

# Trivia

## *did you know that ...*

There are more English words beginning with the letter S than with any other letter.

*Every time you form a memory, new brain connections are created.*

There are more living organisms in a teaspoonful of soil than there are people on Earth.

*If the human eye was a digital camera, it would have 576 megapixels.*

The longest Monopoly game in history lasted for 70 straight days.

*The expiration date on bottled water is for the bottle, not the water.*

A deep tan damages blood vessels so much that it may take 4 to 15 months to recover.

*Night vision goggles are green because the human eye can differentiate more shades of green than any color.*

Your brain is more active when it's sleeping than when you are watching television.

*The volcanic rock known as pumice is the only rock that can float in water.*

The San Francisco cable cars are the only mobile National Monument in the world.

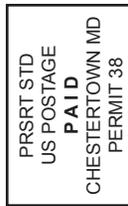
*A firefly is actually a beetle, not a fly.*

The White House was originally called the President's Palace. It was renamed The White House by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1901.

*Earth is the only planet not named after a Roman god or goddess.*

It costs about three cents to make both a US \$1 bill and a penny.

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# Dates in History

- 1863** On July 4th, the Confederacy was torn in two when General John C. Pemberton surrendered to Union General Ulysses S. Grant at Vicksburg, Mississippi. The Vicksburg campaign was one of the Union's most successful of the Civil War.
- 1877** On July 9th, the All England Croquet and Lawn Tennis Club began its first lawn tennis tournament at Wimbledon, then an outer-suburb of London. Twenty-one amateurs showed up to compete in the Gentlemen's Singles tournament, the only event at the first Wimbledon.
- 1908** On July 26th, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) was born when U.S. Attorney General Charles Bonaparte ordered a group of newly hired federal investigators to report to Chief Examiner Stanley W. Finch of the Department of Justice. One year later the Examiner was renamed the Bureau of Investigation, and in 1935 it became the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
- 1943** On July 25th, Benito Mussolini, fascist dictator of Italy, was voted out of power by his own Grand Council and arrested upon leaving a meeting with King Vittorio Emanuele, who told Il Duce that the war was lost.
- 1969** On July 20th, President Richard Nixon, along with millions of others, watched as two American astronauts walked on the moon. Later that evening, Nixon recorded succinctly in his diary "the President held an interplanetary conversation with Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin Aldrin on the Moon."

# On the Lighter Side

An elderly couple is having problems remembering things, so they go to the doctor to get checked out. They describe for the doctor the problems they are having with their memory. After checking the couple out, the doctor tells them they are physically okay, but that they might want to start writing things down to help them remember. The couple thanks the doctor and leaves. Later that night while watching TV, the old man gets up from his chair. His wife asks, "Where are you going?"

He replies, "To the kitchen." She asks him for a bowl of ice cream and he replies, "Sure."

She then asks him, "Don't you think you should write it down so you can remember?"

He says, "No, I can remember that."

"Well," she says, "I also would like some strawberries on top. You had better write that down because I know you'll forget."

He says, "I can remember that, you want a bowl of ice cream with strawberries."

"Well," she replies, "I also would like whipped cream on top. I know you will forget that, so you better write it down."

With irritation in his voice, he says, "I don't need to write that down, I can remember that."

He fumes off into the kitchen. When he returns twenty minutes later he hands her a plate of bacon and eggs. She stares at the plate for a moment and says, "You forgot my toast."