

Trivia

If you need something superfast, ask for it in a yoctosecond - the smallest unit of time.

Twinkies contain 68% air.

Thomas Edison preferred to do his reading in Braille, and he proposed to his wife in Morse code.

Disney's Space Mountain roller coaster was the first thrill ride attraction to be operated by a computer.

Parsely is the most popular herb worldwide.

The first instant replay seen on TV was during an Army-Navy football game on December 7, 1963.

Pelicans do not have nostrils.

Candy bars in the early part of the 20th century included Chicken Dinner and Chick-O-Stick (neither of which contained chicken).

The United States has more radio stations playing country music than any other music format.

Tickets for the first Super Bowl went for \$12 - and that was for the most expensive seat.

Earth is closest to the sun at the beginning of the year, on January 3rd.

The player silhouette in the NBA logo was created from the image of former Los Angeles Laker Jerry West.

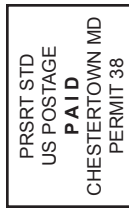
The first recorded e-mail was sent in 1972.

Souvenirs from the 2000 Summer Olympics were marked with human DNA in the ink to prevent fraud.

The yo-yo has been used as a weapon for hunting in the Philippines.

Less than 1% of the poems written by Emily Dickinson were published during her lifetime.

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Dates in History

1775 The Continental Marines were the marine force of the American Colonies during the American Revolutionary War. The Corps was formed by the Continental Congress on November 10, 1775 and was disbanded in 1783. Their mission was multi-purpose, but their most important duty was to serve as onboard security forces, protecting the captain of a ship and his officers. During naval engagements Marine sharpshooters were stationed in the fighting tops of the ships' masts, and were supposed to shoot the opponent's officers, naval gunners, and helmsmen.

1835 On November 12, 1835, Scottish immigrant Henry Burden patented a horseshoe manufacturing machine. He continued to improve the machine, which took a red-hot iron bar and cut off a correct length before a series of dies pressed the bar into shape, thinning the inner edge and pinching and thickening the heels, while forming the grooves and punching the nail holes.

1859 Jules Leotard was a French acrobatic performer and aerialist who developed the art of trapeze. Jules performed the 1st Flying Trapeze circus act in Paris on Nov. 12, 1859.

1954 The only product Elvis Presley ever promoted was Southern Made Donuts. He made a radio commercial for the snack food that aired during *Louisiana Hayride* on Nov. 6, 1954.

1980 On November 21, 1980, 83 million Americans tuned in to watch the finale to the *Dallas* cliffhanger "Who Shot J.R.?" A few weeks earlier, 85.1 million Americans voted in the Reagan-Carter presidential election.

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On the Lighter Side

Why did the physics teacher break up with the biology teacher? There was no chemistry.

Police officer talks to a driver: Your tail light is broken, your tires must be exchanged and your bumper hangs halfway down. That will be 300 dollars.

Driver: Alright, go ahead. They want twice as much as that at the garage.

I asked my daughter if she'd seen my newspaper. She told me that newspapers are old school. She said that people use tablets nowadays and handed me her iPad. That fly didn't stand a chance.

I forgot my cell phone when I went to the bathroom yesterday. We have 245 tiles.

A recent scientific study showed that out of 2,293,618,367 people, 94% are too lazy to actually read that number.

Optimist: The glass is half full.
Pessimist: The glass is half empty.
Mother: Why didn't you use a coaster!

She: I have a doctor's appointment today but I really don't want to go...
He: Why don't you just call in sick?

A boy breaks an old vase at a rich uncle's house. The uncle gets extremely angry and yells: "Do you even know how old the vase was? It was from the 17th century!" The boy sagged in relief: "Oh, glad that it wasn't new."

I've always thought my neighbors were quite nice people. But then they put a password on their Wi-Fi.

How long did the baseball player spend in the library?
Five minutes. It was a short stop.

Teacher: Where are the Great Plains located?
Tommy: At the great airport!

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