

WORLD NEWS

JAPAN



● Asteroid rocks land on Earth

A Japanese spacecraft has safely returned a capsule to Earth after collecting rock samples from an asteroid.

The spacecraft landed on the Ryugu asteroid in July last year. It spent more than a year on the surface, collecting information.

Last week, it took off from the asteroid and released a capsule containing the rocks it had collected. The small, but very precious, container landed safely in Australia on Sunday.

Asteroids are ancient lumps of space rock that circle around the sun.



INDIA



● Clay cup comeback

Tea at India's railway stations is to be served in clay cups, once again! The change will help to get rid of plastic waste.

The clay cups are known as kulhads. They are unpainted, unglazed and have no handles.

This is how tea used to be served on the railways. Many people swear tea tastes better in a kulhad!

Not only will the plan get rid of throwaway plastic, it's hoped it will give jobs to thousands of potters.

Some 23 million people travel on India's trains every day – that's a lot of pots!



KOALA STAR



What do you put on the top of your Christmas tree? A star, an angel, a fairy? How about a koala?

Well, a lady in Australia got a shock when she discovered a koala had wandered into her home and made itself at home on her Christmas tree.

Amanda McCormick called a wildlife rescue group, who thought it was a prank at first! The young, female koala is thought to have been in the house for three hours.

The bear was happily released back into the wild after having its Christmas wish!



Spot the koala!

Questions on: World News

1) Where in the world?

Headline	Country
'Clay cup comeback'	
'Koala star'	
'Asteroid rocks land on Earth'	

Look at the news from India.

2) What is the Indian name for these simple clay cups?

3) Find **all words** that tell you the clay cups have been **used before**.

4a) What is the **main** reason for switching to clay tea cups?

4b) What is another benefit?

Look at the news from Japan.

5) What is an **asteroid**?

- A lump of space rock that orbits (circles) the sun
- A lump of space rock that has fallen to Earth
- Anything that circles around a planet

6) What happened at these times?

Last July	
Last week	
Sunday	

7) What was the spacecraft not doing on the asteroid?

- Collecting samples
- Collecting information
- Collecting stamps

8) Which **category** would you choose for each news story?

Choose from:

History

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