

# JUNE 9 NEWS QUIZ

1. Where is the Nova Kakhovka dam?

- Hungary.
- Russia.
- Ukraine.

2. Which country boasts the busiest rail system on the planet?

- China.
- India.
- United States.

3. Who is this woman who vowed to launch more satellites into space?

- Kim Jong Nam, SpaceX COO.
- Kim Sol Song, Kim Jong Un's half-sister and rival.
- Kim Yo Jong, the sister and possible successor to Kim Jong Un.

4. Who is the billionaire tycoon behind Binance, the world's largest cryptocurrency exchange by trading volume?

- Elon Musk, who loves tweeting about Dogecoin.
- Changpeng Zhao, who goes by CZ and faces charges from US regulators.
- Satoshi Nakamoto, the mysterious Bitcoin creator who has just been identified.

5. Before Prince Harry's June 2023 court testimony, who was the previous British royal to face such an ordeal?

- Prince Charles, who was sued by his ex-wife Diana for divorce and alimony.
- Prince Edward, who was a witness on Jeffrey Epstein's trial.
- Prince Albert Edward, who was a witness in a case about a card game.

6. Which of these vice presidents was the first to challenge their boss for the presidency?

- Thomas Jefferson.
- Dick Cheney.
- Mike Pence.

7. Which statement about YouTube's policy change on election misinformation is true?

- YouTube will only allow content verified by independent fact-checkers.
- YouTube will remove any content that questions the 2020 election.
- YouTube will allow content that claims fraud in the 2020 election.

8. What does Apple call "the world's first spatial computer"?

- Its new smartwatch.
- Its new mixed reality headset.
- Its new coffee maker.

9. What is Spider-Verse?

- Spider-heroes from other dimensions.
- A spider-themed amusement park.
- A spider-themed musical.

10. What is the title of Elliot Page's memoir, released in June 2023?

- Pageturner.
- Pageout.
- Pageboy.

11. Which piano man holds the record for the highest number of Madison Square Garden shows?

- Billy Joel.
- Elton John.
- Liberace.

12. Which year was pop princess Kylie Minogue born?

- 1958.
- 1968.
- 1978.

# ANSWERS

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## 1. Where is the Nova Kakhovka dam?

- Ukraine.

Nova Kakhovka Dam is [a strategically vital dam in southern Ukraine](#). It is situated on the Dnieper River and [holds back an enormous body of water that supplies water to the Crimean Peninsula](#), annexed by Russia in 2014. It also [provides cooling water for the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant](#), which is now under Russian control. On June 6, 2023, Ukraine accused Russian forces of blowing up the dam in Nova Kakhovka. Moscow denied the attack and said Kyiv intentionally sabotaged the dam. The dam's collapse caused water to cascade over the damaged structure, flooding homes [and forcing thousands to evacuate](#).

## 2. Which country boasts the busiest rail system on the planet?

- India.

India's railway system is ranked #1 in the world in terms of passengers carried, with [a record of 721.6 billion person miles per year](#). This means India's railways transport more people over greater distances than any other country. [The second busiest is China, with 423.3 billion person miles per year](#). On June 2, 2023, [two passenger trains and a goods train collided in Odisha state in India, killing over 300 people and injuring about 1,000 more](#), making it one of the most tragic train collisions in India's history. The most severe one was in 1981 when 800 people died.

## 3. Who is this woman who vowed to launch more satellites into space?

- Kim Yo Jong, the sister and possible successor to Kim Jong Un.

Kim Yo Jong is a [high-ranking official of the Workers' Party of North Korea and a member of the State Affairs Commission](#) of the isolated nation. Oh, and she's [Kim Jung Un's sister](#). She manages her brother's image and promotes his diplomatic outreach. On June 2, 2023, she [slammed the UN Security Council for denouncing a failed North Korean satellite](#) launch earlier that week. She also promised to put a military spy satellite into orbit soon. The Malligyong-1 satellite rocket crashed into the sea on May 31. The launch was widely criticized by South Korea, Japan, the US, and the UN as violating Security Council resolutions banning North Korea from using ballistic missile technology.

## 4. Who is the billionaire tycoon behind Binance, the world's largest cryptocurrency exchange by trading volume?

- Changpeng Zhao, the Chinese-born Canadian coder who goes by CZ and faces charges from US regulators.

[Changpeng Zhao is the co-founder and CEO of Binance](#), which he launched in 2017 after raising \$15 million through an initial coin offering. Binance offers diverse services to crypto enthusiasts, such as trading, stakes, lending, mining, and launching new tokens. In March 2023, [the](#)

[Commodity Futures Trading Commission \(CFTC\)](#) filed a lawsuit against Binance and Zhao in Illinois, claiming they breached derivatives rules and [operated a “web of deception.”](#) On June 5, 2023, the SEC joined the legal attack [with 13 charges against Binance and Zhao.](#) The SEC said Binance had [mixed “billions of dollars” in customer funds and secretly sent them to a separate company controlled by Zhao.](#) Zhao has vowed to defend his platform vigorously and [said Binance is not a US exchange.](#)

#### 5. Before Prince Harry’s June 2023 court testimony, who was the previous British royal to face such an ordeal?

- Prince Albert Edward, who was a witness in a slander case involving a card game.

Prince Albert Edward was Queen Victoria’s eldest son, who [became King Edward VII in 1901.](#) One of the illegal Baccarat card games he attended came to trial in 1891, and [the prince was called as a witness.](#) This was [the first time the heir to the throne was compelled to appear in court since 1411.](#) In Prince Harry’s June 2023 court testimony, [130 years later,](#) he accused the Mirror Newspaper Group of [intercepting his voicemail messages](#) and using other unlawful means to obtain personal information about him and his family. He claimed he wanted to take a stand against the news media he viewed as [having “blood on their hands”](#) for their role in his mother, Princess Diana’s death in 1997. The trial is expected to last several weeks.

#### 6. Which of these vice presidents was the first to challenge their boss for the presidency?

- Thomas Jefferson, who beefed with John Adams over the Alien and Sedition Acts.

Thomas Jefferson was [John Adams’ vice president from 1797 to 1801.](#) He was the first VP to run against his own president. The last time was [when John Nance Garner, FDR’s vice president from 1933 to 1941, ran against him in the 1940 Democratic primary,](#) opposing FDR’s New Deal policies and his decision to run for a third term. That is, until Donald Trump’s VP, Mike Pence, announced his candidacy on June 5, 2023, [challenging his former boss in the 2024 Republican primary.](#)

#### 7. Which statement about YouTube’s policy change on election misinformation is true?

- YouTube will allow content that claims fraud in the 2020 election.

On June 2, 2023, YouTube announced that [it was reversing its election integrity policy established in December 2020.](#) The company said that leaving the policy in place may have the effect of “curtailing political speech [without meaningfully reducing the risk of violence or other real-world harm.](#)” The updated policy doesn’t change YouTube’s other misinformation rules, [such as those that disallow content aiming to mislead voters about the time, place, means, or eligibility requirements for voting.](#) Media watchdog groups and experts criticize the policy change. They say it could spread more election misinformation and disinformation on the platform.

#### 8. What does Apple call “the world’s first spatial computer”?

- Its new mixed reality headset, Vision Pro.

Apple announced [its first mixed reality headset, Vision Pro](#), at its annual Worldwide Developer Conference (WWDC) on June 5, 2023. The device can [seamlessly blend digital content with the physical space around the user](#), using advanced cameras, sensors, displays, and audio. Apple calls this technology spatial computing and claims it is the first of its kind. The device can also [switch between augmented and virtual reality modes](#) and supports eye, hand, and voice input. The downside: It [costs \\$3,499](#) and will be available in early 2024 in the US market.

### 9. What is Spider-Verse?

- A web of spider-themed superheroes from different dimensions.

The Spider-Verse concept involves multiple alternative versions of Spider-Man that have appeared in various media, [all under attack by a family of interdimensional vampire-like beings called the Inheritors](#). The most recent Spidey movie, Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse, [was released on June 2, 2023](#), and featured Miles Morales as he teamed up with Gwen Stacy and other spider heroes to face a new threat.

### 10. What is the title of Elliot Page's memoir, released in June 2023?

- Pageboy.

"Pageboy: A Memoir" is [the book Elliot Page wrote about his life as a trans man](#). According to The New York Times, the memoir is "brutally honest" and ["centers on Page's path to understanding who he was, against a backdrop of bullying, eating disorders, stalking, sexual harassment, and assault."](#) The book also reveals some of his secret romances, [such as with actor Kate Mara](#) and an urgent call for trans rights amid a wave of anti-queer legislation.

### 11. Which piano man holds the record for the highest number of Madison Square Garden shows?

- Billy Joel.

Billy Joel [started his monthly residency at New York City's Madison Square Garden in January 2014](#). On June 1, 2023, he announced [he would play his final show in July 2024](#). Joel [sold 1.6 million tickets during his residency](#). With 150 shows, [Joel holds the record for the most lifetime performances by any artist at the venue](#).

### 12. Which year was pop princess Kylie Minogue born?

- 1968.

Kylie Minogue was [born in Melbourne, Australia, on May 28, 1968](#). On May 21, 2023, at 55, [she released a new single inspired by French singer Édith Piaf's 1951 hit, Padam Padam](#). The song [became a hit on social media](#), mainly on TikTok, and Minogue's highest-charting single since 2014.