

WORLD NEWS

# HORSE VS WI-FI

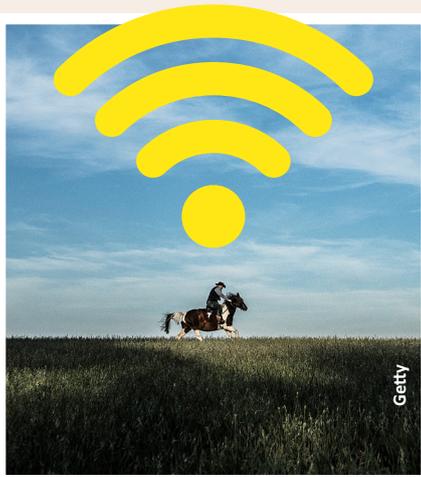
**WI-FI in rural Germany is so slow, it's quicker to send files via horse!**

Klaus-Peter Kappest, a photographer from Oberkirchen in Germany, was sick of his slow internet. Getting just 1.5 megabits per second, around ten times lower than the lowest speeds in Berlin, Klaus-Peter suggested it might be faster to send files via horse to his editor.

While it was initially a joke, Klaus-Peter and his editor decided to put it to the test. They hired local horserider Jakob Schütte and his horse, Favo, to take a DVD containing 800 photos on a 10km ride to his printer's office in Schmalleberg.

Klaus-Peter began uploading the images 20 minutes before Jakob and the horse set out. The horse took 104 minutes to deliver the DVD, while the upload took more than five hours!

The stunt worked, and Klaus-Peter's broadband provider has said it will provide fibre-optic broadband in the village, after being embarrassed by the story.



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## SWIMMING RECORD

In Mexico, a Danish swimmer has broken a world record by swimming 202 metres (662 feet) underwater with a single breath. Stig Severinsen said he wants to inspire children and raise awareness of protecting oceans and undersea life.

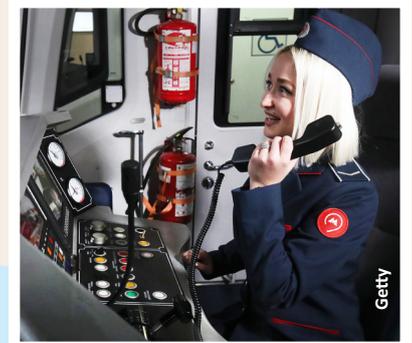


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# RUSSIA

## ● Women at the wheel

The Moscow Metro has hired its first female train drivers since the 1980s. Until September last year, the job was on a list of professions described as "harmful to women's health" by the government. The ban has been widely criticised, and while the number of banned jobs has fallen significantly, there are still some that only men are allowed to do.



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National Library of Australia

## 120-YEAR-OLD CHOCOLATE!

The chocolates were made by Cadbury's

**A 120-YEAR-OLD box of chocolates has been found by staff at the National Library of Australia.**

The chocolate belonged to a poet and journalist called AB 'Banjo' Paterson, and was found among his papers.

The tin chocolate box was one sent to soldiers in South Africa during the Boer War around 1900. It was a gift to the troops ordered by the UK's Queen Victoria.

Jennifer Todd, from the library, said: "There was quite an interesting smell when they were unwrapped." We bet there was! What do you think 120-year-old chocolate tastes like?

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GLOSSARY

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**Boer War** – A war fought at the end of the Victorian era between the British Empire and people living in South Africa, over control of the area  
**Metro** – An underground railway

1. Where in the world?

The clue:

i) An untouched box of Victorian chocolates has been found here.

ii) A Danish man has just done something remarkable in the sea of this country.

iii) Animal has beaten tech here!

iv) Women’s employment opportunities have become a little more equal here.

Look at the news from Germany.

3a. Summarise Klaus-Peter’s test. Write it down as a question, if you can.

3b. What were the results of the test?

Test results

Time taken to deliver files over the internet:	
Time taken to deliver files by horse:	

5. Why did this joke end up having a great result for Klaus-Peter?

Look at the news from Australia.

6. Can you explain how these chocolates ended up in the National Library of Australia?

7. Which **two** people make a comment on the smell of these old chocolates?

8. True, false or don’t know?

	TRUE	FALSE	DON'T KNOW
The chocolates belonged to a person named Banjo.			
The chocolates were given out in about 1800.			
The Boer War was fought in Victorian times.			
Banjo fought in the Boer War.			
The Boer War took place in South Africa.			

9. In which **part of the article** do you (first) find out the information below? Match the options correctly.

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- Maker of the chocolates
- The photograph is owned by the library
- Where the chocolates were found
- Who owned the chocolates

- Second paragraph
- Headline
- Lead paragraph (the first one)
- Caption
- Photo credit

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Look at the news from Russia.

2. What has been "widely criticised" in Russia?

	Allowing women to drive Metro trains.
	Having jobs that women are not allowed to do.
	The fall in the number of banned jobs for women.

4. Find the **word**

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**TEACHER ANSWERS**

**AIM OF THE NEWS COMPREHENSIONS:** News reports are unique non-fiction texts. Being real, they naturally engage students, and with the range of topics that are covered, help to develop pupils’ knowledge and understanding of the wider world outside the classroom. The reports are ideal for short, focused comprehension or discussion activities. Along with the opportunity to find fascinating facts and appreciate the opinions of those involved, there is plenty to be inferred and deduced to understand in more depth what is being reported. Like authors, journalists play with language, so news ‘stories’ are rich nuggets of text to investigate and provide the opportunity for literacy programmes.

**TEACHER ANSWER GUIDE:** The teacher answers are intended to provide a quick reference guide. Suggestions are given for the ‘Expected response’ or starting point that pupils could give. The ‘Development’ then gives more in-depth ideas that students can work towards as they develop their reading comprehension skills.

For a list of the reading skills used, please email [schools@firstnews.co.uk](mailto:schools@firstnews.co.uk).

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READING SKILL – Find and explain information

(NC 2a)

**Expected response**

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■ **Look at the news from Russia.**

**2. What has been “widely criticised” in Russia?**

READING SKILL – Find and explain information

(NC 2a)

**Expected response**

	Allowing women to drive Metro trains.
✓	Having jobs that women are not allowed to do.
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**3a. Summarise Klaus-Peter’s test. Write it down as a question, if you can.**

READING SKILL – Summarise information from more than one paragraph

(NC 2e)

**Expected response**

- Can you send photos quicker on a horse than the internet?

**Development**

- Is it quicker to send 800 photo files from my house to the printer on a horse or over the internet?

**3b. The results**

READING SKILL – Find and explain information

(NC 2a)

**Expected response**

- **Time taken to deliver files over the internet: More than five hours**
- **Time taken to deliver files by horse: 104 minutes**

**4. Find the word.**

READING SKILL – Understand vocabulary in context

(NC 2a)

**Expected response**

Which word tells you that Klaus-Peter lives in the countryside?	rural
Which adjective describes a type of fast broadband?	fibre-optic
Which two letters are an abbreviation for a word that means ‘against’ in a competition?	vs
Which word means ‘something which is done to get attention’?	stunt

**5. Why did this joke end up having a great result for Klaus-Peter?**

READING SKILL – Find and explain information  
(NC 2a)

**Expected response**

- His internet provider was so embarrassed by this story that it has agreed to upgrade his village and install fast broadband.

■ **Look at the news from Australia.**

**6. Can you explain how these chocolates ended up in the National Library of Australia?**

READING SKILL – Infer information and justify with evidence  
(NC 2c & 8)

**Expected response**

- They were in the papers of a poet.

**Development**

- The chocolates belonged to Banjo Paterson.
- As he was a poet and journalist, it’s likely that the library was either given his papers or bought them with the chocolates hidden inside.

**7. Which two people make a comment on the smell of these old chocolates?**

READING SKILL – Find and explain information (NC 2a)  
Infer information and justify with evidence (NC 2c & 8)

**Expected response**

1. Jennifer Todd, who works at the library.
2. The journalist.

**8. True, false or don’t know?**

READING SKILL – Find and explain information  
(NC 2a)

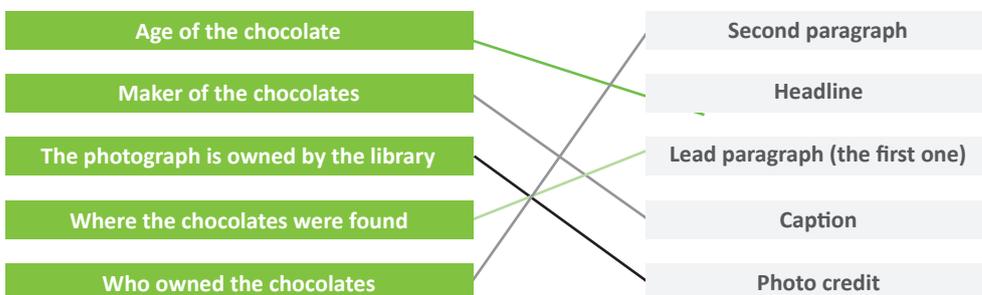
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Banjo fought in the Boer War.			✓
The Boer War took place in South Africa.	✓		

**9. In which part of the article do you (first) find out the information below? Match the options correctly.**

READING SKILL – Identifying benefits of text organisation and presentation in non-fiction texts  
(NC 2f)

**Expected response**



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**10. Which of these stories do you think is most likely to feature on a TV news bulletin? Explain your choice.**

READING SKILL – Develop opinions and provide justifications for viewpoints  
(NC 6, 7 & 8)

**Children’s own responses. They might include points such as:**

- The story from Mexico, especially if there was video of Stig doing the swim.
- The story from Australia. It might include an interview with Jennifer Todd who might show the chocolate box in more detail. It might also include more information on Banjo Paterson.