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Fire moves faster uphill. One of the fundamental rules of science is that heat rises. As such, a fire will move faster uphill than downhill or laterally. For example, a forest fire at the base of a mountain would spread faster towards the mountain incline rather than spreading around the base.

The close door button on an elevator doesn't do anything. This isn't just limited to elevators. Many buttons and things we interact with every day are just there for show such as office thermostats, crosswalk buttons and many others. The purpose of these "placebo buttons" is to allow the user to feel in control of a situation and reduce frustration.

Have you ever wondered why seeing certain brands make you hungry? One of the main reasons is the branding. Picture all the major fast food joints in your country, what do they all have in common? All of their logos have elements of red and yellow. This is because yellow is a color associated with hunger and red is associated with emotion and passion. These combine to make you feel exceptionally hungry.

Red is the first color a baby sees. Out of all the colors that humans can see red has the longest wavelength. Therefore, red is easier to process for a developing baby's eyes.

A study in 2010 found that silence takes 4 seconds to be considered awkward. In the U.S, a 4 second lull in conversation quickly turns into an awkward silence. However, it differs with each culture.

Cheddar cheese is not really orange. Originally, the color of cheese changed with the seasons because of the cow's diet. During the summer or spring, the beta-carotene in grass makes cows produce yellow cheese. On the other hand, fall and winter cause them to eat hay instead, producing whiter cheese. With that, farmers started dying the cheese since people preferred yellow ones.



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### **Dates in** History

- 1913 On June 7th, Hudson Stuck, an Alaskan missionary, lead the first successful ascent of Denali (formerly known as Mt. McKinley), the highest point on the North American continent at 20,320 feet. Stuck set out from Fairbanks, Alaska for Denali with three companions, Harry Karstens, Walter Harper, and Robert Tatum. Their arduous journey was made more challenging by difficult weather and a fire at one of their camps, which destroyed food and supplies. However, the group persevered.
- On June 3rd, 120 miles above the Earth, 1965 Major Edward H. White II opened the hatch of the Gemini 4 and stepped out of the capsule, becoming the first American astronaut to walk in space. Attached to the craft by a 25-foot tether and controlling his movements with a hand-held oxygen jetpropulsion gun, White remained outside the capsule for just over 20 minutes. The Gemini space flights were the first to involve multiple crews, and the extended duration of the missions provided valuable information about the biological effects of longer-term space travel. When the Gemini program ended in 1966, U.S. astronauts had also perfected rendezvous and docking maneuvers with other orbiting vehicles, a skill that would be essential during the three-stage Apollo moon missions.

2013 On June 23rd, 34 year old aerialist Nik Wallenda became the first person to walk a high wire across the Little Colorado River Gorge near Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona. Wallenda wasn't wearing a safety harness as he made the quartermile traverse on a 2-inch-thick steel cable some 1,500 feet above the gorge. In June of the previous year, Wallenda, a member of the famous Flying Wallendas family of circus performers, became the first person to walk a tightrope over Niagara Falls.

## On the **Lighter Side**



What did one plate whisper to the other plate? "Dinner is on me."

Stop looking for the perfect match; use a lighter.

Did you hear the rumor about butter? Well, I'm not going to go spreading it!

What state is known for its small drinks? Minnesota.

What happened when the blue ship and the red ship collided at sea? Their crews were marooned.

Why can't a leopard hide? He's always spotted.

Did you hear about the claustrophobic astronaut? He just wanted a bit more space.

Why did the orange lose the race? It ran out of juice.

Why did the man fall down the well? Because he couldn't see that well!

It really takes guts to be an organ donor.

What did the plumber say to the singer? Nice pipes.