

CRAZY BUT TRUE

EYE DON'T
BELIEVE IT!

Guinness World Records

A WOMAN with the world's longest eyelashes has smashed her own record.

You Jianxia from China has held the unusual record since June 2016, when her left eyelash measured 12.4cm. Now, she's had it measured again and it's grown to an astonishing 20.5cm!

Doctors aren't sure why You's eyelashes grow so long, but they don't cause her any concern or difficulty.

She told Guinness World Records: "I first realised that my eyelashes were growing in 2015. I would like to say to other people who have unique beauties – let us rejoice together and encourage happiness."

COSTLY CASH

A SINGLE gold coin has sold in the USA for a record \$18.9 million (just over £13 million)!

The rare American Double Eagle is now the most expensive coin in the world. It features the goddess Liberty on one side, and an eagle on the other.

It is valuable because it is so incredibly rare. After the \$20 coins were made in 1933, the US president at the time decided they weren't a good idea and ordered that the money be destroyed. Only a handful of the coins survived and it was illegal to own them.



Sotheby's

RUNAWAY
TORTOISE

Twitter/IpswichPolice

A GIANT one-metre long tortoise had to be rescued by police after managing to travel more than a mile from his home!

Titan was found wandering the streets of Kesgrave, near Ipswich, after breaking out of his enclosure. It took three police officers to lift the 57kg tortoise into their van so that they could return him to safety. Titan's owner still isn't sure how he made his escape, or how he got so far!

Questions on: 'Crazy but True'

1) Match the subject to the correct country.

USA

eyelashes

UK

a coin

China

a tortoise

Look at the news from China.

2) Why is You Jianxia in the news?

- ☐ She has just set a world record.
- ☐ She has just beaten her own world record.
- ☐ She has just beaten someone else's world record.

3) Complete the sentence.

You's eyelashes have been growing since _____ and her _____ eyelashes now measure _____ !

4) How does You feel about her unusual lashes?

Look at the news from the USA.

5) Complete the fact file about the coin.

Name: _____

When it was made: _____

Value (when it was made): _____

Metal: _____

6) Can you explain why this coin is so rare?

Look at the news from Ipswich, UK.

7) In what order do you find out these facts?

- ☐ Weight
- ☐ Length
- ☐ Distance travelled
- ☐ Where it was found

8) Here are some alternative headlines that all have problems. Explain what's wrong with each one.

Tearaway turtle!

Short tortoise is caught!

Titan-ic tragedy!

GAME ZONE

AWESOME UPDATES

**SOME of our favourite games had huge updates this week!**

First, Fortnite Season 7 (age-rating 12) has introduced an alien invasion for the people on Fortnite Island to fight off. There are also loads of mad, new weapons and, in a few weeks, a new Superman skin will be available to unlock! He should be able to help with the aliens.

Next up, it's the first half of Minecraft's exciting Caves and Cliffs update.

Part 1 introduces new mobs (creatures or beings). Watch out for the adorable axolotl (fish that spawn in underground water), and the goat, who is – according to Mojang, the makers of Minecraft – “incredibly fond of ramming”! There are lots of new plant-based blocks too, as well as copper, which can be used to craft lightning rods.

Lastly, Innersloth, the team behind Among Us, has unveiled all the cool things coming to the game over the next few months.

New colours are on the way, along with two new roles: sheriff and scientists – although we don't know much about them yet. There's also a fifth map coming up, as well as a new hide'n'seek mode!

Which update are you most excited about?



Questions on: 'Game Zone'

1) Which three games are in the news this week?

Roblox

Minecraft

Fortnite

Rocket League

Animal Crossing

Among Us

2) Look at the paragraph about Minecraft.

Can you find **four** words that are specific to Minecraft (words that are often used when describing the game)?

Look at the whole report.

3) You may not know these games, but, from what you have read, can you match the game to what it involves?

maps and role-play

Fortnite

weapons and an island

Minecraft

mobs and crafting

Among Us

4) What doesn't the journalist know much about yet?

5) Which company makes Minecraft?
Which company makes Among Us?

Look at the paragraph about Fortnite.

6) What information do you find out in the brackets?

7) What can you fight, use or look like in the updated Fortnite?

Fight: _____

Use: _____

Look like: _____

Look at the whole report.

8) Why do you think gamers get so excited about updates? Updates aren't interesting to anyone not into the game. Do you think they should be included in the newspaper?

SCIENCE NEWS

TOP SCIENTIST NOTED

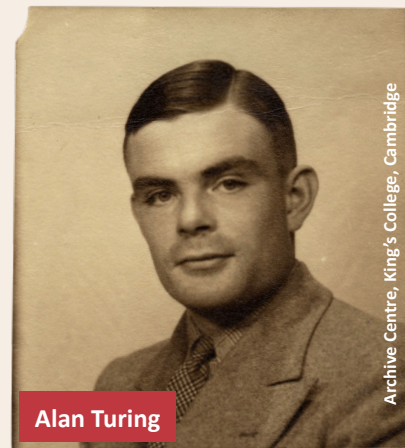
Alun Turing, the famous scientist and mathematician, is honoured on the new £50 note.

Alan Turing is most famous for helping to crack top secret German codes during World War Two, but he also had the idea for a calculating machine that led to the development of computers. In fact, he is called the father of modern computing for his visionary work.

So, it's not surprising that the public nominated Alan Turing to appear on the back of the new £50 note, which is released on 23rd June (his birthday). As you can see, the design of the note is packed full of features relating to his life and work.

Although he was a mathematical genius, Turing's life was troubled because of the age in which he lived. In 1952, he was arrested for having a relationship with another man, which was against the law at the time. The way he was treated limited his work and may have led him to take his own life a few years later, at the age of just 41.

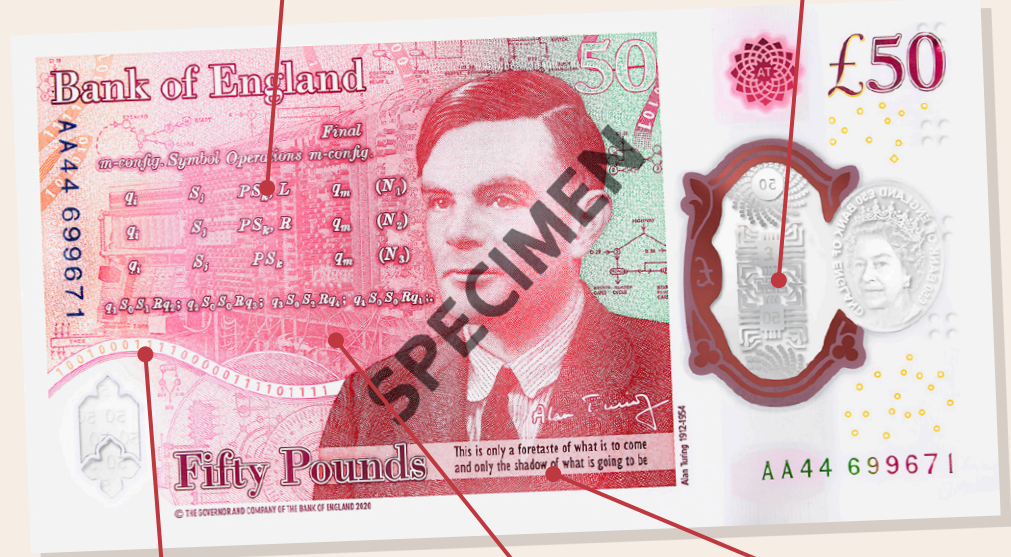
However, his work lives on in the freedom we now enjoy in this country and the information that we can access every day through our computers.



Alan Turing

Complicated maths from one of Turing's most famous pieces of work!

Security foil designed to look like a microchip



Turing's date of birth, written in binary code (the code used by computers)

The machine in the background is Turing's ACE – the Automatic Computing Engine – one of the earliest computers.

A quote from Alan Turing

Questions on: 'Top scientist noted'

1) Why is Alan Turing in the news this week?

2) Alan Turing was a mathematical genius. What two things is he most famous for?

3) Why is the banknote being released on 23rd June?

4) Match the **adjectives** used in the news to what they **describe**.

famous

machine

German

scientist

calculating

work

visionary

codes

5) The writer describes Turing's work as **visionary**. What do you think this means?

- ☐ His work imagined what the future would be like.
- ☐ He came up with his best ideas in dreams.
- ☐ He liked to write down his work as pictures.

6a) What is written in **binary code** on the banknote?

6b) What are the only **two digits** used in binary code?

7) Can you spot all the different ways that **computers** feature on the bank note?

8) What parts of modern life do you think Alan Turing would find fascinating, if he were around today?

ANIMAL NEWS

USA



RARE SEAHORSE SPOTTED

A RARE long-snouted seahorse has been spotted off the coast of Devon.

The seahorse was found by the Ocean Conservation Trust during a survey of the seagrass – an important and increasingly rare habitat. Seagrass acts like a nursery for many young marine creatures to hide in.

The charity posted a picture of the seahorse online, saying the discovery was a message to world leaders to protect marine habitats.

WOLF PUPS SPOTTED

FOR the first time in 80 years, a litter of grey wolf pups has been seen in Colorado, USA.

Wolves were wiped out in the region by hunting and poisoning, back in the 1940s. Last year, the people of Colorado voted to reintroduce wolves. The wolf parents, named John and Jane, and their pups are being tracked by officials, who said that this was a “momentous occasion”.



WHALE ‘EATS’ MAN

AN American man has been swallowed by a humpback whale and spat out again, 30 seconds later!

Michael Packard is a fisherman who was diving off the east coast of America for lobsters when he “felt this huge bump and everything went dark”.

He quickly realised he was in the mouth of a whale, and was beginning to think he was going to die when: “I just got thrown in the air and landed in the water. I was free and... I couldn’t believe... I’m here to tell it.”

Amazingly, Mr Packard came out of the experience with nothing but a dislocated knee.

Questions on: 'Animal news'

Look at all the stories.

1) Why is 'Whale 'eats' man' the odd one out of these stories?

Look at the story 'Rare seahorse discovered'.

2) What type of seahorse has been recently found in Devon?

3) Are the statements below true or false?

True False

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Seagrass is a nursery for small sea creatures. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Seahorses only eat seagrass. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Seagrass is found off the coast of Devon. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Areas of seagrass are increasing around the UK. |

Look at the story 'Wolf pups spotted'.

4) What caused grey wolves to become extinct in the state of Colorado?

5) Do you think the people of Colorado are happy to have wolves back? Explain your answer.

Look at the story 'Whale 'eats' man'.

6) Is this headline accurate? Explain your opinion.

7) The quotes below explain what happened to Mr Packard. Can you put them into the order he describes them?

- ☐ I thought I was going to die.
- ☐ I realised where I was.
- ☐ I can hardly believe it!
- ☐ I felt a bump.
- ☐ Everything went dark.
- ☐ I was thrown in the air.
- ☐ I landed in the water.

8) Why do you think the journalist has chosen to include so many quotations from Mr Packard in this news report?