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The 24th Winter Olympics are underway!

The Games officially began with the opening ceremony on Friday in Pyeongchang in South Korea.

The first ever Winter Olympics was held 94 years ago in Chamonix in France. There were 258 athletes competing in these games. This is 2667 less athletes than the number competing at this year's Games. 16 countries competed in Chamonix compared to 5.75 times this amount in Pyeongchang.



PyeongChang 2018



- How many athletes are competing in this year's Winter Olympics?
- How many countries are competing in this year's Winter Olympics?



Cancer patient buys chemotherapy machine on eBay

A man with cancer bought a second hand chemotherapy machine worth £3400 on eBay for £175.

He then donated it to the hospital where he was receiving treatment, saving the NHS thousands.

Not content with this, he raised enough money to purchase another six machines for the same price.

- How much did the machines cost him altogether?
- How much money did he save by buying second hand machines?



Greggs offer four-course Valentine's Day dinner for two

One of Scotland's favourite bakeries is opening its doors at night on Valentine's Day to provide couples with a special candle-lit romantic dinner for two.

Selected shops will be transformed into restaurants designed for romance, complete with mood lighting, music, roses, candles and linen table cloths.

The four-course set menu, accompanied with a bottle of Prosecco, will cost just £15 for two people.



Tesco currently offers a bottle of Prosecco for £6.40, mini pastry canapés for £2, a pack of sausage rolls for £1.75, a bag of spinach leaves for £1.50, mini doughnuts for £1.10, a take away coffee for £1.25 and a bottle of sparkling mineral water for 45p.

Who is offering the best deal? Give a reason for your answer!

Environmentally friendly plastic drinking straws too expensive



One of the world's leading makers of singleuse plastic drinking straws has said more environmentally friendly straws currently cost 100 times more to produce.

They currently make 600 million disposable straws every month. How many is this per year? Give your answer in words.

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