Trivia



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In India, there is a species of giant squirrel that has multicoloured fur, with with varying shades of orange, maroon, and purple. Their bodies measure 36 inches from head to tail, double the size of their grey relatives, and they can leap 20 feet between trees.

According to Guinness World Records, the gold reproduction of bounty hunter Boba Fett, from the original Star Wars trilogy, is the most expensive LEGO Minifigure ever made! There are only two of these rare Minifigures in the world and are valued at \$11,495.95

Space is a crazy place. It's full of incredibly hot stars, deep cold space, black holes, and supernovae. Now add this fact to the list of crazy things about space: on Venus, it snows metal. There are two types that have been found, galena and bismuthinite.

The American roulette wheel is different from the European wheel. The American one has 2 green spaces while the European one only has 1. Although on both, if you add up all the numbers on a roulette wheel, you will get 666.

The British sterling is the oldest currency still used in the world, in the United Kingdom to be precise, dating back to over 1200 years ago. The central unit of sterling is a pound, hence the nickname.

The Anglo-Portuguese Alliance is the oldest alliance based in known history that is still in force by politics. The Treaty of Windsor was signed on May 9, 1386, between the Kingdom of Portugal and the Kingdom of England, over 630 years ago, and is still active to this day.

In order for food to have taste, chemicals from the food must first dissolve in saliva. Once dissolved, the chemicals can be detected by receptors on taste buds.

If you have ever seen a double rainbow you might have noticed that the second one looks different. When the light reflects twice off the back of the raindrop; this leads to the secondary rainbow. The second reflection causes the order of the colors in the bow to reverse.



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Dates in History

- 1605 On November 5th, early in the morning, King James I of England learned that a plot to explode the Parliament building had been foiled, hours before he was scheduled to sit with the rest of the British government in a general parliamentary session. At about midnight on the night of November 4th, Sir Thomas Knyvet, a justice of the peace, found Guy Fawkes lurking in a cellar under the Parliament building and ordered the premises searched. Some 20 barrels of gunpowder were found. What became known as the Gunpowder Plot was organized by Robert Catesby, an English Catholic whose father had been persecuted by Queen Elizabeth I for refusing to conform to the Church of England.
- 1883 On November 18th, at exactly noon, American and Canadian railroads began using four continental time zones to end the confusion of dealing with thousands of local times. The need for continental time zones stemmed directly from the problems of moving passengers and freight over the thousands of miles of rail line that covered North America by the 1880s. However, it was not until 1918 that Congress officially adopted the railroad time zones and put them under the supervision of the Interstate Commerce Commission.
- 1923 On November 20th, the U.S. Patent Office granted Patent No. 1,475,074 to 46 year old inventor and newspaperman Garrett Morgan for his three-position traffic signal. Though Morgan's was not the first traffic signal (that one had been installed in London in 1868), it was an important innovation nonetheless: By having a third position besides just "Stop" and "Go," it regulated crossing vehicles more safely than earlier signals had.

On the **Lighter Side**

What did one pirate say to the other when he beat him at chess? Checkmatey.

What is the most groundbreaking invention of all time? The shovel.

Why is grass so dangerous? Because it's full of blades.

What's the least spoken language in the world? Sign language.

Why don't eggs tell jokes? They'd crack each other up.

Which is faster, hot, or cold? Hot, because you can catch a cold.

What's blue and not very heavy? Light blue.

I was told that I needed to come up with a joke for this thing, and I've always been one of those people who messes up the punchline, so I figured I should probably prepare for it.

So I went to a bookshop and found a good joke book, to try and get some inspiration, or just plain steal a joke to use.

When I got home, I realized I'd accidentally bought a thesaurus. As you can understand, I was pretty crushed... upset... disappointed... vexed... disconcerted.

