

## DAY 66 Iceland's First Lady wears charity-shop jacket



The First Lady of Iceland, Eliza Reid, has turned heads at a movie awards ceremony. Fashion reporters said Ms Reid wore a "stunning" black jacket to the Edda Awards - Iceland's version of Hollywood's Academy Awards. Ms Reid wore black to show her support for the #metoo movement. However, unlike most people who attend glamorous awards shows, Ms Reid did not spend a fortune on her clothes. When reporters asked

her where she had purchased her jacket, she said she bought it in a local Red Cross charity store in Iceland's capital city. The Icelandic Red Cross was very happy about this news. It told its followers on Twitter that the first lady looked, "awesome in a gorgeous jacket from the Red Cross".

Eliza Reid is originally from Canada and works as a journalist. She met her husband, President Gudni Johannesson, when she was studying at Oxford University. Ms Reid told the Hit Iceland website in 2017 that she "won" a blind date with the future president at a rowing club event. She had no idea she would one day become First Lady of Iceland. Both she and her husband are very popular in Iceland for being just like normal people. They both have a very down-to-earth attitude and can often be seen in the city shopping with their four children and going to restaurants. The Red Cross

also likes Ms Reid. It hopes more people will follow her fashion sense and buy clothes from its charity shops.

### WORD CHECK UP

**Glamorous**

**Gorgeous**

**Down-to-earth**

### GIVE YOUR BEST ANSWER

Iceland's first lady turned her head a lot at an awards ceremony. T / F

The first lady wore a very dark purple jacket to the ceremony. T / F

The jacket was from a charity shop but was very expensive. T / F

Iceland's Red Cross charity was happy the first lady wore the jacket. T / F

Where did Ms Reid meet her husband for the first time?

What kind of club event did Ms Reid meet her husband at?

What kind of attitude to Ms Reid and her husband have?

What does the Red Cross hope people will follow?

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DAY 67

**Let off steam !!!**

<b>Kevin</b>	What are you doing after work?
<b>Jess</b>	Some girls and I are going karaoke singing.
<b>Kevin</b>	Why? You can't even sing.
<b>Jess</b>	I know, but it's a great way to <b>let off steam</b> .
<b>Kevin</b>	Can I join you?
<b>Jess</b>	No, it's a ladies-only night.
<b>Kevin</b>	I guess I'll be alone on a Friday night.
<b>Jess</b>	Poor Kevin. Rent a movie and order a pizza. You'll be fine.

*Explanation :*

**Let off steam** - relieve one's pent-up feelings

*Example:* He lifts weights after work to **let off steam**.

**KEY WORDS AND PHRASE**

- 1. Breath-taking
- 2. Frequent
- 3. Spouse

## DAY 68 Facebook apologizes after data breach



Facebook boss Mark Zuckerberg apologized for the data breach that was revealed last week. Mr Zuckerberg took out full-page advertisements in broadsheet newspapers in the UK and US to make his apology for the data privacy scandal. Zuckerberg was being criticized for being too slow to

respond to the news. Personal data on up to 50 million users was used by a U.S. political consultancy called Cambridge Analytica. This company is accused of using the leaked data to benefit Donald Trump's 2016 presidential campaign. Zuckerberg said: "This was a breach of trust, and I am sorry....We're now taking steps to make sure this doesn't happen again." The apology made no mention of Cambridge Analytica.

Mr Zuckerberg acknowledged that Facebook could and should have done more to protect user data and to stop it being exploited. Reports are now circulating that Facebook was warned its data protection was too weak back in 2011. Mr Zuckerberg outlined the actions Facebook would take going forward. He said: "We're investigating every single app that had access to large amounts of data before we fixed this. We expect there are others. And when we find them, we will ban them and tell everyone

affected." The value of Facebook has fallen by \$75 billion this week; Zuckerberg's wealth fell by \$10 billion. There has also been a surge in users abandoning their Facebook pages, in online calls to #deletefacebook.

### WORD CHECK UP

**Criticize**

**Exploited**

**Investigate**

### GIVE YOUR BEST ANSWER

Mark Zuckerberg took out adverts in tabloid newspapers. T / F

Over 50 million people may have had their data exploited. T / F

The data was used to support Donald Trump in 2016. T / F

Mr Zuckerberg apologized for Cambridge Analytica. T / F

What kind of company is Cambridge Analytica?

What is Facebook taking to ensure there is not another data breach?

What could and should Facebook have done to protect data?

When was Facebook warned about its weak data protection?

Day 69

## Make a beeline for !!!

<b>Leslie</b>	My feet are killing me.
<b>Susan</b>	Mine, too. We've been shopping for hours.
<b>Leslie</b>	But we have one more store to hit.
<b>Susan</b>	What's our plan ?
<b>Leslie</b>	When we get there, you <b>make a beeline for</b> the skirts and I'll go to the dresses.
<b>Susan</b>	All right ! Don't forget I'm looking for a dress for work.
<b>Leslie</b>	Let's go ! My money is burning a hole in my pocket.

### *Explanation :*

**Make a beeline for** - to go directly and quickly towards

*Example :* At parties he always **makes a beeline for** the prettiest woman in the room.

### KEY WORDS AND PHRASE

1. Disclosed
2. Denounce
3. Surge

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**DAY 70 Seed vault now has over a million species**



A special vault storing the world's most precious seeds has now amassed over one million different plant varieties. It recently took delivery of a consignment of seeds from 70,000 different crops. Global Seed Vault is buried deep in an icy mountain in the Arctic Circle area of Svalbard, Norway. It was started ten

years ago to safeguard the future of the world's food supply. Climate change is causing more and more droughts around the world, which are threatening different species of plants. The vault holds back-ups of seed samples stored in other seed banks around the world. Hannes Dempewolf, a senior scientist at the Crop Trust, said: "Hitting the million mark is really significant."

Workers at the vault were not sure they would reach the million mark so soon. The crisis in Syria meant there was a shortfall of 90,000 seeds at the vault. The latest delivery to the vault included cereal staples. There were also more unusual crops like the onion potato from Estonia and the Bambara groundnut, which is being developed as a drought tolerant crop in Africa. Marie Haga, executive director of the Crop Trust, spoke about the importance of the vault. She said: "Safeguarding such a huge range of seeds means scientists will have the best chance of developing nutritious

and climate-resilient crops that can ensure future generations don't just survive, but thrive."

**WORD CHECK UP**

- 1. Precious
- 2. Consignment
- 3. Resilient

**Give your best answer**

The article said robots have made carpenters no longer needed. T / F

The next generation of master carpenters will be robots. T / F

The carpentry robot in the article will improve safety. T / F

The carpentry robot will take on more design tasks. T / F

Which country houses the vault?

What was the vault started to protect?

What does the vault hold back-up samples of?

What is the job of Hannes Dempewolf?