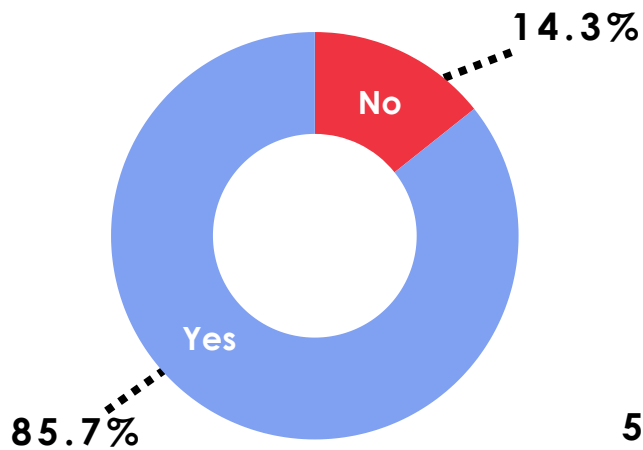
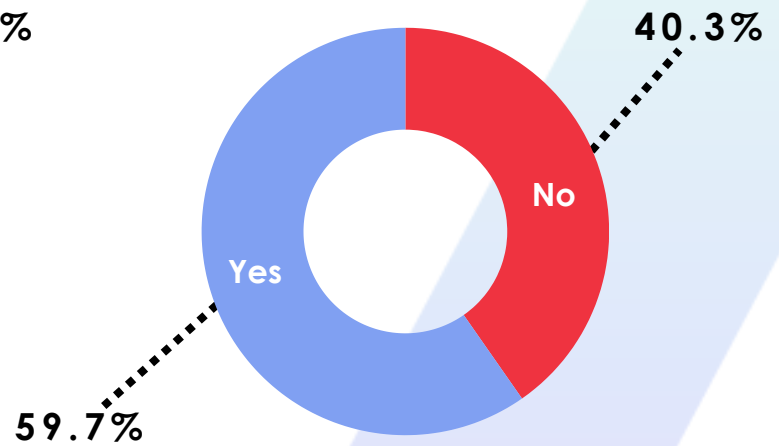


YOUR LATEST RESULTS

5-7: Do you know how technology can make life easier for you?



7-11: Is technology the answer to improving accessibility?



This VoteTopic received 45,329 total votes.

THIS WEEK'S BIG QUESTIONS

5-7: Should Christmas be messy?

7-11: Have Christmas ads lost their magic?

- Do Christmas adverts show what Christmas really looks like?
- Which is your favourite Christmas advert that you have seen in 2023?
- Is watching Christmas adverts part of getting ready for Christmas?

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

- *"This year's batch of festive ads has been rolling out the celebs aplenty, but a winning formula needs more than a famous face."* - Steve Farrell, *The Grocer Magazine*
- *"Christmas adverts are now short films designed to make you remember the first World War, or the concept of loneliness or how funny it would be if a dog went on a trampoline."* - Pass Notes, *The Guardian*

A CLOSER LOOK: CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS



Lots of families, cultures and communities celebrate Christmas across the globe. That's lots of interesting and fun traditions!

But wait: what's a tradition? Well, do you ever play board games at Christmas? How about leaving biscuits out for The Big Man on Christmas Eve? These are all traditions! Some of them might be unique to your family or community.

In Iceland, it's a Christmas tradition that people buy a new outfit as a Christmas gift. If you don't do this, there could be trouble with Iceland's Yule cat... Legend has it that a giant feline stalks the frozen countryside and eats people who do not get new clothes for Christmas!

YOUR GUIDED READING QUESTIONS

- Where is Christmas celebrated?
- Who do you think "The Big Man" might be?
- What do you think "unique" means?
- In which country would you find the Yule cat?
- Find and copy a word that means "cat" in the last paragraph.

THIS WEEK'S OTHER NEWS STORIES

UN calls for ceasefire in Gaza

The UN has asked for a ceasefire in Gaza. Out of 193 member states, 153 voted for a ceasefire and 10 - including Israel and the USA - voted against a ceasefire. 23 chose not to vote (abstained).



Wales' First Minister resigns

After five years and one day as First Minister of Wales, Mark Drakeford has announced that he is resigning from this role and stepping down as Welsh Labour Leader too. There will now be a leadership contest.



COP28 fossil fuel deal

A new deal to reduce the use of fossil fuels has been agreed by all countries at COP28, which took place in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). The deal calls on all nations to move away from using oil, gas and coal.



Endangered, not extinct

The scimitar-horned oryx, a kind of antelope that had become extinct in the wild, has been reintroduced in the African country of Chad. This is after a successful breeding programme including Zoological Society of London.



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