

Solution: The Gnomes of Zurich (Switzerland)

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The photos on the first two pages all feature famous landmarks from 13 different countries. In each “week” of the puzzle, each country is related to one of the answers in some way.

The trick for Week 1 is to figure out that each answer word or phrase includes the letters of one country’s currency, in order through the answer. Although the name of the landmark is not relevant to solving the puzzle and is only used to identify the country/currency, we’re including it here in the table below. The order of the countries in the pictures matches the order of the answer boxes in week 1.

Week 2 involves identifying celebrities born in each of the countries from their quotes. The puzzle answers are in order of the celebrity name (first last). Some letters are available by transferring them from Week 1 answers as clued such as E3 refers to the third letter of the Switzerland answer: Frank Capra; spaces are counted here and that is indicated by the number lines at the top and bottom. The same is done from W2 to W3 with N-Z.

Week 3 answers are loan words from languages spoken in each of the countries. When possible we used words specifically originating in that country, although for Switzerland we just picked a German word. For England, we used a term that is only in UK English and not American English.

The unclued first letters of the week 3 answers in the given order spell out the puzzle answer phrase “**Apt Tautou Film**”. This clues the movie Amelie where Tautou’s title character encourages her father to start traveling by stealing his garden gnome and sending it around the world with her flight attendant friend, sending back photos of the gnome at famous landmarks having a grand time traveling the world.

Ltr	Landmark	Country	Currency	Week 1 Answer	Week 2 Celebrity	Week 3 Loan Word	Week 3 Clue
A	The Abba Museum	Sweden	Krona	background radiation	Greta Thunberg	ombudsman	a job title
B	St. Basil Cathedral	Russia	Ruble	cerulean blue	Maria Sharapova	taiga	a biome
C	Christ the Redemer statue	Brazil	Real	extraterrestrials	Gisele Bündchen	flamingo	a bird
D	Mount Fuji	Japan	Yen	eyeliner	Marie Kondo	tycoon	someone like Bill Gates
E	The Large Hadron Supercollider, CERN	Switzerland	Franc	Frank Capra	Roger Federer	umlaut	a diacritic
F	Nelson Mandela Capture Site, KwaZulu-Natal	South Africa	Rand	gerrymandering	Trevor Noah	aardvark	a mammal
G	Lord of the Rings set (The Shire)	New Zealand	Dollar	ideological barrier	Lucy Lawless	mako	a sea creature
H	Chichen Itza	Mexico	Peso	MacPherson	Guillermo del Toro	tequila	another beverage
I	Dome of the Rock	Israel	New Shekel	New Hampshire Pumpkin Festival	Gal Gadot	amen	a word that literally means “certainly”
J	Leaning Tower of Pisa	Italy	Euro	pasteurization	Silvio Berlusconi	umbrella	something .... car

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K	Stonehenge	England	Pound	Republic of Uganda	Gordon Ramsay	ice lolly	a food on a stick ...
L	Taj Mahal	India	Rupee	trumpeter swan	M. Night Shayamalan	punch	a beverage literally meaning "five"
M	The Forbidden City/Hall of Supreme Harmony	China	Yuan	yuppification	Jack Ma	lychee	a fruit

The table below indicates which quote each speaker goes with.

Ltr	Celebrity	Country	Quotation
N	Gal Gadot	Israel	It is so important for girls and boys to have a female, strong superhero to look up to.
O	Gisele Bündchen	Brazil	I'll never forget the day when a woman came up to me and said, 'No, you could never be on a magazine cover. Your face features don't work; your eyes are small, you have a small face but a big nose.' I was only 14 and I had never noticed any of that stuff, you know?
P	Gordon Ramsay	England	Swearing is industry language. For as long as we're alive, it's not going to change. You've got to be boisterous to get results.
Q	Greta Thunberg	Sweden	We can't save the world by playing by the rules, because the rules have to be changed. Everything needs to change – and it has to start today.
R	Guillermo del Toro	Mexico	When I was a kid, monsters made me feel that I could fit somewhere, even if it was... an imaginary place where the grotesque and the abnormal were celebrated and accepted.
S	Jack Ma	China	You should learn from your competitor, but never copy. Copy and you die.
T	Lucy Lawless	New Zealand	I was black and blue for about two years, but it's paid off tremendously. You know, if you get enough whacks, your reflexes pick up, and I've become quite good - if somebody throws keys or something, I can catch them.
U	M. Night Shyamalan	India	When you say 'fear of the unknown', that is the definition of fear; fear is the unknown, fear is what you do not know, and it's genetically within us so that we feel safe. We feel scared of the woods because we're not familiar with it, and that keeps you safe.
V	Maria Sharapova	Russia	Music is a part of my life all the time - on the plane, before matches, driving out to the court.
W	Marie Kondo	Japan	Attachment to the past and fears concerning the future not only govern the way you select the things you own but also represent the criteria by which you make choices in every aspect of your life, including your relationships with people and your job.
X	Roger Federer	Switzerland	I don't use my body to seduce, no. I just stand there.
Y	Silvio Berlusconi	Italy	I am without doubt the person who's been the most persecuted in the entire history of the world and the history of man.
Z	Trevor Noah	South Africa	I always believe that funny is serious and serious is funny. You don't really need a distinction between them.