

1. On January 6, 2021, police fired guns and used tear gas when protesters stormed what building in the US capital?
  - a. The White House
  - b. The Capitol
  - c. The Metropolitan Museum
  - d. The Supreme Court
2. A huge container ship got stuck in the Suez Canal after getting caught in a sandstorm in March 2021. What is it called?
  - a. Ever Given
  - b. Ever Green
  - c. Eva Green
  - d. Everlast
3. Thanks to COVID-19, we have been receiving a crash course in Greek, one variant at a time. How many new variants of the virus were named after Greek letters in 2021?
  - a. 3
  - b. 5
  - c. 7
  - d. 9
4. Mass demonstrations broke out in Russia in support of Alexander Navalny, who was arrested in January 2021. What object were many of the protestors carrying?
  - a. slippers
  - b. syringes
  - c. toothbrushes
  - d. toilet brushes
5. Five new sports were added to the Summer Olympics, which were held in Tokyo in June 2021. Which sport was not one of the new additions?
  - a. karate
  - b. skateboarding
  - c. golf
  - d. surfing
6. The Taliban took control of Afghanistan after the US pulled out its military forces from the country in August 2021. How long did the US forces occupy Afghanistan?
  - a. 10 years
  - b. 20 years
  - c. 30 years
  - d. 40 years

7. On 23 May 2021, Belarus forced a plane carrying Roman Protasevich to make an emergency landing in order to arrest the journalist. Which airline did the plane belong to?
- a. EasyJet
  - b. Ryanair
  - c. Belavia
8. In November 2021, pop star Britney Spears broke free from a legal arrangement which had controlled her life. Who had the legal right to manage her finances and personal life?
- a. her mother
  - b. her father
  - c. her lawyers
9. Euro 2020 finally took place in June 2021. Which footballer was rushed to hospital after collapsing on the field in the middle of a match on June 12?
- a. Christian Eriksen
  - b. Cristiano Ronaldo
  - c. Marcus Rashford
10. Which country cut its ties with Great Britain in 2021, becoming a republic and declaring pop singer Rihanna as a national hero?
- a. Jamaica
  - b. Barbados
  - c. The Bahamas
11. To boost the birth rate, China set a new limit on the number of children a couple can have. How many kids are families allowed to have now?
- a. 2
  - b. 3
  - c. unlimited number
12. Angela Merkel resigned as Germany's leader and decided to leave politics in 2021. How many years did she rule the country?
- a. 12
  - b. 14
  - c. 16

13. "Were you silent, or were you silenced?" asked Oprah Winfrey during her March interview, which attracted 17 million viewers. Whom was she interviewing?
- a. Meghan Markle
  - b. Britney Spears
  - c. Adele
14. Space tourism has arrived... But only if you are a billionaire. Which wealthy businessman was the first to launch into space in 2021?
- a. Jeff Bezos
  - b. Elon Musk
  - c. Richard Branson
15. 2021 was a record-breaking year for Bitcoin, the world's oldest digital currency. What record high price did it reach in November 2021?
- a. \$55,000
  - b. \$58,000
  - c. \$68,000
16. Have you binged on *Squid Game* yet? More than 100 million people watched the series about a deadly game on Netflix in 2021. What country is it from?
- a. Japan
  - b. China
  - c. South Korea
17. 2021 was a busy year for Facebook, to say the least. First, it was blamed for spreading misinformation, and later decided to change its name to...
- a. Beta
  - b. Meta
  - c. Delta
  - d. Zuckiverse

## Answers

1. The Capitol

2. Ever Given

3. 7

4. toilet brush

5. squash

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8. her father

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