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**Q** Does your country or region have traditional clothing?

**Q** On what occasion do people wear it?

**Q** Describe a festival that happens in your country or in your home region.

**Q** How do people greet each other in your home country, region, or culture?

**Q** Does your country have a mascot (national animal), what is it?

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How do people in your country or region celebrate New Year?

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Are there any special celebrations in your hometown?

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What is the weather like at this time of year in your home country?

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Does your country or region regularly have extreme weather, such as storms or heatwaves, what and when does it happen?

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What is your favourite type of cuisine, and do you know if there are any restaurants for this in Newcastle?

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Can you name some foreign foods that you have tried cooking since you arrived in Newcastle?



Can you name some national dishes of different countries? Do you have your favourites?



Where would you normally go shopping for food when you are at home?



Where is your favourite place that you have visited and why?

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If you could go to see one of the wonders of the world which would you choose?



Where was the last place you went on holiday?



What is the most popular sport in your country or region?



Do you play it?



Did you play any sports at school, and do you still play them now?



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Who is your biggest inspiration and why?



What is your favourite type of music?



When was the last time you went to see live music and who was playing?





Why is education relevant to sustainable development?

- It enhances careers prospects
- **It empowers learners to be able to address interconnected global**
- It promotes use of IT in education

Source: <https://unesdoc.unesco.org>



The UN aims to achieve all SDGs goals by which year?

- **2030**
- 2040
- 2050

Source: [www.unglobalcompact.org](http://www.unglobalcompact.org)



United Nations defined the "extreme poverty" as:

- **Living on less than \$2.15 per day**
- A mix of factors including homelessness and malnutrition
- Being in the group of the 10% lowest earners in one's country



Source: <https://sdgs.un.org/goals/goal1>



How much of the global population is covered by at least one social protection benefit?

- 12%
- **47%**
- 68%



Source: <https://sdgs.un.org/goals/goal1>





In 2020, globally, how many people lacked access to adequate food?

- 1 in 10
- 1 in 5
- **1 in 3**



Source: <https://sdgs.un.org/goals/goal2>



How many households in the UK has experienced moderate or severe food insecurity in January 2023?

- 7.9%
- **17.7%**
- 37.2%



Source: <https://www.foodfoundation.org.uk/initiatives/food-insecurity-tracking>



How many children missed their basic vaccines in 2020?

- 4 million
- **22.7 million**
- 38.7 million



Source: <https://sdgs.un.org/goals/goal3>



In what year does the UN aim to end the epidemic of AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria and other communicable diseases?

- **2030**
- 2040
- 2050



Source: <https://sdgs.un.org/goals/goal1>





Approximately, how many children and youth were still out of school? (Data for 2018)

- 5.5 million
- 86 million
- **258 million**



Source: <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/report/2020/Goal-04/>



Approximately, how many children missed out on school meals because of school closures during the pandemic?

- 175 million
- **379 million**
- 418 million



Source: <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/report/2020/Goal-04/>



What's the women's share in national parliaments (worldwide, 2022)?

- 15.5%
- **26.2%**
- 46%



Source: <https://sdgs.un.org/goals/goal5>



How does SDG 5 contribute to sustainable development?

- By promoting access to quality education for all
- By fostering peace, justice, and strong institutions
- **By advancing gender equality and empowering women and girls**



Source: <https://sdgs.un.org/goals/goal5>







What do we mean by the high water stress?

- when the demand for water exceeds the available amount
- ecologically sound management of freshwater resources
- sanitation-related funding gaps



Source: <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/report/2020/goal-06/>



The UN aims to achieve all SDGs goals by which year?

- 168 million
- **2.2 billion**
- 3.5 billion



Source: <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/report/2020/goal-06/e>



Which renewable energy source is the most widely used worldwide?

- Solar energy
- Wind energy
- **Hydropower**



Source: <https://www.power-technology.com/features/featurethe-worlds-most-used-renewable-power-sources-4160168/>



Which renewable energy source currently contributes the largest share to the UK's energy mix?

- **Wind Power**
- Biomass
- Geothermal Energy



Source: <https://www.nationalgrid.com/stories/energy-explained/how-much-uks-energy-renewable>





**Achieving sustainable, inclusive economic growth (SDG 8) is currently hampered by:**

- Covid-19; - Inflation
- Disruptions of supply-chain
- Policy uncertainties
- Labour market challenges

• **All of the above**



Source: <https://sdgs.un.org/goals/goal8>



**Which of the following strategies supports the objectives of SDG 8?**

• **Promoting entrepreneurship and decent work opportunities**

- Increasing military spending for national security
- Encouraging consumerism and material consumption



Source: <https://sdgs.un.org/goals/goal8>



**SDG 9 emphasises the importance of promoting sustainable industrialisation by:**

- Encouraging monopolies and concentration of economic power

• **Promoting inclusive and sustainable economic growth**

- Expanding military-industrial complexes



Source: <https://sdgs.un.org/goals/goal9>



**What remains the biggest barrier in universal internet access?**

- Cost of mobile devices
- Lack of literacy and digital skills
- Lack of infrastructure in the rural areas

• **All of the above**



Source: <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/report/2022/The-Sustainable-Development-Goals-Report-2022.pdf>





When were the highest number people forced to flee their countries?

- During World War I
- During World War II
- **Mid-2021**



Source: <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/report/2022/The-Sustainable-Development-Goals-Report-2022.pdf>



Which of the following is a key objective of SDG 10?

- Quality education
- Affordable and clean energy
- **Reduced inequalities within and amongst countries**
- Sustainable cities and communities



Source: <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/report/2022/The-Sustainable-Development-Goals-Report-2022.pdf>



Amongst city dwellers, how many people live in slums or informal settlements?

- 1 in 3
- **1 in 4**
- 1 in 7



Source: <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/report/2022/The-Sustainable-Development-Goals-Report-2022.pdf>



In the UK, what is the total proportion of publicly accessible green space in urban areas?

- **4.9%**
- 11.2%
- 26.3%



Source: <https://sdgdata.gov.uk/11-7-1/>





Between 1990 and 2019, how the overall energy consumption changed?

- Raised by 21%
- Stayed the same
- **Fell by 13%**



Source: <https://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/environmentalaccounts>



How the overall food waste produced by the UK changed between 2007 and 2018?

- Raised by 33%
- Stayed the same
- **Fell by 15%**



Source: <https://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/environmentalaccounts>



To limit warming to 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels, they must decline by how many per cent by 2030, falling to net zero by 2050?

- 6%
- **43%**
- 87%



Source: <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/report/2022/The-Sustainable-Development-Goals-Report-2022.pdf>



In 2021, the global mean temperature was how many °C ( $\pm 0.13$ ) above the pre-industrial level (from 1850 to 1900)?

- 0.5
- **1.11**
- 2.5



Source: <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/report/2020/goal-13>







In the UK, what is the proportion of fish stock that are overexploited (for 2019)?

- 3%
- 15%
- **26%**



Source: <https://sdgdata.gov.uk/14-4-1/>



Increasing acidification of the ocean due to absorbing carbon dioxide emissions:

- Threatens organisms
- Weakens coral reefs
- Limiting the ocean's capacity to moderate climate change
- **All of the above**



Source: <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/report/2022/The-Sustainable-Development-Goals-Report-2022.pdf>



Which of the fish stocks now have the highest percentage at biologically unsustainable levels?

- **The Southeast Pacific**
- The Mediterranean Sea
- The Black Sea
- The Northwest Pacific



Source: <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/report/2022/The-Sustainable-Development-Goals-Report-2022.pdf>



What is the main driver of global deforestation?

- Livestock grazing
- **Expansion of cropland**
- Aggressive industrialisation
- Urbanisation



Source: <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/report/2022/The-Sustainable-Development-Goals-Report-2022.pdf>





Which of the following actions would NOT help to conserve and sustainably use biodiversity?

- Promoting pesticides use to increase yield in smaller areas
- Reversing the net loss of habitat
- Change to sustainable agriculture
- Invasive species eradication



Source: <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/report/2022/The-Sustainable-Development-Goals-Report-2022.pdf>



SDG 16 emphasises the importance of promoting effective and accountable institutions by

- Expanding corruption and bribery
- Ensuring access to justice and equal rights for all
- Encouraging authoritarian governance structures



Source: <https://sdgs.un.org/goals/goal16>



What proportion of the global population lives in conflict-affected areas?

- 1 in 4
- 1 in 5
- 1 in 8



Source: <https://sdgs.un.org/goals/goal16>

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In which country would you find the Mona Lisa painting?

- **France**
- 1 in 5
- 1 in 8

Source: [www.pariscityvision.com](http://www.pariscityvision.com)



Where was the world's first postage stamp issued?

- Spain
- France
- **United Kingdom**

Source: [www.bl.uk/collection-items](http://www.bl.uk/collection-items)



Which of the following is a traditional event in England?

- Omelette flipping
- **Cheese rolling**
- Salmon cutting

Source: [www.visitbritain.com](http://www.visitbritain.com)



Which city was the first capital of England?

- London
- York
- **Winchester**

Source: [www.historic-uk.com](http://www.historic-uk.com)

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Which of the following facts about China is false?

- **It is the largest country by area in the world**
- It has the largest population in the world
- It borders 14 other countries

Source: [www.worldometers.info](http://www.worldometers.info)



Which country produces the most vanilla?

- **Madagascar**
- Canada
- Mexico

Source: [www.worldatlas.com](http://www.worldatlas.com)



If someone offers you a shawarma, what would you do with it?

- Wear it
- **Eat it**
- Drink it

Source: <https://en.wikipedia.org>



Which are the two landlocked countries in South America?

- **Bolivia and Paraguay**
- Argentina and Brazil
- Bolivia and Brazil

Source: [www.geographyrealm.com](http://www.geographyrealm.com)



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Where are the Angel Falls, the highest waterfall in the world located?

- Brazil
- **Venezuela**
- Argentina

Source: [www.britannica.com](http://www.britannica.com)



What three languages do most Dutch people speak?

- **English, Dutch, German**
- English, Dutch, Spanish
- English, Dutch, French

Source: <https://languageknowledge.eu>



Which country in South America uses English as their official language?

- Chile
- **Guyana**
- Ecuador

Source: <https://eu.usatoday.com>



What is the New Year in China also known as?

- **Spring Festival**
- Winter Festival
- Summer Festival

Source: [www.chinatravel.com](http://www.chinatravel.com)

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Most people in Tunisia speak Arabic and which other language?

- **French**
- English
- Hindi

Source: [www.worldatlas.com](http://www.worldatlas.com)

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How is tandoori cooked in India?

- With an air-fryer
- **In a clay oven**
- Under the sun

Source: <https://tasteasianfood.com>

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Which of the following gods is considered the ruler of all gods in Greek mythology?

- Ares
- **Zeus**
- Hades

Source: [www.greekmythology.com](http://www.greekmythology.com)

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Which of the following animals is one of the Chinese zodiac?

- **Pig**
- Hamster
- Elephant

Source: [www.chinatravel.com/chinese-new-year](http://www.chinatravel.com/chinese-new-year)

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Together with France, Germany and Italy, which other three nations originally formed the EU?

- United Kingdom, Netherlands, Switzerland
- Austria, Poland, Netherlands
- **Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg**

Source: <https://europa.eu>



Where is Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world located?

- **Nepal**
- India
- China

Source: <https://en.wikipedia.org>



Which French holiday celebrated the beginning of the French Revolution?

- **Bastille Day**
- Independence Day
- St Patrick's Day

Source: [www.bbc.co.uk](http://www.bbc.co.uk)



In which country do people drive on the right-hand side of the road?

- United Kingdom
- **South Korea**
- Japan

Source: [www.statista.com](http://www.statista.com)

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What is the national dish of Vietnam?

- **Pho**
- Spring rolls
- Rice cake

Source: <http://pho-vietnam.com>



Which city in England is the bee a symbol of?

- London
- Birmingham
- **Manchester**

Source: <https://beeinthecitymcr.co.uk>



What do Thai people do during Thai New Year?

- Pluck flowers
- **Splash water at each other**
- Give and receive envelopes

Source: <https://theculturetrip.com>



Which of the following is a famous dish in China?

- **Buddha jumps over the wall**
- Flower on the mountain
- The moon under water

Source: [www.yumofchina.com](http://www.yumofchina.com)



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What is the driest country in Africa?

- **Namibia**
- South Africa
- Nigeria

Source: <https://uniquetimes.org/35468-2/>



What is the capital of United Arab Emirates (UAE)?

- Dubai
- **Abu Dhabi**
- Doha

Source: [www.worldatlas.com](http://www.worldatlas.com)



What utensils do Thai people usually use to eat traditional meals?

- Chopsticks and spoon
- **Spoon and fork**
- Knife and spoon

Source: [www.tasteofthailand.org](http://www.tasteofthailand.org)



In South Korea, what do women usually cover then they laugh?

- Eyes
- **Mouth**
- Face

Source: <https://brightside.me>

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Which of the following countries is known as 'the land of fire and ice'?

- Norway
- **Iceland**
- Greenland

Source: <https://visiticeland.com>

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Which countries border the Mont Blanc mountain?

- **France, Italy and Switzerland**
- Norway and Sweden
- France, Italy, Germany

Source: <https://en.wikipedia.org>

Q

How many islands are there in the Philippines?

- Over 700
- **Over 7,000**
- Over 70,000

Source: [www.nationalgeographic.com](http://www.nationalgeographic.com)

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What is the commonly accepted tip in restaurants in Japan?

- **Nothing**
- 10% of the total bill
- 20% of the total bill

Source: <https://boutiquejapan.com>

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Which country drinks the most coffee in the world?

- **Finland**
- France
- Italy

Source: [www.bbc.co.uk](http://www.bbc.co.uk)



Which country in Southeast Asia was never colonised by a European country?

- **Thailand**
- Singapore
- Vietnam

Source: [www.worldatlas.com](http://www.worldatlas.com)



What is the most popular sport in New Zealand?

- Football
- Baseball
- **Rugby**

Source: [www.newzealandnow.govt.nz](http://www.newzealandnow.govt.nz)



Green is a sacred colour to which religion?

- **Islam**
- Buddhism
- Christianity

Source: <https://religionnews.com>

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Where did the sandwich originate from?

- **United Kingdom**
- United States
- Germany

Source: [www.history.com](http://www.history.com)



In which culture do people spit for good luck?

- **Greek**
- Mexican
- South African

Source: <https://greekreporter.com>



Which country drinks the most beer?

- **Czech Republic**
- United Kingdom
- Germany

Source: [www.usnews.com](http://www.usnews.com)