The Daily Rigour

Sun 24th October 2021

Issue No. 265

Your free weekly numeracy newspaper!

Average cash withdrawal increases but number of visits decrease

People are taking out more money when they visit ATMs but making less visits since before the pandemic, research has found.

Before the pandemic, each adult in the UK visited a cash machine on average 3 times a month, taking out on average £66.99. That amount has climbed to £78.54. However, 18 months after the coronavirus crisis started, visits have now dropped to twice a month.



How much more did the average UK adult withdraw from an ATM per YEAR before the pandemic compared to now?

Adele's Easy On Me breaks streaming record with 24 million listens in one week

Adele's new single Easy On Me has reached the top of the UK singles chart and broken streaming records after registering 24 million listens in one week.

The singer beat Ariana Grande's 2019 record of 16.9 million streams in a week for the song 7 Rings. But what about the most streamed songs of all time?



Shown below are the top 5 most streamed songs of all time on Spotify and we have given some clues for you to name them and the artists. Each number corresponds to the letter in that position in the alphabet, e.g. a = 1, b = 2, c = 3, ..., z = 26. How many can you work out???

Top 5 most streamed songs of all time on Spotify

Song	Artist	Steams
1. 19 15 _ 25	5_ 19	2.947 billion
2. 2 12	20 23	2.585 billion
3. 4 13	20 1 9	2·382 billion
4. 18	16 13	2.283 billion
5. 15 _ 4	4	2·151 billion

Vikings settled in North America 1000 years ago, study says

Vikings had a settlement in North America exactly one thousand years ago, centuries before Christopher Columbus arrived in the Americas, a study says.



Scientists say a new dating technique analysing tree rings has provided evidence that Vikings occupied a site in Newfoundland, Canada.

(a) In what year did Vikings have a settlement in North America?

This was 471 years before Columbus' arrival in the "New World".

(b) In what year did Christopher Columbus arrive in North America?

Woman shows how to save cash with zero effort thanks to Smarties tube

A TikTok user uploaded a video showcasing her simple money saving technique involving £2 coins and an empty tube of smarties.

She showed how she had managed



to fill her sweets tube to the brim with coins.

When she emptied the contents, there were 16 piles of 5 coins with 3 left over.

- (a) How many coins did the TikTok user fit into a tube of smarties?
- (b) How much money did she manage to save altogether?