Trivia

The Nishiyama Onsen Keiunkan in Yamanashi, Japan, holds the Guinness World Record for being the oldest hotel in the world. It has been operating since 705 A.D.

The Wizard of Oz's full name is Oscar Zoroaster Phadrig Isaac Norman Henkel Emmannuel Ambroise Diggs.

The National Hot Dog and Sausage Council made an official ruling when it comes to hot dogs: They deemed that hot dogs in a bun are not sandwiches.

If you look at the skin on the inside of your wrists, you'll see a few lines that become deep creases when you bend your hand inwards. These grooves are named "rasceta."

There are more than 60 different species of eagles, but only two live in North America: the bald eagle and the golden eagle.

When Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece, the Mona Lisa, was stolen in 1911, 30-year-old Pablo Picasso was questioned about its disappearance before being cleared.

Former President Barack Obama has two Grammys, both for spoken word albums: "The Audacity of Hope: Thoughts On Reclaiming the American Dream" and "Dreams From My Father."

There's actually a word for when you're trying to say something and suddenly forget a specific word. It's called "lethologica."

The coldest temperature ever recorded in the U.S. was -79.8°F (-62.1°C) below zero and occurred January 23, 1971, in Prospect Creek, Alaska.

The burnt part of a candlewick is called the "snaste."

Black Diamond apples, also known as Chinese Red Delicious, are actually dark purple. They grow in Tibet and come from the Hua Niu family of apples.

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Every}}$ 'c' in Pacific Ocean is pronounced differently.



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Dates in History

- **1789** The Women's March on Versailles, also known as the October March, the October Days, or simply the March on Versailles, began October 5, and was one of the earliest and most significant events of the French Revolution.
- **1852** Chemist William Ramsay was born October 2 in Glasgow, Scotland. Ramsay is best known for his discovery and isolation of the family of atmospheric inert gases. For this experimental work, along with the theoretical work that situated these elements in the periodic system, he was awarded the 1904 Nobel Prize in chemistry.
- **1938** "The War of the Worlds" is a science fiction novel by English author H.G. Wells. The story tells of a space ship from Mars landing on Earth and causing panic, death, and destruction. An all-too-realistic radio production of the story by actor Orson Welles caused real-life panic across America when it was broadcast on October 30.
- **1963** The Beatles recorded "I Want to Hold Your Hand" on October 17 at EMI Studios in London. Written by John Lennon and Paul McCartney, it was the first Beatles record to be made using four-track equipment, a method of sound recording that allowed for the separate recording of multiple sound sources, or sound sources recorded at different times, to create a cohesive whole.
- 2010 In Chile's Atacama Desert, a cave-in left 33 miners trapped five miles from the mine entrance. An exploratory bore found the miners, who were able to attach a note to the drill: "All 33 of us are fine in the shelter." A rescue shaft was drilled and all 33 miners were extracted. After 69 days trapped, the last miner was rescued on October 13. (onthisday.com)

On the Lighter Side

What do you get when you cross an eel with a sponge? A shock absorber.

Why did the man fall into the well? Because he couldn't see that well.

What did the real estate agent ask the architect? "House it going?"

Why do mummies like the holidays so much? They really get into wrapping.

John: I can cut wood just by looking at it. Bob: Really? John: Yeah. I saw it with my own eyes.

Student: Hey! I just made up a new word! Teacher: What is it? Student: Plagiarism.

Why do Dasher and Dancer love coffee? Because they're Santa's star bucks.

There is a fine line between a numerator and a denominator, but only a fraction of people thinks that is funny.

Why did the fisherman put peanut butter on his fishing pole? He wanted to catch a jellyfish.

Tom: What's the difference between a tuna, a piano, and a glue stick?Joe: I don't know.Tom: You can tune a piano, but you can't piano a tuna.Joe: What about the glue stick?Tom: I knew you'd get stuck there.