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CarbonBrief

Quiz night 2026

Welcome to the 11th Carbon Brief quiz night.

We will be starting promptly at 7pm. Please feel free to make use of the bar in the meantime.

We hope to conclude the quiz around 9pm, and we must be out the room by 10pm.

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Participating organisations

Met Office	BBC	The ENDS Report	Meliore	Oxford Sustainable Law Programme
Department for Transport	Octopus Energy	BusinessGreen	Verisk Maplecroft	WWF
Grantham Institute	ECF	DESNZ-ICAT	Royal School of Mines	Royal Meteorological Society
Carbon Tracker	World Weather Attribution	Energy and Climate Intelligence Unit	C40 Cities	Research & Information, UK Parliament
Skeptical Science	Université de Lausanne	CEEW	CES, University of Surrey	Centre for Environmental Policy, Imperial College
DESNZ climate science	E3G	The Times	Ember	DeSmog
Ricardo	Civil Service Climate + Environment Network	New Scientist	Changing Markets Foundation and Cerulogy	Energy Transitions Commission & Ember Futures
University of Exeter	BSEER, UCL	DESNZ-RED		

Previous winners



2015
DECC Science



2016
Friends of the Earth



2017
BEIS Science



2018
BEIS International
climate and energy



2019
Friends of the Earth, Climate
Outreach and Possible



2020
University of East Anglia



2021
University of East Anglia



2022
The Centre for Science and Environment
and Down to Earth



2023
The Centre for Science and Environment
and Down to Earth



2024
E3G

Your hosts for the first round:



Daisy Dunne
Associate editor



Josh Gabbatiss
Policy correspondent

Round 1. General Knowledge

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1. Lucas Pinheiro Braathen won gold in the men's giant slalom at the Milan-Cortina Winter Olympics, becoming the first-ever medalist from South America at the Winter Games. What country did he represent? (1 pt)

- (a) Argentina (b) Bolivia
(c) Brazil (d) Chile

2. Who did the singer Charli XCX marry at London's Hackney Town Hall in July 2025? (1 pt)

- (a) James Blake (b) George Daniel
(c) Jacob Elordi (d) Barry Keoghan

3. Which of the following actors has never played Emily Brontë's female protagonist Cathy Earnshaw in a screen adaptation of Wuthering Heights? (1 pt)

- (a) Juliette Binoche (b) Charlotte Riley
(c) Kaya Scodelario (d) Rachel Weisz

4. Match the national park to the country: (7 pts)

- (a) Auyuittuq (b) Awash (c) Basaseachic Falls
(d) Iguazú (e) Rondane (f) Tatra (g) Valley of Flowers

Mexico; Norway; Argentina; Slovakia;
India; Canada; Ethiopia;

5. Which of the following is not a real poisonous mushroom? (1 pt)

- (a) Autumn Skullcap (b) Deadly Ghost
(c) Destroying Angel (d) Fool's Webcap

6. Which male football player holds the record for the most appearances in the Premier League? (1 pt)

- (a) Gareth Barry (b) Frank Lampard
(c) James Milner (d) Gary Speed

7. In the 2026 season of the Traitors UK, who collected the most banishment votes at "roundtable" meetings throughout the series? (1 pt)

- (a) Fiona (b) Judy (c) Reece (d) Sam

8. Match the polar explorer to the name of their ship: (4 pt)

- (a) John Franklin (b) Fridtjof Nansen
(c) Robert Peary (d) Ernest Shackleton
Fram; Endurance; Kite; Erebus;

9. Donald Trump is one of only two US presidents to serve non-consecutive terms. Who is the other? (1 pt)

- (a) Chester Arthur (b) Grover Cleveland
(c) Benjamin Harrison (d) James Monroe

10. Which two countries have the highest number of wins in the Eurovision song contest? (2 pt)

- (a) Italy and France (b) Italy and Norway (c) Austria and Sweden
(d) Austria and UK (e) Ireland and Sweden (f) Ireland and Norway
(g) Luxembourg and UK (h) Luxembourg and France

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Tatra / **Slovakia**

Valley of Flowers / **India**

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Your hosts for the second round:



Orla Dwyer
Policy journalist



Anika Patel
*Section editor
for China*

Round 2. Policy

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1. Match the city to the environment-related global agreement that is named after it: (4 pts)

(a) Addis Ababa (b) Kigali (c) Nagoya (d) Ramsar
Genetic resources; Sustainable Development Goals;
Hydrofluorocarbons; Wetlands;

2. In 2024, which country became the first in the world to ban the import of gasoline and diesel vehicles? (1 pt)

(a) Ethiopia (b) France (c) Luxembourg (d) Nepal

3. How many gigawatts of “non-fossil” power capacity is India aiming to build by 2030? (1 pt)

(a) 100 (b) 300 (c) 500 (e) 700

4. Which Australian city was expected to host COP31, before the honour ultimately went to Antalya, Turkey? (1 pt)

(a) Adelaide (b) Brisbane (c) Melbourne (e) Sydney

5. Match the energy minister’s surname to the country: (8 pts)

(a) Aagaard (b) Aasland (c) Busch (d) Delles (e) Hermans
(f) Multala (g) Reiche (h) Verlinden
Sweden; Netherlands; Norway; Germany; Denmark;
Belgium; Luxembourg; Finland;

6. Which of these countries is NOT a member of the Like-Minded Developing Countries bloc at UN climate talks? (1 pt)

(a) China (b) Cuba (c) Egypt (d) Kenya (e) Malaysia

7. At a meeting with African leaders in February, which European leader proposed the idea of “debt-suspension clauses for those nations affected by extreme climate events”? (1 pt)

(a) Emmanuel Macron (b) Giorgia Meloni (c) Friedrich Merz (d) Keir Starmer

8. Which of these is not a real executive order signed by Donald Trump? (1 pt)

(a) Establishing the National Energy Dominance Council
(b) Protecting American Energy from Foreign Adversaries
(c) Putting America First in International Environmental Agreements
(d) Unleashing American Energy

9. Amid reports of accommodation shortages ahead of COP30, who advised delegates to “sleep under the stars” in Belém? (1 pt)

(a) COP30 president André Corrêa do Lago
(b) Brazilian environment minister Marina Silva
(c) Brazilian president Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva
(d) Belém mayor Igor Normando

10. According to the IEA’s latest World Energy Outlook, electricity accounted for what proportion of total final global energy consumption in 2024? (2 pts)

(a) 11% (b) 21% (c) 31% (d) 41%

Policy – Answers

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Kigali / **HFCs (Kigali Amendment)**

Nagoya / **Genetic resources (Nagoya Protocol)**

Ramsar / **Wetlands (Ramsar Convention)**

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(Ebba) Busch / **Sweden**

(Lex) Delles / **Luxembourg**

(Sophie) Hermans / **Netherlands**

(Sari) Multala / **Finland**

(Katherina) Reiche / **Germany**

(Annelies) Verlinden / **Belgium**

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**Protecting American Energy
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21%

Halftime break

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Carbon Brief Quiz 2026: Half-time leaderboard

Position	Team	Score	Position	Team	Score
1	You cannot BSEERious (Bartlett School...(BSEER), UCL)	33	=21	Sub-par(liament) (Research and Information, UK Parliament)	22
=2	Bamboo-zled (WWF)	30	=21	Net Zeroes to Heroes (DESNZ-RED)	22
=2	ENDS and friends 1 (The ENDS Report)*	30	=21	Laurence Quiziana (ECF)	22
=4	High hopes [low confidence] (BBC)	29	=21	Electrons & Optimism (Energy Transitions Commission & Ember Futures)	22
=4	Potato-sized nodules (New Scientist, The Times, Business Green)	29	=21	Careless WSPer (Ricardo, member of WSP)*	22
=4	Risky Quizness (Verisk Maplecroft)*	29	=26	Sussed Surrey (Centre for Environment and Sustainability, University of Surrey)	21
=7	State of the Aarti (Meliore)	28	=26	Quizzy-biennial oscillation (Université de Lausanne)*	21
=7	C40 Cities*	28	=26	RMetS Forecast: 100% Chance of Not Winning (Royal Meteorological Society)*	21
=7	Emissions Impossible (CEEW)*	28	=29	Power Rangers (Ember)	20
=7	Team Rigsfælleskab (Danish Meteorological Institute)*	28	=29	ICAT (DESNZ-ICAT)	20
11	E3Gee Getting Hot in Here (E3G)	27	=29	National Severe Banter Warning (Met Office)*	20
=12	Flooding the market (Carbon Tracker)	26	=32	Skeptical Science*	19
=12	Two-hit Wonders (DESNZ climate science)	26	=32	Alphabetti Spaghetti (University of Exeter)*	19
14	The Artist formerly known as Quiz-ness Group (Met Office)*	25	34	Dans and Friends (University of Exeter)*	18
=15	The Counterfactuals (WWA, CEP, the Grantham Institute at Imperial)	24	=35	Octopus Energy	17
=15	The GWP All Stars (Changing Markets Foundation and Cerology)	24	=35	DeSmoggers (DeSmog)	17
=17	Net Heroes (Civil Service Climate + Environment Network)	23	37	Planes, Trains and Low Carbon Brains (Department for Transport)	16
=17	Quizteama Figueres (Energy and Climate Intelligence Unit)	23	38	Climate COPpers (Oxford Sustainable Law Programme)	15
=17	The Arctic Penguins (Grantham Institute (Imperial))	23	39	Rock we doing to win? (Royal School of Mines)	14
=17	Climate Exe-tremes and Tippy Points (Met Office)*	23			

Match the African country to its electricity generation mix, 2000-2024, TWh

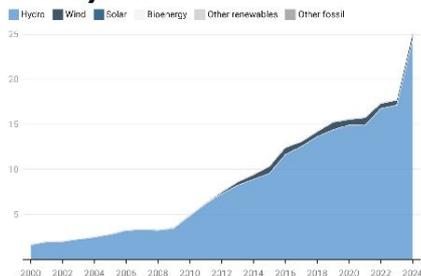
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Pay attention to the different y-axis scales.

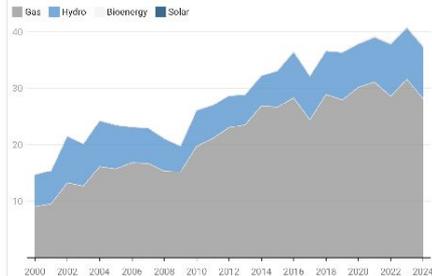
All answers will need to be submitted via the Google form by the end of the half-time break.

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- Botswana
- Central African Republic
- South Africa
- DRC
- Algeria
- Ethiopia
- Zimbabwe
- Nigeria
- Ghana
- Kenya
- Cape Verde

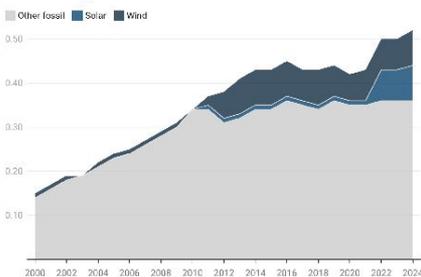
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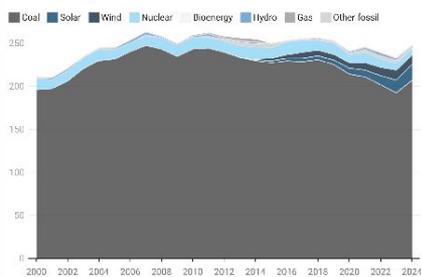
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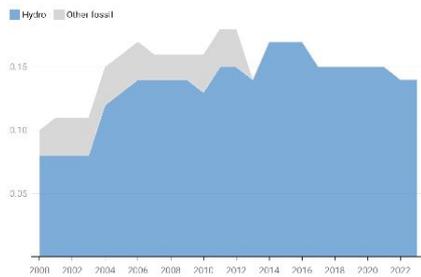
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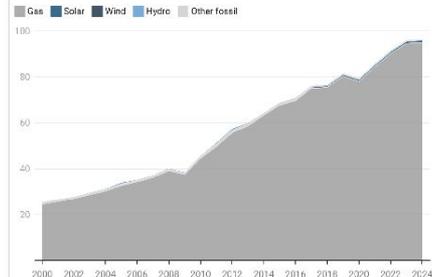
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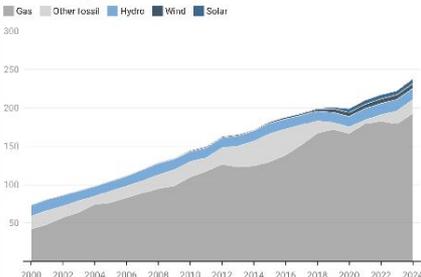
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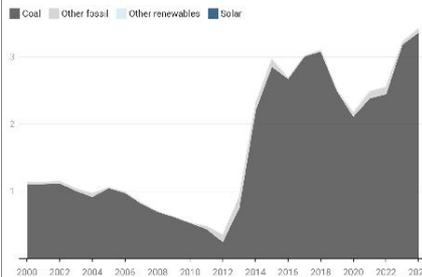
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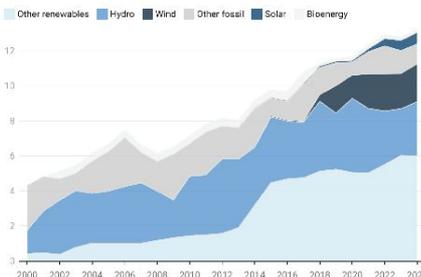
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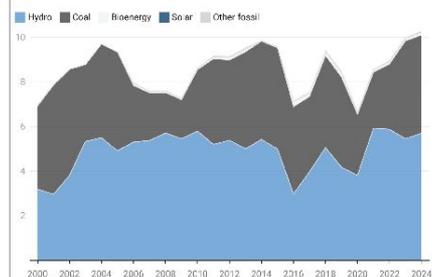
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Country: 9



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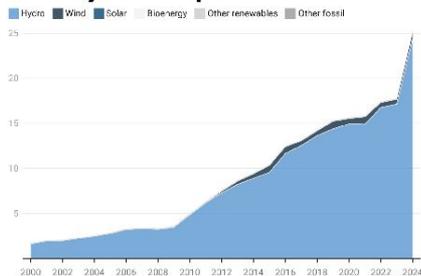
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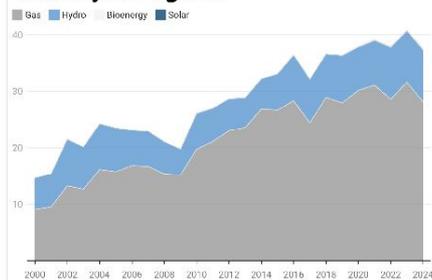
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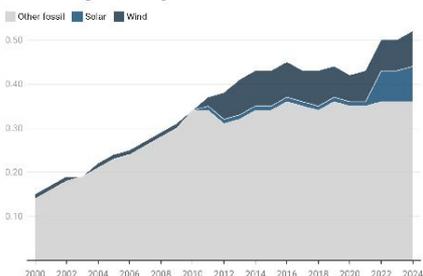
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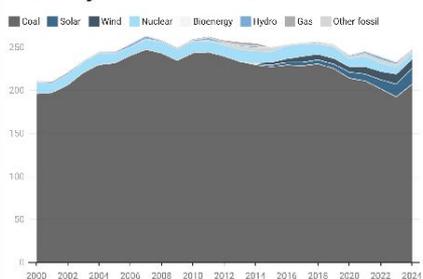
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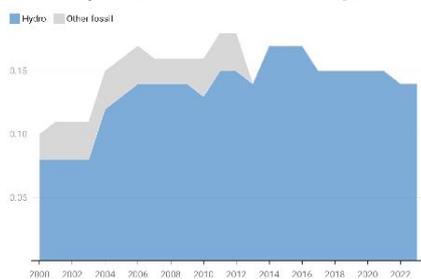
Country 3: Cape Verde



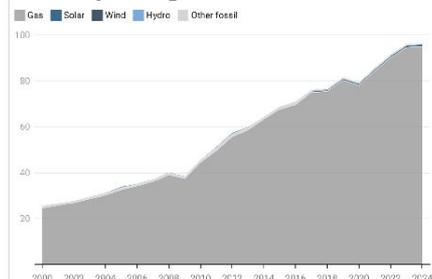
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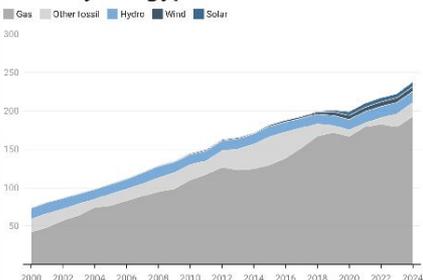
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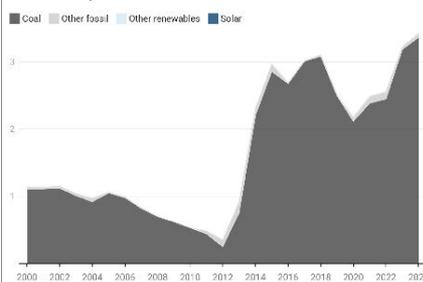
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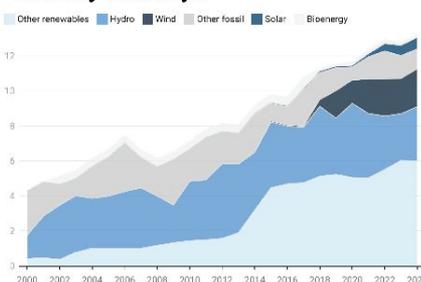
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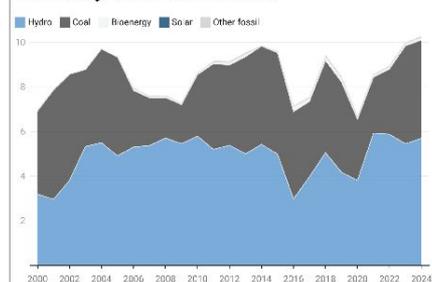
Country 8: Botswana



Country 9: Kenya



Country 10: Zimbabwe



Your host for the final round:



Ayesha Tandon
Science correspondent



Cecilia Keating
*Section editor
for science*

Round 3. Science

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1. What is the temperature at which Celsius and Fahrenheit are equal numerically on their respective scales? (1 pt)

- (a) -18 degrees (b) -29 degrees (c) -40 degrees (d) -51 degrees

2. In BBC One's The Trick – the 2021 dramatisation of the so-called “Climategate” affair – which actor played UEA climate scientist Prof Phil Jones? (1 pt)

- (a) Mark Bonnar (b) Rory Kinnear (c) David Thewlis (d) Jason Watkins

3. Rank these four climate-related disasters of 2025 from the most to the least costly in terms of economic damages, according to the reinsurance firm Gallagher Re: (4 pt)

- (a) China's monsoon floods (b) Cyclone Senyar
(c) Hurricane Melissa (d) Los Angeles fires

4. What was the average global atmospheric level of CO₂ in the year that Arctic sea ice extent recorded its smallest-ever summer minimum extent? (2 pt)

- (a) 385.02 (b) 392.65 (c) 397.34 (d) 403.70

5. Of these quotes from Donald Trump on climate and energy, which TWO did he NOT say: (2 pt)

- (a) “It’s freezing in New York – where the hell is global warming?”
(b) Sea level rise is “going to create more oceanfront property.”
(c) “The concept of global warming was created by and for the Chinese.”
(d) “You wanna see a bird cemetery? Go under a windmill sometime.”
(e) “The environment is very important to me. Someone wrote a book that I’m an environmentalist.”;
(f) “The Paris Climate Agreement is the worst deal of the MILLENNIUM.”
(g) “This very expensive GLOBAL WARMING bullshit has got to stop.”
(h) “Why worry about heatwaves when you have air-conditioning?”

6. According to the IPCC’s uncertainty framework for likelihood, what percentage range corresponds to the term “very unlikely”? (1 pt)

- (a) 0-1% (b) 0-5% (c) 0-10% (d) 5-15%

7. Rank these sources of climate information in terms of trustworthiness (from highest to lowest), according to a 2025 study using public polling from seven global south countries: (6 pt)

- (a) Family (b) Local government (c) Religious leaders (d) Scientists
(e) Social media (f) Television

8. In 2025, the heat content of the world’s oceans increased by around 23 zettajoules. This is how many times as much as the total energy produced by all human activities on Earth in a year? (1 pt)

- (a) 9 (b) 19 (c) 29 (d) 39

9. Approximately how many public comments have been submitted in response to the now-withdrawn draft US Department of Energy “critical review” on climate change, published last summer? (1 pt)

- (a) 30,000 (b) 45,000 (c) 60,000 (d) 75,000

10. The Antarctic Treaty, which mandates “freedom of scientific investigation in Antarctica and cooperation toward that end”, was signed by 12 countries in which year? (1 pt)

- (a) 1899 (b) 1919 (c) 1939 (d) 1959

Science – Answers

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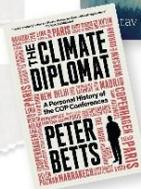
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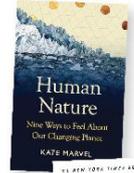
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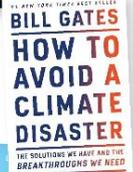
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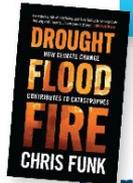
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