

SCOTLAND

● Brrrilliant idea!

A MOUNTAIN road became a temporary ski slope in Scotland over the holidays. The road in the Cairngorms was closed after heavy snowfall, making it a perfect ski slope for some pupils from the nearby Alpine Training Centre!



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● Dogs are for life, not just for lockdown

HUNDREDS of puppies bought during the first lockdown are now being given to rescue centres.

It's thought the dogs were bought by people who started working from home and liked the idea of having a puppy. They didn't realise how much time and effort it takes to look after a dog.

Since October, the Dogs Trust charity has had more than 1,800 calls from people who want to give up dogs under one year old. Getting a dog is a 10 to 15-year commitment.

WALES

● Solar-powered hospital

MORRISTON Hospital will soon be getting a quarter of its power from a nearby solar farm.

The hospital spends almost £7 million a year on electricity, gas and water. The solar farm will cost more than £5 million, but will save the hospital £1.5 million a year.

It will also help to save the planet by making a lot less carbon dioxide than electricity made by burning fossil fuels. Carbon dioxide is the main gas causing global warming.



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Questions on: UK News

Look at the news from the UK.

- 1) Why did many people choose to get puppies last year?
- 2) Isn't this good news? What's the problem?
- 3) What is the **information source** for this news report?

Look at the news from Scotland.

- 4) What are 'the Cairngorms'?

- outdoor activity centres
- a family who like skiing
- a mountain range

- 5) How has the writer changed the word 'brilliant' in the headline? Why was the word been changed in this way?

Look at the news from Wales.

- 6) Which **two** things will this new solar farm 'save' or 'help to save'?
- 7) Find the numbers.

- The hospital spends almost **£_____ million** a year on electricity, gas and water.
- The solar farm will cost more than **£_____ million**.
- The solar farm will save the hospital **£_____ million** each year.

- 8) Do you think the hospital has made the right decision spending so much money on the solar farm? **Explain your reasons.**