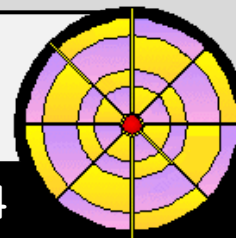


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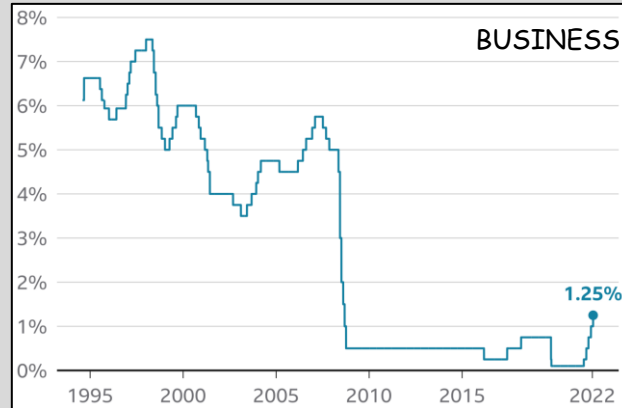
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UK interest rates raised to 1.25% by Bank of England

UK interest rates have risen further as the Bank of England attempts to stem the pace of soaring prices.

Rates have increased to 1.25%, the fifth consecutive rise, pushing them to the highest level in 13 years.

Express this interest rate rise as a fraction in its simplest form.



Queen becomes world's second longest reigning modern monarch

The Queen has become the world's second longest reigning modern monarch.



She has overtaken Thailand's King Bhumibol Adulyadej, who reigned for 25 694 days between 1946 and 2016.

Queen Elizabeth II became queen on the 6th of February 1952 and has ruled the realm for 7 days more than this.

(a) For how many days has Queen Elizabeth II been queen? Give your answer in WORDS.

Louis XIV of France remains the longest reigning monarch, with a 26 407 day reign from 1643 until 1715.

(b) On what date should this happen?

Ed Sheeran tickets cancelled for NHS and emergency staff

Some NHS and emergency service workers who received promo tickets for Ed Sheeran's Glasgow concert have had them cancelled hours before the gig.

AEG Presents said this was due to the event at Hampden Park had been oversubscribed.



Ed Sheeran is currently on his fourth world tour called $+-\div\times$ (pronounced Mathematics) but how good is he at Maths?

In the quiz opposite, Ed scored a respectable 4 out of 5.

Can you beat his score?

Watch the quiz here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/entertainment-arts-39123851>.

Ed Sheeran's Maths Quiz

- What is the square root of 81?
- Which is bigger?
(a) two cubed (b) a quarter of 28?
- What is π rounded to 3 decimal places?
- The first two angles in a triangle are 45° and 70° . What is the third?
- Your album is £12 but one shop is offering 10% off. What will fans pay?



ENTERTAINMENT

EU agrees directive that will force Apple to change iPhone charging port

The European Union has reached a provisional agreement that will effectively force Apple to change the charging port used by its smaller electronics.



According to the EU, the move will reduce electronics waste because consumers will no longer need a different charging cable every time they purchase a new device.

Old chargers generate an estimated 51 000 tonnes of electronic waste per year and the EU believes a "one size fits all" approach would make customers' lives easier and help the environment.

A single phone charger weighs around 23 grams. Approximately how many are wasted each year?