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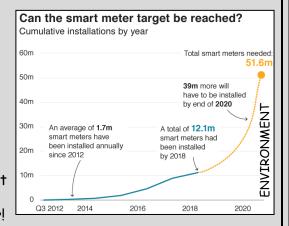
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#### Government will miss smart meter deadline, watchdog warns

There is "no realistic prospect" of the government meeting its own deadline to install smart meters, according to the National Audit Office. Every home in Britain is supposed to have a smart meter - which avoids the need for customer readings - by 2020.

To meet the deadline, installers will need to replace 39 million old meters within the next two years, according to the NAO.

In order to meet this deadline, who many smart meters would need to be installed per minute? Round your answer to the nearest smart meter!



## Black Friday shoppers 'spending less'

After record spending last year, UK shoppers have been buying more items this year but spending less money.



Sales of high-end items are being replaced by smaller "treat" products according to Barclaycard. They recorded 10% more sales but noticed spending was down by 12%.

The following electrical stores have the same television on offer for Black Friday.

Which shop is offering the cheapest price?
Give a reason for your answer!







# Joanna Lumley to attend absolutely fabulous show

Joanna Lumley was the special guest at an event run by the Peter Pan Moat Brae trust. The event, which took place on Saturday, is part of Scotland's Year of Young People 2018 and is a pre-opening event for Moat Brae house and gardens which will be open to the public next spring as the new

National Centre for Children's Literature and Story telling.

The Moat Brae is where JM Barrie and his friends



played the games that inspired Peter Pan and his ideas for Neverland.

This wonderful event also featured a first full performance of Bandelero the Bandit since it was written by JM Barrie as a 17 year old school student.

JM Barrie was born on the 9th of May 1860.

- (a) In what year did he write this play?
- (b) How many years after he wrote the play did it have its first full performance?

### Properties 'taking longer to sell'

Homes in cities and major towns were on the market for an average of 102 days before being sold in 2018.

If a house was put up for sale this Sunday, what date would it be expected to be sold on? HOUSING

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