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The cost of a UK Passport is set to rise this year

The cost of buying a UK passport is set to go up significantly this year - now we've got an excuse to look even more miserable in our passport pictures!

Under current proposals, the price of an adult passport in the UK will go up from £72.50 to £85 as of the 27^{th} of March this year.

This is subject to the proposal being approved by Parliament.

If the proposal is accepted, what would the percentage increase be for the cost of a new passport? Give your answer to the nearest percent.



'Unsolvable' exam question leaves Chinese students flummoxed

You may remember the outcry on Twitter after the 'crocodile' question in the 2015 Higher Maths paper. And who could forget Hannah and her sweets in the GSCE paper of the same year. Even Australia had a right good moan about an angles question involving a 50 cent coin.

Well now it's China's turn! An apparently unsolvable exam question on a Chinese maths paper has left pupils well and truly stumped!

The question was intended for children around 11 years old.

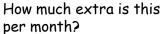
Shown below is the question, let's see how you attempt to solve it!

6. 下面这道题是李奶奶给小林出的一道题, 请你帮小林回答李奶奶: 一艘船上有 26 具绵羊和 10 具山羊, 船上船长几岁? 五年级数字第4页 (共4页)

If a ship had 26 sheep and 10 goats on-board, how old is the ship's captain?

Citizens Advice call to investigate 'cost of loyalty'

Customers who fail to switch their energy, broadband or insurance providers could be paying up to £987 extra a year.





Police pull over a car and oranges come tumbling out!

Yes, you read the headline correctly! Police in Seville, Spain, came across the bizarre scene when they pulled over two cars after a short chase.

Altogether, police recovered more than four tons of oranges. They later learned that the oranges were stolen from a shipment.

The average weight of an orange is 96 grams. Approximately how many oranges were recovered?

Round your answer to the nearest 100.

