

NEWS QUIZ OF THE WEEK – JAN. 27, 2023

1. In Jan. 2023, where did Beyoncé perform her first full concert in more than four years?

- New York City.
- Dubai.
- Paris.
- Los Angeles.

2. What is the name of the current Chinese zodiac year?

- Year of the Rabbit.
- Year of the Tiger.
- Year of the Snake.
- Year of the Dragon.

3. What caused the nationwide power outage in Pakistan on Jan. 23, 2023?

- A fault in the power system.
- A cyber-attack on the power grid.
- An energy-saving measure.
- A solar eclipse.

4. Who are the founders of Google?

- Larry Page and Sergey Brin.
- Sundar Pichai and Sam Altman.
- Elon Musk and Mark Zuckerberg.
- Bill Gates and Steve Jobs.

5. What is the nationality of TikTok's CEO?

- Martian.
- American.
- Chinese.
- Singaporean.

6. Which countries agreed on Jan. 2023 to continue military support to Ukraine in close Euro-Atlantic coordination?

- France, Germany, and Canada.
- The UK, Italy, and Argentina.
- The US, Germany, and France.
- Russia, China, and North Korea.

7. Why did M&M indefinitely pause its "spokescandies"?

- They were too polarizing.
- They were too sexist.
- They were not profitable.
- They weren't popular.

8. Why would Australia deny Kanye West a visa?

- For his past drug use.
- For his antisemitic comments.
- For his past violent behavior.
- For his bad fashion choices.

9. What is the gender of Paris Hilton's first baby?

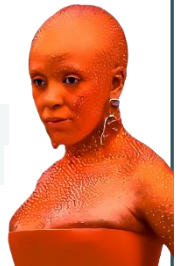
- A unicorn.
- Twins.
- A baby girl.
- A baby boy.

10. What's the subject of Ben Affleck's 2023 "Air"?

- A young boy who wants to be a pilot.
- Nike and Michael Jordan.
- The rise of Amazon.
- The life of Affleck and Matt Damon.

11. How many Swarovski crystals is Doja Cat wearing?

- 3,000 crystals.
- 30,000 crystals.
- 300,000 crystals.
- 3,000,000 crystals.



12. What is the lion head worn by Kylie Jenner in this picture?

- It's a hologram.
- Real lion's head.
- Cotton and fake gold fur.
- Wool and fake silk fur.

Screenshots: [Paris Videostars](#)



ANSWERS

1. In Jan. 2023, where did Beyoncé perform her first full concert in more than four years?

- Dubai.

For her [first full concert since 2018](#), Beyoncé performed for invited journalists and influencers at [the new Atlantis – The Royal Resort in Dubai on Jan. 21, 2023](#). The set included 19 songs and [a duet with her oldest daughter, 11-year-old Blue Ivy, “Brown Skin Girl.”](#) There were similar live debuts for songs from “The Lion King” soundtrack album, but no songs from her Grammy-nominated “Renaissance” album from 2022.

2. What is the name of the current Chinese zodiac year?

- Year of the Rabbit.

The Chinese zodiac names each year after one of its 12 signs; [this year is the Rabbit year](#). Despite being [China’s biggest annual holiday](#), Lunar New Year celebrations [have been muted for the past three years due to the pandemic](#). Jan. 22, 2023, marked [the first time in three years that people could finally get back to their hometowns to see their families](#) after the Chinese government lifted its strict “zero-COVID” policy.

3. What caused the nationwide power outage in Pakistan on Jan. 23, 2023?

- An energy-saving measure.

As a government energy-saving measure backfired, [Pakistan went without power for several hours on Jan. 23, 2023](#). During low usage hours overnight, [the government turned off electricity to conserve fuel](#). As a result, [schools, hospitals, factories, and shops were out of power or water](#) during the brutal winter weather. Activist group [NetBlocks.org](#) says [the power outage](#) has also significantly reduced Pakistan’s internet access.

4. Who are the founders of Google?

- Larry Page and Sergey Brin.

According to a New York Times Jan. 20, 2023, article, [the founders of Google, Larry Page, and Sergey Brin have re-engaged with the company to help with its AI strategy](#). The search giant [plans to debut more than 20 new AI products and showcase a version of its search engine with chatbot features in 2023](#).

5. What is the nationality of TikTok's CEO?

- Singaporean.

While TikTok is owned by the Chinese parent company, ByteDance, [Shou Zi Chew, the CEO, is a Singapore-based tech finance executive](#). Concerns about the app's ties to China and potential harm to kids have led to calls for [a ban in the United States and Europe](#). By pointing out that a Singaporean CEO leads TikTok, [TikTok once again distanced itself from ByteDance in a letter to US lawmakers](#).

6. Which countries agreed on Jan. 2023 to continue military support to Ukraine in close Euro-Atlantic coordination?

- The United States, Germany, and France.

In a coordinated effort by the West to help Kyiv break combat deadlocks as Russia's invasion reaches its 12th month, [Germany and the United States are sending battle tanks to Ukraine](#). France, the UK, the US, Poland, Germany, the Netherlands, and Sweden agreed on Jan. 25, 2023, to [continue military support for Ukraine](#).

7. Why did M&M indefinitely pause its “spokes candies”?

- They were too polarizing.

M&M announced on Jan. 23, 2023, that they would take “an indefinite pause” from their “spokes candies” as they felt they were too divisive for a polarized country. Mars Wrigley introduced a purple M&M in Sept. 2022, “celebrating women across the country who are flipping the status quo,” and figures on the right criticized it as “Woke M&M’s.” Maya Rudolph is the new spokesperson for the brand.

8. Why would Australia deny Ye, formerly known as Kanye West, a visa?

- For his history of antisemitic comments.

Ye married Australian Yeezy employee Bianca Censori less than two months after finalizing the divorce from Kim Kardashian. On Jan. 24, 2023, Australia’s Education Minister Jason Clare said Ye would have to go through the same process as others who’ve expressed antisemitic views. In February, the newlyweds plan to visit her family in Melbourne.

9. What is the gender of Paris Hilton’s first baby?

- A baby boy.

Paris Hilton and her husband, Carter Reum, have welcomed a baby boy via surrogate. The newborn is Hilton’s first child, while Reum shares a 10-year-old daughter with reality star Laura Bellizzi. On Jan. 25, 2023, Hilton posted a photo on Instagram of her holding her baby boy’s tiny hand with the caption, “You are already loved beyond words,” and a blue heart emoji. She did not say when her baby was born or supply further details, including a name.

10. What's the subject of Ben Affleck's 2023 directorial effort "Air"?

- The partnership between Nike and Michael Jordan.

"Air" is [about the birth of the Air Jordan brand](#). Affleck [plays Nike co-founder Phil Knight in the movie](#), which hits the theaters on April 5, 2023, before heading to Prime Video. The movie is [a collaboration between Affleck and Matt Damon's Artists Equity and Amazon Studios](#).

11. How many Swarovski crystals is Doja Cat wearing in this picture?

- 30,000 crystals.

[30,000 Swarovski crystals and red body paint](#) adorned [Doja Cat's head-to-toe look at Schiaparelli's Couture Spring-Summer 2023 runway show](#) in Paris on Jan. 23, 2023. It took almost five hours to complete this look.

12. What is the lion head worn by Kylie Jenner in this picture?

- Wool and fake silk fur.

Campbell and Irina Shayk walked the runway in similar animal head gowns [at Schiaparelli Haute Couture Spring/Summer 2023 in Paris](#). Schiaparelli said on Instagram that [the gown was made of foam, wool, and faux silk fur and hand-painted to look as life-like as possible](#). In addition, the brand said, "NO ANIMALS WERE HARMED."