Part A: Words

A1 Why are authors Humza Arshad, Sita Brahmachari, Holly Jackson and Zanib Mian in the news this week?

A2 Which species has been found to be curious and sociable – two traits which are commonly found in primates, including humans?

A3 Why are scientists recommending a plant called Cotoneaster franchetii?

A4 Who is quoted as saying that we have "turned to nature as a refuge and a bit of respite" during the last year?

A5 What has new research discovered about 11-year-old boys who play videogames?

A6 In his top tips, what examples does Dr Ranj give for ways to stay calm when you feel anxiety coming on?

A7 Why is Margaret Cooper a friend to amphibians?

A8 What is the Shadow Racer that is featured in this week's news?

A9 As a percentage, how much nectar is provided by gardens in urban areas?

A10 Why is haplotype in the news?

Part B: Pictures What news do these pictures tell us?













Part C: Person

Who is this person, and why is she in the news this week?



Part D: Object

What is this object, and why is it in the news?



Part E: Place

What links this country with the photographs of a yellow penguin that were taken recently in Antarctica?



Part F: Statistics What news do these numbers tell us this week?

F1 81 from 50; 5 out of 6	F2 1,025 kilograms; 472 million kilometres; 19,000km/h (12,000mph)
F3 It can take up to 2,700 litres of water	F4 Around 150,000; 300
F5 A drop in the last 20 years	F6 38% of fine particle pollution in the UK



Teacher Answers

Part A: Words

A1 They are all authors involved with World Book Day on 4 March, 2021. 'World Book Day is here!', World Book Day Special, page 24

A2 Bottlenose dolphins. 'Dolphins are a bit like you', Science News, page 13

A3 They say it is the best shrub for cleaning polluted air, as it is 20% more effective at soaking up pollution compared to other shrubs. 'Super plants!', Big News, page 7

A4 Actor and WWF ambassador Cel Spellman. 'Connect with nature', Big Interview, page 17

A5 If they didn't do lots of physical activity, the boys who played videogames most days had 24% fewer depressive symptoms three years later when they were 14, than boys who had played videogames less than once a month, as there are positive aspects that could support mental health, such as problem-solving. 'Could gaming be good for you?!', Big News, page 3

A6 Try to stay calm and distract yourself, for example, by doing a physical activity, listening to music, going for a walk or counting to 100. 'Anxiety explained', Special Report, page 21

A7 In 1999, she successfully led a campaign to get Beanford Lane in Nottinghamshire closed temporarily to protect toads, when the amphibians hop across the road to get to their breeding grounds. 'Toads stop traffic', Crazy but True, page 23

A8 It is a wheelchair from the 1990s, designed by Jim Martinson, an injured war veteran, for track and road racing. 'Science Museum Group', Science News, page 13

A9 85%! 'Gardens are tiny takeaways', Big News, page 5

A10 This genetic element, identified by researchers in Germany, passed down in some people from an extinct human species called Neanderthals, has been found to reduce the risk of severe disease, including COVID, by almost a quarter. 'COVID-19 clue', Science News, page 13

Part B: Pictures

- B1 Katharina Liensberger of Austria may have stumbled after crossing the finish line during the second run of the women's slalom at the Alpine Ski World Championships, but she has become the first Austrian woman to win the slalom title in ten years! 'Pic of the week', Sport, page 28
- B2 Thousands of protesters took to the streets across Myanmar on Monday to protest against the military takeover of the country. 'The "five twos revolution", Myanmar, World News, page 8
- B3 After mountain rescue volunteer Chris Lewis fell 150m and suffered severe spinal injuries on his way to help save campers who had broken lockdown rules, more than half a million pounds was raised to help him in just two days. "Phenomenal" support for injured volunteer', Cumbria, Home News, page 6
- B4 People seeking asylum in the United States sleep next to the El Chaparral border crossing. 'Tijuana, Mexico', News In Pictures, page 4

B5 Artist Jan Heath has started painting on used teabags, after running out of room for her many artworks! 'Total-tea amazing!', Norfolk, Home News, page 6

B6 Israel has begun to roll out a "green badge" app for people who have had both shots of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, which will allow them to enter gyms, cultural events and restaurants. 'Vaccine badges', Israel, World News, page 8

Part C: Person

Who is this person, and why is she in the news this week? This is 21-year-old teacher Jasmine Harrison who has become the youngest woman to row solo across the Atlantic Ocean. 'Good week for... Jasmine Harrison', Big News, page 5

Part D: Object

What is this object, and why is it in the news? This postcard, dated 7 July 1943 and written by 18-year-old Billy Caldwell about his first week of training as a sailor in the Royal Navy, arrived in the post a staggering 77 years after it was first sent! 'Lost or late?!', Crazy but True, page 23

Part E: Place

What links this country with the photographs of a yellow penguin that were taken recently in Antarctica? Yves Adams, the photographer who took the photos, is from Ghent in Belgium. 'South Georgia', News In Pictures, page 4

Part F: Statistics

What news do these numbers tell us this week?

F1 81 from 50; 5 out of 6 – 81 points have been taken from José Mourinho's first 50 games as manager of Tottenham Hotspur, and Spurs have lost five of their last six Premier League games. 'Sport in numbers', Sport, page 28

F2 1,025 kilograms; 472 million kilometres; 19,000km/h (12,000mph) – The 1,025-kg NASA Perseverance rover covered some 472 million kilometres before it entered the Martian atmosphere at 19,000km/h (12,000mph). 'Rover lands on Mars', Science News, page 13

F3 It can take up to 2,700 litres of water – to create a single cotton T-shirt. 'How loving your clothes can protect the planet!', Special Report, page 11

F4 Around 150,000; 300 – In the UK, there are around 150,000 British Sign Language users and 300 different types of sign language. 'Learning to sign', Your News, page 27

F5 A drop in the last 20 years – NHS data has shown that deaths from allergic reactions are really rare and have dropped over the last 20 years. 'Allergy deaths decline', Big News, page 5

F6 38% of fine particle pollution in the UK – is caused by open fires and stoves. 'Wood burners bad polluters', Big News, page 7