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Flashmob Rocks Paris!

People in Paris, France, could not believe their eyes (and ears!) when music suddenly filled the street this summer. A flashmob had begun! This is when a group of people suddenly start singing, dancing, or playing music together in a public place. At the front was Mickey Callisto, a singer from Sunderland in England. He dressed up as Freddie Mercury – the famous lead singer of the band, Queen. He sang Bohemian Rhapsody, one of Queen's most famous songs, while a crowd gathered round. 'I was honoured to be asked to be the lead singer for this flashmob,' said Mickey. The idea came from piano player, Julien Cohen, who brought 30 performers



Pictured: Julien, Olly and Mickey from the flashmob! **Source:** Julien Cohen on YouTube.

together. Some sang from windows, others from balconies, and many stood in the street to join the surprise show. One of the biggest cheers was for 11-year-old guitar player, Olly Pearson. He played the tricky guitar solo – even holding the guitar behind his head while he played! Now, the video has been watched by over 500 million people online. The music, the colours and the surprise made lots of people smile!

Would you like to take part in a flashmob?

Spot on! Jaguar Numbers Grow!

The number of jaguars is growing! There are now about 30% more of these big cats than in 2010. A new count shows around 5,300 jaguars live in Mexico today. To find them, scientists used special

cameras that take pictures when an animal walks past. They set up hundreds of these cameras across the country and waited to see what appeared. 'It was a great surprise, terrific news,' said Gerardo Ceballos, one of the scientists. Lots of people think jaguars are amazing animals. They can swim and climb trees – not many big cats can do both! Even with this population growth, jaguars still need protecting. Some forests where they live are being cut down. Roads and farms can also make it harder for them to survive.



Pictured: A jaguar in the wild.
Source: Canva.

Jaguars look a bit like leopards, but their spots are bigger and often have a dot in the middle.

Can anyone break a record if they try hard enough?



I think yes! Because there are a lot of different records to choose from and everyone has their own talents.
Violet

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Capybara Cuddles

An unlikely pair have struck up an 'adorable' friendship at Denver Zoo, in the USA! The howler monkey, Baya, and the capybara, Rebecca, have become surprise best friends! The two animals enjoy lots of cuddles together and piggyback across their enclosure at the zoo.

Denver Zoo shared photos and wrote on their social media, 'Our howler monkey



Pictured: Howler monkey, Baya, and capybara, Rebecca, photographed by Animal Care Specialist Erik Bowker. **Source:** Denver Zoo Conservation Alliance on Facebook.

mom, Baya, and capybara, Rebecca, have been spotted sharing some seriously adorable cuddles. You're welcome for the cuteness overload. ❤️ In the wild, the two species would live in similar locations in the southern hemisphere. However, capybaras are typically found in marshy grasslands and swamps, whereas Howler monkeys spend a lot of time in trees. The animals have bonded, whilst their families live together at the zoo, as the only two females in their enclosure. 'I think Baya just really finds Rebecca as a comforting friend,' Jessica Newell, from Denver Zoo.

Which other animals do you imagine could be best friends?

Cup-cycle!

An engineering student, with a passion for environmentally-friendly and sustainable fashion, has worked out how to recycle single-use cups into soft jumpers and beanie caps, that don't shed microplastics! Lauren Choi was granted funds from Hefty – one of the largest producers of plastic solo cups in the USA. The cups, which are



Pictured: People wearing the beanies and jumpers made from recycled single use plastic cups. **Source:** The New Normal Collective on Instagram.



Pictured: Filament yarn made from recycled single use plastic cups. **Source:** The New Normal Collective on Instagram.

usually hard to recycle, are shredded and turned into filament yarn. A 3D knitter is then used to create the garments from a single knit. The New Normal collective, from where the items are available, posted, 'A full circle moment ♻️ We made Reynolds Consumer Products Hefty®, the #1 manufacturer of Party Cups, custom beanies [...] with their recycled Party Cups. We use no added dyes and have a zero-water process. The green and blue colour naturally comes from their blue and green party cups 💙💚'

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Yes, because if you have enough courage and determination then you can achieve anything in life!
James

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