

# Trivia



Hawaii moves 7.5cm closer to Alaska every year.

Mr. Potato Head was the first toy to be advertised on television.

The smell of fresh cut grass comes from green leaf volatiles which is a mix of carbon-based compounds that are released when the plant is in distress.

For every human on Earth, there are 1.6 million ants.

How many licks does it take to get to the center of a Tootsie Pop? The world may never know. But on average, a licking machine made by Perdue University needed 364.

Alaska is the most northern, western, and eastern state in the United States. Parts of Alaska stretch into the Eastern Hemisphere.

A baby blue whale is born weighing up to 3 tons and stretching to 25 feet. It will gain about 200 pounds every day for its first year.

You can travel north, south, east or west in Stamford, Connecticut, and the next state you encounter will be New York.

Alektorophobia is the fear of chickens.

The national flag of Nepal is the world's only non-quadrilateral national flag. The flag is a simplified combination of two single pennants.

Iconic horror film actor Bela Lugosi, famous for portraying Count Dracula on-screen, was buried in full Dracula costume, cape included.

The longest English word is 189,819 letters long and takes 3 and a half hours to pronounce, it is the chemical name of titin which is the largest known protein.

The average golf ball has 336 dimples.

Several buildings in New York City have their own zip code.

Cheetahs can achieve speeds of over 70 miles per hour, and are the fastest land animals.

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## Dates in History

- 1781** On September 3rd, Spanish settlers laid claim to what became Los Angeles, now the second most populous U.S. city and the home to Hollywood, whose name is synonymous with the American motion-picture industry.
- 1813** On September 7th, the United States got its nickname, Uncle Sam. The name is linked to Samuel Wilson, a meat packer from Troy, New York, who supplied barrels of beef to the United States Army during the War of 1812. Wilson (1766-1854) stamped the barrels with "U.S." for United States, but soldiers began referring to the grub as "Uncle Sam's."
- 1893** In the late nineteenth century the women's suffrage movement was widespread throughout Northern Europe, America, Britain and its colonies. But on September 19th, the first self-governing country to grant all women the right vote was New Zealand.
- 1940** On September 12th, near Montignac, France, a collection of prehistoric cave paintings was discovered by four teenagers who stumbled upon the ancient artwork after following their dog down a narrow entrance into a cavern. The 15,000 to 17,000-year-old paintings, consisting mostly of animal representations, are among the finest examples of art from the Upper Paleolithic period.
- 2001** On the morning of September 11th, 19 terrorists from the Islamist extremist group Al Qaeda hijacked 4 commercial aircraft and crashed two of them into the North and South towers of the World Trade Center complex in New York City. A third plane crashed into the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia. After learning about the other attacks, passengers on the fourth hijacked plane, Flight 93, fought back, and the plane was crashed into an empty field in western Pennsylvania about 20 minutes by air from Washington, D.C.

([britannica.com](http://britannica.com), [onthisday.com](http://onthisday.com), [history.com](http://history.com), [history.navy.mil](http://history.navy.mil))

## On the Lighter Side

How do you make a fire with two sticks?  
Make sure one of them is a match!

What days are the strongest?  
Saturday and Sunday. The rest are *weak*days.

Why do golfers take an extra pair of socks?  
In case they get a hole in one.

What do sprinters eat before the race?  
Nothing, they fast.

You can never trust an escalator.  
They are always up to something.

People used to laugh at me when I would say I want to be a comedian. Well, nobody's laughing now.

Cleaning mirrors is a job I could really see myself doing.

Thank you, student loans, for getting me through college. I'll never be able to repay you.

Steak puns are rarely well done.

I was raised as an only child, and that got on my brother's nerves.

Bill walks into his boss's office one day and says, "Sir, I'll be straight with you, I know the economy isn't great, but I've got three companies after me, and I'd like to respectfully ask for a raise." After a few minutes of haggling, the boss finally agrees to give him a 5 percent raise, and Bill happily gets up to leave. "By the way," asks the boss as Bill is leaving his office, "which three companies are after you?" Bill replies, "The electric company, water company, and phone company."

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