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Word

All the words in this word search are from the June 2026 issue of News Mag Media. When you find the word, write it in the box below.

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Brody's Body Shop

Brody  
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Animals  
Insects  
Heidi

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Sayid  
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Word Workout

Find the page, fact or story to find the word that solves the clue to its mystery.

Crossword Time

How well have you read or listened to this month's magazine? Here in Crossword Time, we're testing your memory and retention skills. Can you complete the puzzle?

Across

- 4 A fast-growing tree that can be found in many hot countries around the world. (6)
- 7 An animal that hunts other animals is called another for food. (4)
- 9 Animals that are hunted and killed by the world and takes up nearly a third of the African continent. (6)
- 10 This desert is the largest hot desert in the world. (6)
- 11 The tallest building in the world. (10)
- 12 The largest city in the world. (10)

Down

- 1 Something that is connected to a religion or god and is treated as very important or holy. (6)
- 2 A part or area of something that is divided off as a section of the whole. (11)
- 3 A large stone building that is used for religious purposes. (11)
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## Fill in the Blanks #1

Read through the words in the Word Bank first and make sure you understand them. Then, read the article. Make sure you think about the best place to put a word, not the first place. Careful as you go, as some words may fit in more than one place, while other words will only suit one.

# Frontotemporal Dementia

understanding

active

cure

words

kindness

angry

instructions

family

brain

Frontotemporal dementia (FTD) is an illness that affects the \_\_\_\_\_. It can change how people speak, behave, and understand feelings. People with FTD may find it hard to find the right \_\_\_\_\_ when talking.

Unlike some other types of dementia, FTD can affect people before they become very old. Family members may notice changes in behaviour. A person might become rude, quiet, or unusually \_\_\_\_\_. Some people may also find it difficult to follow simple \_\_\_\_\_.

Doctors and scientists are working hard to learn more about FTD. There is no complete \_\_\_\_\_ yet, but treatments can help people manage their symptoms. Support from \_\_\_\_\_ and friends can make life easier.

Children can help by being patient and showing \_\_\_\_\_. Learning about conditions like FTD helps people become more \_\_\_\_\_.

Doctors also encourage people to keep their brains \_\_\_\_\_ by reading, learning, and talking to others.



## Fill in the Blanks #2

Read through the words in the Word Bank first and make sure you understand them. Then, read the article. Make sure you think about the best place to put a word, not the first place. Careful as you go, as some words may fit in more than one place, while other words will only suit one.

### Oceans

migration

food

reach

climate

tidy

shelter

problems

volcanoes

breathe

Oceans cover most of the Earth's surface and are home to many amazing plants and animals. There are five main oceans, and each one is important for life on our planet. Oceans help control the Earth's \_\_\_\_\_ by moving warm and cold water around the world. They also produce much of the oxygen that people and animals \_\_\_\_\_ every day.

Many creatures live beneath the waves, including fish, dolphins, sharks, turtles and tiny animals called plankton. Coral reefs are colourful underwater homes where sea creatures can find food and \_\_\_\_\_. Some animals travel long distances across the ocean during their yearly \_\_\_\_\_.

People use oceans for travel, fishing and fun activities such as swimming and sailing. However, pollution is causing serious \_\_\_\_\_ for sea life.

Plastic waste can harm animals that mistake it for \_\_\_\_\_. Oil spills and catching too many fish can also damage ocean habitats.

Scientists study the oceans to learn more about weather, animals and underwater \_\_\_\_\_. They use special boats and robots to explore deep parts of the sea that humans cannot easily \_\_\_\_\_. Everyone can help protect the oceans by recycling, saving water and keeping beaches clean and \_\_\_\_\_.



## Fill in the Blanks #3

Read through the words in the Word Bank first and make sure you understand them. Then, read the article. Make sure you think about the best place to put a word, not the first place. Careful as you go, as some words may fit in more than one place, while other words will only suit one.

### The World Cup

team

event

winner

supporters

determination

skills

competition

honour

trophy

The World Cup is one of the biggest football tournaments in the world. Teams from many different countries compete to become world champions. The tournament takes place every four years and is watched by millions of \_\_\_\_\_ around the world. Players train very hard because representing their country is a great \_\_\_\_\_.

Each match is played on a football pitch with two teams trying to score goals. The team with the most goals at the end of the game is the \_\_\_\_\_. Referees make sure the rules are followed fairly during every match. Fans often wear team shirts, wave flags and sing songs to support their favourite \_\_\_\_\_.

The World Cup began in 1930 and has created many famous sporting moments. Some players become international heroes because of their skill, teamwork and \_\_\_\_\_. Winning the final match allows a team to lift the famous World Cup \_\_\_\_\_.

Hosting the tournament can bring visitors and excitement to a country. New stadiums, roads and transport systems are sometimes built for the \_\_\_\_\_. Children around the world enjoy watching matches and practising their football \_\_\_\_\_ with friends. The World Cup helps bring people together through sport, excitement and friendly \_\_\_\_\_.



# All the Mistakes #1

Read through the article taken from this month's issue and see if you can spot the nine spelling mistakes.

## Robot Runners

More than 300 robots lined up in Beijing, China, in April to take part in the world's first humanoid robot half-marathon – a 21 km race through the city streets.

Some robots looked surprisingly human. One tiny competitor even carried a baby's bottle. They competed in two categories: robots that ran by themselves and robots controlled remotely by humans.

The fastest robot was Lightning, built by Chinese smartphone company Honor. It finished in 50 minutes and 26 seconds – almost seven minutes faster than the human half-marathon world record. Last year's winning robot took two hours and 40 minutes, showing just how quickly the technology is improving.

Not every robot made it to the finish line. During a rehearsal, one robot tripped at the start and smashed to pieces, leaving its legs twitching on the track while an emergency crew rushed over with a robot-sized stretcher.

Engineers say balance is still one of the biggest problems for humanoid robots.

### Flashy Fact

The robots were cheered on by huge crowds of spectators. One robot even waved happily at the audience before the race began.

#### Correct spelling

  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  


Choose three of these words and put them into sentences.



# All the Mistakes #2

Read through the article taken from this month's issue and see if you can spot the nine spelling mistakes.

## The FTD Brothers

Staying with marathons, two brothers from England completed an extraordinary challenge in Ireland in late May – running a marathon a day for 32 straight days across all 32 countys.

Jordan Adams, 30, and his brother Cian, 25, are known as The FTD Brothers. Both carry a rare gene linked to frontotemporal dementia, a disease that can affect people much younger than usual. The brothers have already lost 12 Irish relatives to the illness, including their mother Geraldine.

Jordan began the challenge by running the London Marathon with a 25 kg fridge strapped to his back. The next morning, the brothers flew to Ireland and started their county-by-county challenge.

Crowds came out to support them everywhere they went. Schools lined the roads, local runners joined in and GAA clubs presented them with county jersies along the route.

Their challenge raised more than €1 million for dementia reserch through the Alzheimer Society of Ireland and their own FTD Brothers Foundation

### Flashy Fact

Jordan's fridge weighed 25 kg. The brothers said the support from local comunities helped them keep going, even when they felt exhausted after so many marathns in a row.

#### Correct spelling





# All the Mistakes #3

Read through the article taken from this month's issue and see if you can spot the nine spelling mistakes.

## Sleep Champions

Imagine entering a competition where the goal is to do absolutly nothing... except fall asleep.

That is exactly what happened in South Korea, where hundreds of people gathered in a park in Seoul to compete in a 'Power Nap Contest'. Contestants arrived wearing pyjamas, eye masks and even animal onesies as they attempted to drift off beside the Han River.

South Korea is one of the most sleep-deprived countries in the world, so officials decided to celebrate rest instead. They monitored contestants' heart rates to find who acheived the deepest sleep. The winner was a man in his 80s.

While you sleep, your brain sorts memmories, your body repairs itself and your immune system gets stronger. Turns out, taking a nap can be serius science.

### Flashy Fact

Koalas sleep for up to 22 hours a day. No wonder a contestant arrived dressed in a giant koala outfit! Many spectaters laughed as contestants snored loudly during the competition, while others looked completly relaxed under their blankets beside the river. Some people said the atmosphere felt peacefull and calming, despite the large croud watching nearby.

#### Correct spelling

  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  


Choose three of these words and put them into sentences.



# Word Workout #1

Find the page, fact or story to find the word that solves the clue to its meaning. The number of letters and the starting letter of the word are in brackets after each clue.

Page	Article/Paragraph	CLUE (number of letters, first letter)
1	Front cover	A game with a ball and goals (8, f)
2	. . . Forgetful Flashy	A hard object for protection (6, s)
4	Robot Runners	Groups of similar things (10, c)
4	The FTD Brothers	Illness affecting memory and thinking (8, d)
5	World Ocean Day	Kept safe from harm (9, p)
6	. . . Summer Special	Groups close together (8, c)
7	. . . Summer Special	Someone who travels the world (12, g)
8	. . . in History	Moving around in circles quickly (8, s)





# Word Workout #2

Find the page, fact or story to find the word that solves the clue to its meaning. The number of letters and the starting letter of the word are in brackets after each clue.

Page	Article/Paragraph	CLUE (number of letters, first letter)	
9	Art to Heart	Very bright and impressive light	(8, d) h
10	... in the Community	Edge area beside a sports field	(8, s)
10	... in the Community	New people joining a group	(8, r)
11	NF Book Club	People who draw pictures for books	(12, i)
14	Farm Life	Move from one place to another	(7, m)
15	Feel Good!	Feeling full of energy	(9, e)
16	Around the World	Small insect larvae or worms	(5, g)
24	... World of Sport	A quick, brief look at something	(7, g)





## Quiz 24

This month's 24-question quiz is based on the 24 pages of *News Flash*. The question number corresponds to the page it is taken from. For example, the answer to Q.7 can be found on page 7 and the answer to Q.14 can be found on page 14.

1. What number of News Flash is this issue?
2. What did Flashy lose last month?
3. When do you need to return the quiz to be in with a chance of winning a News Flash hoodie?
4. How much did Jordan's fridge weigh?
5. What have world leaders promised to protect by 2030?
6. Which butterfly loves nettles and garden flowers?
7. Where does the Painted Lady migrate from every summer?
8. What was Charles Blondin's real name?
9. In which Spanish city was Joaquín Sorolla y Bastida born?
10. Can you study sports coaching at university?
11. Who wrote Skipshock?
12. Which musical instrument is in the Eye Spy picture?
13. How many countries are missing from the word search?
14. How long is a curlew's beak?
15. What SPF should children wear?
16. When did Madagascar split from Africa?
17. How long is Madagascar's coastline?
18. Which county is Arya Satheesh from?
19. What part of an aye-aye never stops growing?
20. How long did it take to give out the fastest ever red card?
21. Which four teams played in the very first two World Cup matches in 1930?
22. Who does NF predict to qualify in Group J?
23. Which stage did Morocco reach in the 2022 World Cup?
24. When was the FIFA World Cup Trophy introduced?



# Word Search Maker

Here's your chance to create a word search for your friend or classmate to complete. Fill in the 12 words in the word search grid (they can go backward, forward or diagonally) and then list them in the word boxes underneath the puzzle. Fill in all the other squares with random letters so your words become hidden. Perhaps you could include a secret word (not in the list) that your friend must try and find on their own.





# Sudoku Time

Each of the 9 boxes must contain the numbers 1 – 9. When you fill them in, you will then see that each line going across and each line going down also contains the numbers 1 – 9.

8				9			2	
		9	6			8		5
	7	4	5		8		9	
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		2	7			1		
		3						
	4		9		5			
9	5	1			2		3	6

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	2	8	9	1		5		3
	3	9		7			6	
1	4		5	2	9			
	7	5	8			1		4
3			1			9		
2								8
			4					5
			7	3	5		1	



## Poster Print Time

For this month's poster challenge, we want you to create a poster advertising an event inspired by the World Cup at your school. It can be anything – a fancy dress event, a World Cup themed sports day, a quiz, a dance-off (learning dances from different countries involved in the World Cup), or anything else you might come up with! Remember your poster needs to be both informative and creative – you want people to know about it AND look forward to it!

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for students to draw and write their poster designs.



# Crack the Joke

In this month's Crack the Joke on Page 17, a funny joke is waiting to be cracked. When you solve the code and reveal the gag, see if you can come up with a drawing/illustration that you think best captures the joke.

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for the reader to draw an illustration related to the joke.



# My Favourite Facts

Every issue of **News Flash** is packed full of facts and figures. Why not record the top four things that you learned from this issue? When you do, make sure to draw an illustration to go with each one. When you are finished, share and discuss your choices with your classmates. We have added one of our favourite ones below.

Around 1.4 million kilometres of internet cables lie hidden beneath the oceans – enough to wrap around Earth more than 35 times!



1

2

3

4



# Talk Time

Based on articles from this month's magazine, we want you to think about some of the issues that arise. Remember, when you are trying to put forward an opinion, or an argument, make sure you know your facts and figures and be clear in how you feel about a certain topic and why. Here are some questions and statements you and your class might like to consider thinking about and discussing. Some you will agree with, some you clearly won't!

1. The World Cup is so overrated!

2. Robot races are a waste of time and money.

3. Tightrope walking should be taught in PE!

4. The world would have been better without the internet.

5. Summer is the best time of year!



## What's in the News?

How well have you read this month's paper? Here in 'What's in the News', as well as testing your memory and retention skills, we also test your imagination and creative skills. We base this activity on our News Desk section on pages 3, 4 & 5. Read the articles and answer the following

1. Which county is Jesse Sludds from?

2. What song did he sing to win The Late Late Show's Opening Act competition?

3. Where is Panama?

4. What is El Caño sometimes called?

5. How many Earths could be fitted into the gap between the Earth and the Moon?

6. How might people have known Pádraig O'Hora before he climbed Mount Everest?

7. How can Mount Everest be still growing?

8. How can beaches win Blue Flag awards?



## Know Your Sport

How well have you read this month's sports news? Here, in Know Your Sport, we're testing your memory and retention skills. We base this activity on the pages from our sports section. Read the articles and answer the following questions.

1. How many teams are competing in the 2026 World Cup?
2. What record did Just Fontaine set at the 1958 World Cup?
3. Which is the only nation that has taken part in every World Cup since it started in 1930?
4. How many countries have won the World Cup?
5. Which two countries does NF predict to qualify in Group D?
6. Which country is defending their World Cup title?
7. When was the last time that Scotland got beyond the group stages in the World Cup?
8. What is the name of the smallest nation to ever qualify for the World Cup?



# Word Search

This word search contains words to do with Madagascar! Can you find them all ... including the secret term not listed below. Clue: *80% of the world's supply of this comes from Madagascar*

R	A	I	N	F	O	R	E	S	T	S	B	F	O	S	E	S
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W	T	U	E	S	N	U	E	Z	V	V	A	N	I	L	L	A
L	A	B	Y	M	H	O	P	F	P	X	S	L	A	O	K	A
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Africa

Antananarivo

Ariary

Aye-aye

Baobab

Boxing

Chameleon

Continent

Coral reefs

Ecotourism

French

Indian Ocean

Laoka

Lemurs

Malagasy

Mofo gasy

Orchid

Rainforests

Valiha

Wildlife

# NEWS News Flash



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# Answers

## Fill in the Blanks #1

1. words
2. angry
3. instructions
4. cure
5. families
6. kindness
7. understanding
8. active
9. skills

## Fill in the Blanks #2

1. climate
2. breathe
3. shelter
4. migration
5. problems
6. food
7. volcanoes
8. reach
9. tidy

## Fill in the Blanks #3

1. supporters
2. honour
3. winner
4. team
5. determination
6. trophy
7. event
8. skills
9. competition

## All the Mistakes #1

1. streets
2. categories
3. improving
4. rehearsal
5. pieces
6. problems
7. separate
8. crowds
9. began

## All the Mistakes #2

1. counties
2. illness
3. challenge
4. jerseys
5. research
6. sugar
7. communities
8. exhausted
9. marathons

## All the Mistakes #3

1. absolutely
2. achieved
3. memories
4. serious
5. spectators
6. competition
7. completely
8. peaceful
9. crowd

## Word Workout #1

1. Football
2. Shield
3. Categories
4. Dementia
5. Protected
6. Clusters
7. Globetrotter
8. Swirling

## Word Workout #2

1. Dazzling
2. Sideline
3. Recruits
4. Illustrators
5. Migrate
6. Energised
7. Grubs
8. Glimpse





# Answers

From Puzzler Pages (pages 16 & 17 of News Flash )

## TRUE OR FALSE

1. FALSE – The pitch stays the same size, rain or shine!
2. TRUE – Yellow shows up much better on colour TV.
3. FALSE – They are mostly silver with about 6 grams of gold plating on top.
4. TRUE – Until 1906, someone had to poke the ball out with a stick or climb up after every basket!
5. TRUE – Frozen pucks slide better and bounce less on the ice.

## Sudoku

8	6	5	3	9	4	7	2	1
3	1	9	6	2	7	8	4	5
2	7	4	5	1	8	6	9	3
1	8	7	4	6	9	3	5	2
5	3	6	2	8	1	9	7	4
4	9	2	7	5	3	1	6	8
7	2	3	1	4	6	5	8	9
6	4	8	9	3	5	2	1	7
9	5	1	8	7	2	4	3	6

6	1	7	3	5	8	4	9	2
4	2	8	9	1	6	5	7	3
5	3	9	2	7	4	8	6	1
1	4	6	5	2	9	3	8	7
9	7	5	8	6	3	1	2	4
3	8	2	1	4	7	9	5	6
2	5	3	6	9	1	7	4	8
7	9	1	4	8	2	6	3	5
8	6	4	7	3	5	2	1	9

## Crack the Joke

Why was the pitch soaking wet after the game? The players never stop dribbling on it!

Missing countries in World Cup Word Search P.17 Bosnia and Herzegovina, Netherlands, South Africa and Switzerland!