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Latest Covid-19 variant is assigned a name

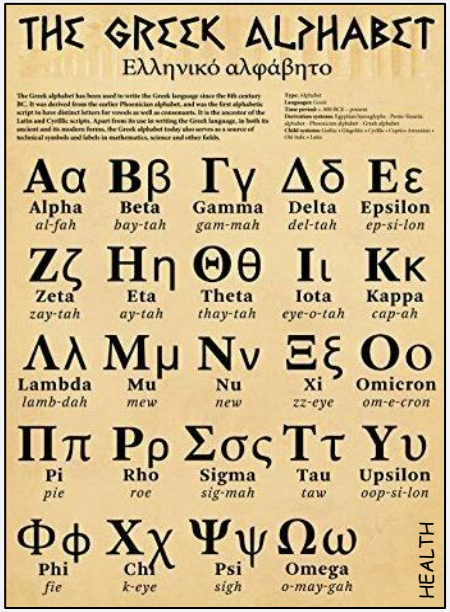
On the 26th of November, the World Health Organisation designated the variant B.1.1.529 a variant of concern.

There have already been 4 variants of Covid-19 identified and named after letters of the Greek alphabet; Alpha, Beta, Gamma and Delta.

For the latest variant, WHO decided to jump to the 15th letter of the Greek alphabet to assign it's name.

(a) What name has been given to this latest Covid-19 variant?

(b) How many MORE variants can still be named in this way?



Cristiano Ronaldo becomes first player to score 800 top-level goals

Cristiano Ronaldo became the first player in history to score 800 top level career goals when he struck twice for Manchester United in a 3-2 win over Arsenal this week.

He has now scored 801 goals in 1097 games.

Ronaldo's double took him to 130 goals across two spells for United, adding to five for Sporting Lisbon, 450 for Real Madrid and 101 for Juventus.

The rest of his goals have been scored for his country, Portugal, where he is currently the all time top scorer in men's international football.

How many goals has Ronaldo scored for Portugal?

Rare 50p coin sells for £255 on eBay after massive error

A rare 50p coin has been sold for £255 on eBay after being minted with a glaring mistake - the Benjamin Bunny coin has the Queen's head printed facing the wrong direction.

Other rare coins to look out for on eBay are a 20p with no date on it worth £60 as well as a rare £2 coin marking the First World War centenary worth up to £500.

In UK currency, 100p = £1 and 2 × 50p coins = £1.

(a) How many 1 pence coins have the same value of a 50p coin?

(b) How many 2 pence coins have the same value of a 50p coin?

(c) How many 5 pence coins have the same value of a 50p coin?

(d) How many 10 pence coins have the same value of a 50p coin?

Home Alone house available to rent on Airbnb for one night only

The original house from the 1990 film Home Alone will be available to rent on Airbnb during the festive period.

Four guests will be able to stay in the house for just one night for only $25! The house will be available to stay in on Sunday the 12th of December with check in at 16:00, and check out the next day at 11:00.

If shared equally, how much would each guest have to contribute to stay at the McAllister's house?