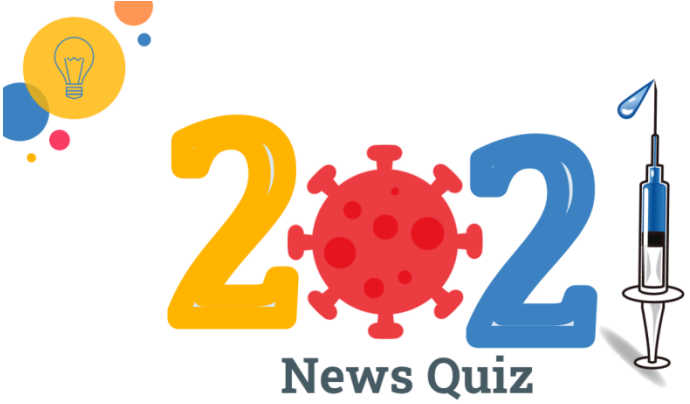


1. What do you know about the people who **stormed the building** of the US Capitol on January 6th? What kind of people took part?

2. Do you think the police should be allowed to use **tear gas** against protesters or **fire guns** at them? In what situations?

3. Have you ever **got caught** in a violent protest / storm / sandstorm etc.? What do you do when you **get stuck** in traffic?

4. Are **container ships** carrying thousands of containers the best way to send goods from one country to another?

5. Have you ever learned something (a skill, a new way of doing something etc.) so quickly it was like a **crash course**?

6. What are some arguments **in support of** vaccine passports?

7. It is believed that break-dancing and free-running will **be added to** the Olympic sports in 2024. What do you think about this idea?

8. Were you surprised at how fast the Taliban **took control of** Afghanistan? Do you think it was a good idea for the US to **pull out its military forces**?

9. How would you feel if a plane had to **make an emergency landing**?

10. What do you know about Britney Spears' **legal arrangement** with her father? Why was it so hard for her to **break free**?

11. Do you know any apps that can help people **manage their finances**?

12. Do you think that now that Barbados has **cut its ties** with the United Kingdom other countries might do the same and become republics (e.g. Canada, Australia)

13. In many countries the **birth rates** have been falling. Is this a problem? Should governments try to **boost the birth rate**? How?

14. Do you think all leaders should **resign** after a certain number of years or should they be allowed to **rule the country** for as long as they are capable?

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15. Why do interviews with famous celebrities **attract so many viewers**?

16. Do you think **space tourism has arrived** or is just a hobby for **wealthy businessmen** such as Elon Musk?

17. Do you think buying a **digital currency** is a good investment?

18. Have you ever **binged on a TV series**? Which ones?

19. How can social networks stop the **spreading of misinformation**?

20. Many events (e.g. Olympics, Euro 2020, Eurovision) were cancelled in 2020 but **were held** in 2021. Do you think the events scheduled for 2022 will **take place** as normal?

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