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## Farewell 2019: Special News Quiz

**Directions:** See what you remember about the events of this dramatic year by filling in the blanks below. You can find a scrambled list of answer choices on the separate “Answer Bank.”

1. An encounter between a group of mostly white high school boys wearing \_\_\_\_\_ and a Native American activist outside the Lincoln Memorial in Washington on Jan. 20 went viral on social media.
2. President Trump agreed on Jan. 25 to reopen the federal government while negotiations continued over how to secure the nation’s southwestern border backing down after a monthlong standoff failed to force Democrats to give him billions of dollars for \_\_\_\_\_.
3. On Feb. 3, \_\_\_\_\_ claimed their sixth title in 18 seasons by edging out the Los Angeles Rams, 13-3, in a slog of a Super Bowl LIII.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ won for song of the year at the 61<sup>st</sup> annual Grammy Awards.
5. The Mexican crime lord known as El Chapo was convicted on Feb. 12 after a three-month trial in New York that exposed the inner workings of his sprawling cartel, which over decades shipped tons of \_\_\_\_\_ into the United States and plagued Mexico with relentless bloodshed and corruption.
6. In a major college admissions scandal that laid bare the elaborate lengths some wealthy parents will go to get their children into competitive American universities, federal prosecutors charged 50 people on March 12 in a brazen scheme to \_\_\_\_\_ Yale, Stanford and other big-name schools.
7. At least 50 people were killed at two \_\_\_\_\_ in Christchurch, New Zealand, on March 15, in a horrific and methodical afternoon slaughter, part of which was broadcast live on the internet after the publication of a white supremacist manifesto online.
8. From Sydney to Seoul, Cape Town to New York, children skipped school *en masse* on March 15 to demand action on \_\_\_\_\_.
9. A four-year military operation to flush \_\_\_\_\_ from its territory in Iraq and Syria ended on March 23, as the last village held by the terrorist group was retaken, erasing a militant theocracy that once spanned two countries.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ revealed the scope of a historic Russian campaign to sabotage the 2016 presidential election in a much-anticipated report made public on April 18, and he detailed a frantic months long effort by President Trump to thwart a federal investigation that imperiled his presidency from the start.
11. Astronomers announced on April 10 that they had at last captured an image of one of the most secretive entities in the cosmos: \_\_\_\_\_.

12. \_\_\_\_\_ one of the most iconic symbols of beauty and history in \_\_\_\_\_, was engulfed in flames on April 15, leading to the collapse of part of its spire.
13. “\_\_\_\_\_” arrived as the No. 1 movie at the box office in at least 54 countries the weekend of April 27-28, collecting \$1.2 billion worldwide and a record-breaking \$350 million in the United States and Canada.
14. \_\_\_\_\_ continued to spread in the United States, federal health officials said on April 29, surpassing 700 cases this year as health officials around the country sought aggressive action to stem the worst outbreak in decades.
15. Humans are transforming Earth’s natural landscapes so dramatically that as many as \_\_\_\_\_ plant and animal species are now at risk of extinction, posing a dire threat to ecosystems that people all over the world depend on for survival, a sweeping new United Nations assessment concluded.
16. Gov. Brian Kemp of Georgia signed one of the most restrictive abortion laws in the nation on May 7, effectively banning abortion after six weeks of pregnancy, when doctors can usually start detecting \_\_\_\_\_ .
17. The United States and China intensified their trade war on May 13, as Beijing said it would increase tariffs on nearly \$60 billion worth of American goods and the Trump administration detailed plans to \_\_\_\_\_ .
18. On June 7, British Prime Minister Theresa May said she would step down as prime minister, after repeatedly failing to get her plan to \_\_\_\_\_ through Parliament.
19. \_\_\_\_\_ the won their first N.B.A championship, becoming the first Canadian team to do so.
20. President Trump on June 30 became the first sitting American president to set foot in \_\_\_\_\_ as he met Kim Jong-un, the country’s leader, at the heavily fortified Demilitarized Zone, and the two agreed to restart negotiations on a long-elusive nuclear agreement.
21. Dominating yet another opponent in yet another final, the United States women’s \_\_\_\_\_ claimed its fourth Women’s \_\_\_\_\_ on July 7, beating the Netherlands, 2-0, to repeat as world champions.
22. President Trump said on July 14 that a group of four minority congresswomen feuding with Speaker Nancy Pelosi should “\_\_\_\_\_” to the countries they came from rather than “loudly and viciously telling the people of the United States” how to run the government.
23. On July 28, Lil Nas X’s “\_\_\_\_\_” notched a 17th week at the top of Billboard’s Hot 100, becoming the chart’s longest-running No. 1 song.
24. \_\_\_\_\_, the Nobel laureate in literature whose best-selling work explored black identity in America — and in particular the often crushing experience of black women — died on Aug. 5.
25. Jeffrey Epstein, the financier who was long dogged by accusations of sexual abuse of girls and who was able to cultivate an array of high-profile friends despite his lurid lifestyle, \_\_\_\_\_, officials said on Aug. 10.

26. As an ecological disaster in the \_\_\_\_\_ escalated into a global political crisis, Brazil's president, Jair Bolsonaro, took the rare step on Aug. 23 of mobilizing the armed forces to help contain blazes of a scale not seen in nearly a decade.
27. Carrie Lam, \_\_\_\_\_'s chief executive, said on Sept. 4 that the government would withdraw a contentious extradition bill that ignited months of protests in the city, moving to quell the worst political crisis since the former British colony returned to Chinese control 22 years ago.
28. Medical experts and federal health officials on Sept. 6 warned the public about the dangers of \_\_\_\_\_ as the number of people with a severe lung illness linked to the practice more than doubled to 450 possible cases in 33 states and the number of deaths rose to five.
29. Thousands of municipal governments nationwide and nearly two dozen states that sued the pharmaceutical industry for the destructive \_\_\_\_\_ crisis tentatively reached a settlement on Sept. 11 with Purdue Pharma and its owners, members of the Sackler family.
30. The number of birds in the United States and Canada has declined by \_\_\_\_\_, or 29 percent, over the past half-century, scientists reported on Sept. 19.
31. "\_\_\_\_\_" made television history at the 71st Primetime Emmy Awards on Sept. 22, winning for best drama series and tying the record for the most wins in that prestigious category with predecessors like "The West Wing," "L.A. Law," "Mad Men" and "Hill Street Blues."
32. Speaking at the United Nations climate summit on Sept. 23, the teenage climate activist \_\_\_\_\_ delivered a speech criticizing world leaders for their inaction on protecting the environment.
33. Speaker Nancy Pelosi announced on Sept. 24 that the House would \_\_\_\_\_, charging President Trump with betraying his oath of office and the nation's security by seeking to enlist a foreign power to tarnish a rival for his own political gain.
34. A federal judge on Oct. 1 rejected claims that Harvard had intentionally discriminated against \_\_\_\_\_ applicants, in a closely watched case that presented one of the biggest legal challenges to affirmative action in years.
35. On Oct. 8 the White House declared war on \_\_\_\_\_, announcing that it would not cooperate with what it called an illegitimate effort "to overturn the results of the 2016 election" and setting the stage for a constitutional clash with far-reaching consequences.
36. The United States has detained more than \_\_\_\_\_ children traveling without their parents trying to cross the nation's southwestern border on their own over the past year, a record number.
37. On Dec. 12, Prime Minister \_\_\_\_\_ and his Conservative Party won a commanding majority in the British Parliament, a striking victory that redraws the lines in British politics and paves the way for the country's exit from the European Union early next year.
38. The House of Representatives on Dec. 18 impeached President Trump for abuse of power and obstruction of Congress, making him the \_\_\_\_\_ president in history to be charged with committing high crimes and misdemeanors and face removal by the Senate.