WEEKLY NEWS QUIZ • 10 QUESTIONS ON THIS WEEK'S STORIES

The week's news quiz — 9–15 October 2026

How much do you remember from this week's B1 lessons? Answer each question in a few words or a short sentence.

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1 Where is the world's largest free-roaming giant tortoise population?

2 About how many tortoises live on Aldabra, according to the estimate?

3 Who led the survey that produced the new figure?

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6 Which instruments were used to find the burst and its host galaxy?

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9 Name two supermarket chains mentioned in the report.

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TEACHERS ONLY — the answers. Please do not share this page with students.

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On Aldabra Atoll in Seychelles.

2 About how many tortoises live on Aldabra, according to the estimate?
About 180,000.

3 Who led the survey that produced the new figure?
Seychelles Islands Foundation and the University of Exeter.

4 What protections were given to Aldabra in 1981 and 1982?
It became a strict nature reserve in 1981 and a UNESCO site in 1982.

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5 How long did the FRB travel before reaching Earth?
More than 10 billion years.

6 Which instruments were used to find the burst and its host galaxy?
MeerKAT for the burst, and the James Webb Space Telescope for the host galaxy.

7 What is special about the host galaxy where the burst began?
It is young, very small, forms stars quickly, and has few metals.

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8 What systems did the cyber attack take control of?
The software that controls fridges and freezers.

9 Name two supermarket chains mentioned in the report.
Intermarché and Coopérative U.

10 How hot did some units get, and for how long?
About 50C for six hours overnight.

> Every question comes from this week's lessons, so the quiz doubles as a check on what stayed. Accept any answer with the same meaning. If a question defeats the class, send them back to the lesson it came from.

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