

WORLD NEWS

RUSSIA



ARCTIC OIL SPILL

An emergency has been declared in Russia after 20,000 (twenty thousand) tonnes of oil spilled into the Ambarnaya River. The spill occurred when a tank full of diesel fuel collapsed.

The oil company has agreed to pay for the clean-up, which could cost £115 million.

This area is inside the Arctic Circle (the cold area around the North Pole). The ground is usually frozen all year round, but climate change is causing it to warm up. A report has warned that the softer ground can't support such heavy loads. Experts are wondering if this is why the tank collapsed.



INDONESIA



FELL DOWN THE WELL

A British man has been rescued after falling down a well. Jacob Roberts was fleeing from a dog when he fell down a well, four metres deep. After six days trapped in the pit, a farmer who was going to feed his cows heard Jacob's cries for help. Police pulled Jacob out of the pit, and took him to a local hospital where he is now recovering with a broken leg.



JAPAN



COOLEST GRANDMA EVER

Ninety-year-old Hamako Mori lives with her family near Tokyo, Japan. The 'Gaming Grandma', as she is known, now has a Guinness World Record for being the world's oldest gaming YouTuber! Hamako spends more than three hours every day playing computer games. Each month, she posts about three or four videos to her YouTube channel, filmed by her grandson. She got into gaming 39 years ago. Hamako said: "It looked so much fun, and I thought it's not fair if only children played it!"



Questions on: 'World News'

1) Match the news topic to the correct country.

An accident	JAPAN
A world record	RUSSIA
Pollution	INDONESIA

Look at the news from Russia.

2) Where is the Ambarnaya River? Provide as much detail as possible.

3) How has the ground in this area changed recently?

The change:

The reason for the change:

4) Why might this change have caused the oil spill?

Look at the news from Indonesia.

5) These **verbs** explain what happened to the man. Can you put them in the correct order?

- trapped chased rescued fell injured

Look at the news from Japan.

6) What do you know about Hamako Mori? Choose all correct answers.

- Age Number of grandchildren Where she lives
 Favourite game Her world record Nickname

7) How do you know that this granny is a serious and dedicated gamer?

Consider all the news.

8) Which story do you think the newspaper should investigate further? Think of **three questions** the journalist should ask to make an interesting news report.