

WOODEN SPOON QUIZZES

News and Affairs Quiz #002



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4. What's the official term for a violent conflict fought between groups within the same country?
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10. Which major global environmental award was launched in 2020 by Prince William and Sir David Attenborough?
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ANSWERS

- Jackson Pollock
- 1991
- The Suez Canal
- Civil war
- New Orleans
- Ian Hislop
- Two
- Sinéad O'Connor
- Around 100 stones
- The Earthshot Prize
- Foot-and-mouth disease
- Mikhail Gorbachev

FUN FACTS

- He was nicknamed "Jack the Dripper" for his paint-splatter style — a name that stuck harder than the paint.
- Pan Am once flew presidents, movie stars and even the Beatles — then vanished almost overnight.
- When it reopened, 15 abandoned ships known as the "Yellow Fleet" had to be freed first.
- These wars are often the longest, messiest and hardest conflicts to truly end.
- The party is so big it can be seen from space — mostly thanks to the beads.
- Hislop later said the remark was made in anger — but it became one of the most quoted lines in British legal history.
- He argued it might stop fights at 30,000 feet — and on budget flights.
- The open letter went viral faster than Miley could swing on a wrecking ball.
- That's heavier than a small car — and required reinforced hospital floors.
- Winners receive £1 million to help save the planet — not bad for going green.
- The 2001 outbreak led to millions of animals being culled and countryside lockdowns.
- Two years later, the Berlin Wall really did come down — proving speeches can echo through history.

