365 days: Nature's 2013 quiz

How much can you recall about the year in science?

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Question 1



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The US shutdown in October revealed which federal workers were classified as 'essential' — those that didn't get sent home from their jobs when the government closed. Which one of the below comprises 'essential' workers, according to the US government?

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- A. Epidemiologists monitoring influenza outbreaks
- B. Weather forecasters
- C. Food-safety inspectors
- Engineers conducting pre-launch tests on the James Webb Space
 Telescope
- E. Cancer researchers

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Corrections

Corrected: This quiz was corrected on 19 December. No questions or answers were significantly changed. The original wording mistakenly said that Tyrannosaurus Rex red blood cells could not contain DNA (incorrect). It also said that 98 centimetres was the upper limit of sea-level rise by 2100 in IPCC projections; it is only the upper estimate for the range of 'likely' sea-level rise; the worst-case scenario is higher still.