion

4. What Is (An) Olinguito?

- A. The first planet outside our solar system known to support life.
- B. The newest Taco-Doritos meal from Taco Bell.
- C. The latest medical technological discovery in Helsinki

D. A new mammal discovered by scientists

5. Who purchased the Washington Post this past August?

A. Warren Buffet

B. Amazon.com CEO Jeff Bezos

C. Google founder Sergey Brin

D. Time Warner

6. Accused Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev's was on the cover of which magazine, sparking much controversy?

- A. Time
- B. People

C. Rolling Stone

D. Playboy

7. Which country recently announced that it would land its first rover on the moon by the end of this year?

A. Brazil

B. China

C. India

D. Iran

YOU DON'T SAY

1. What is a hammam, to the people of Islamic countries?

A. Holy Man

B. Public Bath

C. Place of Prayer

D. Barn For Livestock

2. What is unusual about the fifty-thousand word book entitled 'Gadsby', written by Ernest Vincent Wright in 1939?

A. It does not contain the letter "e"

B. It was the first book published in braille

C. It was made of recycled paper

D. The rims of the pages were gilded in gold.

3. To which of these language groups does English belong?

A. Romance

B. Germanic

C. Slavic

D. Baltic

4. Almost one million people in the USA speak Tagalog. Which country is this language native to?

A. Phillipines

B. Swaziland

C. Indonesia

D. New Guinea

5. The Greek expression 'Aisoi, apustoi' means what in English?

A. Time is money

B. Where there's a will, there's a way

C. Where there's breath, there's hope

D. Out of sight, out of mind

6. The English word 'GAMBRINOUS' means to be full of what?

A. Oneself

B. Mullarkey

C. Beer

D. Joy

7. Which language is the mother tongue of the largest number of EU citizens?

A. French

B. English

C. German

D. Spanish

HAIL TO THE CHIEF

1. Which American president said, "My fellow Americans, I'm pleased to tell you that I've signed legislation that will outlaw Russia forever. We begin bombing in five minutes."

A. Lyndon Johnson

B. Richard Nixon

C. No one did. It's an urban legend that won't die.

D. Ronald Reagan

2. You've heard the name. But do know which ancient country had Nebuchadnezzar II as its monarch?

A. Manchuria

B. Persia

C. Babylonia

D. Sumeria

3. This past month marked the 40th anniversary since Augusto Pinochet seized power from the democratically elected government in which country?

A. Chile

B. Brazil

C. Argentina

D. Colombia

4. Which of the following leaders was a die-hard Disney Fan?

A. Mao Zedong

B. Fidel Castro

C. FDR

D. Adolf Hitler

5. President Obama recently named his choice for US Ambassador to the UN. Which former US President once held this post?

A. John F. Kennedy

B. Richard Nixon

C. George HW Bush

D. Jimmy Carter

6. What Asian was the first non-American to be named Time Magazine's man of the year?

A. Mao Zedong

B. Mohandas Gandhi

C. Emperor Hirohito

D. Ferdinand Marcos

7. Who was Czar of Russia when Napoleon invaded in 1812, resulting in a costly defeat for France?

A. Peter the Great

B. Alexander I

C. Catherine I

D. Nicholas II

GLOBAL GAMUT

1. What was the name of bomb dropped on Nagasaki, Japan?

A. Fat Boy

B. Little Boy

C. Big Man

D. Fat Man

2. Quick, grab a dollar bill! How many times does the word or number "1" appear on every U.S. one dollar bill?

a. 10

b. 13

c. 16

d. 19

3. What is Scotland's most major export to Saudi Arabia?

a. Scotch Whiskey

b. Salmon

c. Sand

d. Textiles

Scotland exports tons of sand scooped up from river bottoms to Saudi Arabia, where it is used for making cement and other building materials that cannot be made from desert sand.

4. The crown of which New York City landmark was originally built as an airship dock?

- A. Chrysler Building
- B. Empire State Building**
- C. Statue of Liberty
- D. Trump Tower

5. What is the alternative name for The Battle of Sharpsburg, which had the single bloodiest day of battle in the American Civil War?

- A. Battle of Bull Run
- B. Battle of Antietam**
- C. Battle of the Bulge
- D. Battle of Chickamauga

6. International actor Omar Sharif, most famous for his roles in Lawrence of Arabia and Dr. Zhivago, is from what country?

- A. Syria
- B. Lebanon
- C. Egypt**
- D. Jordan

7. Who wrote 'The Charge of the Light Brigade' about an event in the Crimean War?

- A. Lord Byron
- B. Alfred Lord Tennyson**
- C. John Keats
- D. Oscar Wilde

IT'S ONLY CUSTOMARY

1. Where would you get sheep liver, heart, lung and suet mixed with onions, oatmeal and spices commingled in a sheep's stomach?

- A. Greece
- B. Scotland**
- C. Romania
- D. Poland

2. There are Five Pillars of Faith in the Religion of Islam. Which of the following is one of the five pillars?

- A. Observance of the Sabbath
- B. Praying 3 times a day
- C. Making a journey to Madrid
- D. Alms giving**

3. According to tradition, passengers of the train passing over the Jamuna River in India should give tribute to the river by doing this:

- A. Throw coins in it**
- B. Spit in the river
- C. Say a prayer for safe passage
- D. Hold their breath

4. Based on the teachings of Korean spiritual leader Sun Myung Moon, this religion uses the Bible as its holy book but interprets it quite differently from Christian views. The "Divine Principle" summarizes their beliefs - what is the official name of this religion?

- A. Moonism
- B. Unitarian Universalism
- C. Unification Church**
- D. Hari Krishna

5. Persian food classically uses a red, astringent powder made from which plant?

A. Sumac

B. Pomegranates

C. Juniper

D. Acerola

6. Why were Donald Duck comics banned from libraries in Finland?

A. He doesn't wear pants.

B. Ducks are considered a sign of evil

C. He is blamed for speech impediments in young children

D. There already exists a popular comic book duck in Finland

7. What is the culinary term for the dish whose name is derived from the Hebrew for 'a big fuss' and is eaten on Rosh Hashana to symbolize prosperity?

A. Tzimmes

B. Challah

C. Hyssop

D. Dybbuk

WHERE IN THE WORLD

1. What did British Honduras change its name to?

A. Belize

B. Nicaragua

C. Costa Rica

D. Guatemala

2. Ancient Carthage is located in what modern country?

A. Tunisia

B. Libya

C. Morocco

D. Mali

3. Which Island in the East Pacific is renowned for its stone heads?

A. Christmas Island

B. Micronesia

C. Tonga

D. Easter Island

4. In which city is the famous Arabic TV-Channel Al-Jazeera situated?

A. Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

B. Maskat, Oman

C. Doha, Qatar

D. Amman, Jordan

5. There are 20 regions in Italy. Which region is the 'toe' of Italy?

A. Abruzzo

B. Calabria

C. Sicily

D. Tuscany

6. What country has more volcanoes than anywhere in the world?

A. Iceland

B. Indonesia

- C. United States
- D. Tanzania

7. What river flows both north and south of the equator?

- A. Euphrates
- B. Amazon
- C. Nile
- D. Congo**