

1. EIFFEL TOWER OPENS

The Eiffel Tower in Paris will reopen on 25 June after being closed for over three months due to France's COVID-19 lockdown. However, the number of people allowed up the tower will be limited and everyone over 11 years of age will have to wear a face mask.



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2. FOSSIL FIND

Scientists have unearthed the oldest ever fossil of an ancient worm. The discovery was made in the eastern part of Yunnan Province, China by a team of scientists from the Department of Earth Sciences at Oxford University. The fossil is thought to be from around 514 million years ago, and contains earthworms, leeches, ragworms and lugworms.

3. WORD OF THE YEAR

The 2020 Oxford Children's Word of the Year is, perhaps not surprisingly, coronavirus. The word was used 459 times in the 134,709 entries to the BBC's 500 Words writing competition. That's despite the deadline being on 27 February – before the first recorded death of COVID-19 in the UK.

4. TREASURE FOUND

A man who hid more than £1 million-worth of gold and precious jewels – and wrote a book about how to find them – has said the hunt is over. The author, Forrest Fenn, announced that after ten years, one of the thousands of people who went searching has finally found the fantastic haul.

5. BAME COVID DEATHS

A leaked report from Public Health England says racism and discrimination may have contributed to BAME (black, Asian and minority ethnic) people catching – and dying from – the coronavirus. The report said people from BAME backgrounds might have a fear of speaking up about health risks or protective equipment because they had suffered racist treatment before.

20 THINGS TO KNOW AND TELL

QUICK NEWS TO READ YOURSELF AND SHARE WITH FRIENDS

6. BOY FOUND

A 14-year-old boy who was missing for two nights on a mountainside in Australia has been found. William Callaghan, who has non-verbal autism, got lost while on a walk with his family. He was found safe and well near the peak of the mountain.

7. ELECTRIC INCREASE

New data shows there are now twice as many electric car charging points in the UK as petrol filling stations. There are some 17,947 public electric vehicle charging devices compared to 8,046 petrol stations.



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8. FREE SCHOOL MEALS

The Government has announced that it will provide free school meal vouchers to low-income kids during the summer holidays. The PM initially rejected the idea, but changed his mind following a campaign started by Manchester United star Marcus Rashford.

9. ROMAN TOWN MAPPED

For the first time, archaeologists have mapped a whole ancient Roman city by using a radar system! The site in Italy contained underground baths, a market, a temple and water pipes.

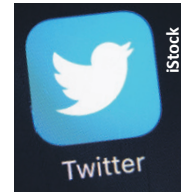
10. STICKY SITUATION

You'll either love or hate this story. Marmite, probably the nation's most divisive spread, has been forced to stop making large jars due to the pandemic, resulting in a nationwide shortage. The spread is partially made from yeast extract, a by-product of beer brewing. Unfortunately, UK breweries are producing less beer as a result of pubs and restaurants being shut, which means Marmite is in seriously short supply of its key ingredient.



11. READ BEFORE YOU RT

Twitter is taking the fight to fake news with its new 'read before you retweet' campaign. The social media's new pop-up alert has been designed to make sure people know what they're talking about. The alert, which is being trialled with Android users in the US, will appear if users attempt to retweet another user's article without having clicked on it first to actually read it.



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12. LLAMA-CTIVIST

A llama has attended a Black Lives Matter protest in America. "Caesar the No Drama Llama" joined protests in Portland, Oregon and marched for around three miles with his handler, Larry McCool. The "llamactivist" even stopped for selfies and cuddles.

13. TAKING RESPONSIBILITY

A group of celebrities has joined together virtually to take a stand against racism. Stars including Frozen's Kristen Bell and Kesha have made a video pledging to "learn more about issues facing the black community".

14. FLOODS HIT CHINA

Guests staying in the Chinese tourist destination of Yangshuo had to be rescued on rafts on the town's flooded streets. Thousands of hotels and shops have been damaged by heavy rainfall, and locals have had to leave their homes.



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15. TRUMP RALLIES

Despite the risk of coronavirus, US President Donald Trump is restarting large campaign rallies ahead of the election in November. Attendees are being asked to sign contracts which say they cannot take legal action against the president's campaign team if they catch COVID-19.

16. CHOOKS IN CHARGE

A village in New Zealand has been taken over by chickens! People in Titirangi in west Auckland got a shock when they came out of lockdown to find chickens were running wild. Before the pandemic, authorities had already caught around 230 feral chickens. But it's thought someone had been leaving chicken feed out, so the chooks have returned and seized the streets!



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17. MPs AGAINST MISOGYNY

A group of female MPs and charities is calling on the UK Government to start treating misogyny as a hate crime in new laws where people live together. Misogyny is showing dislike or prejudice against women. The group's idea would mean police officers having to record and track all crimes caused by misogyny.

18. BATTY TECHNOLOGY

A Scottish company has developed a sensor that could help with social distancing in offices. Using echo-location in a similar way that a bat does, it maps the layout of an office so that companies can work out how to keep workers safely apart.

19. OLDEST PLAYHOUSE

Archaeologists have discovered what they believe to be the remains of the UK's oldest playhouse (theatre). The remains were found on the site of a housing development in east London and are thought to be the Red Lion playhouse, which was built in 1567.

20. CROCODILE SEARCH

Police in Castilla y León, Spain, are on the lookout for a two-metre Nile crocodile that has been seen in a local river. After several people spotted the croc in a popular fishing and swimming area, the authorities began searching by boat and drone. Locals have been warned to stay away.



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