## Trivia

The first bathing suit was worn in Greece in 350 BC. Later, togas were worn when swimming and bathing reached the heights of its popularity in the ancient world.

About one-quarter of the world's lemons are grown in the U.S. California is home to the most lemon trees.

Scientific experiments have established that on average a single scoop ice cream cone takes 50 licks to eat. About 98 percent of American households buy ice cream each year.

The sun is about 93 million miles from Earth and light from it takes about 8 minutes to make the trip.

Naming the birthplace of the American hotdog is problematic as Coburg, Frankfort, and Vienna all claim the honor, although in truth the American hotdog is most likely a descendent of the traditional sausage eaten by many Europeans and brought to the U.S.

The Chinese invented and wore the first pair of sunglasses more than 2,000 years ago.

The three American cities with the highest per capita consumption of ice cream are: Portland, Oregon; Seattle, Washington; and St. Louis, Missouri.

Once upon a time, American men were required to wear a skirt with their bathing suit. According to the "Bathing Suit Regulations" published May 17, 1917, men's suits had to be worn with a skirt or have at least a skirt effect. The skirt had to be worn outside of the trunks.

A lemon tree bears about 3,000 lemons each year. Now that's a lot of lemonade!

In 1776, the first ice cream parlor opened in New York City.

Our eyes get 80% of their total UV exposure by age 18. So it is never too early for kids to start wearing sunglasses.

The longest word that can be typed using only the right hand is 'lollipop'.



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### Dates in History

**1698** On July 2nd, Thomas Savery patented the first steam engine. The device was essentially a pressure vessel which raised water partly by the direct pressure of steam, and partly by condensing the steam to create a vacuum, thus allowing the water to be raised by atmospheric pressure.

1799 On July 15th, the Rosetta Stone was found in the Egyptian village of Rosetta by French Captain Pierre-François Bouchard during Napoleon's Egyptian Campaign. The Stone is a granodiorite stele inscribed with three versions of a decree issued at Memphis, Egypt in 196 BC during the Ptolemaic dynasty on behalf of King Ptolemy V. The stone proved to be the key to deciphering Egyptian hieroglyphs.`

1815 On July 9th, the first developed natural gas well in the U.S. was discovered accidentally by Capt. James Wilson while drilling for salt at Burning Springs, near present day Brooks Street, in Charleston, West Virginia.

- **1908** On July 4th, SOS was adopted as the international distress signal. Three dits, three dahs, and three dits SOS is the only nine element signal in Morse code. The first ship to transmit an SOS distress call appears to have been either the Cunard liner RMS Slavonia or the steamer SS Arapahoe, both in 1909.
- 1951 On July 16th, The Catcher in the Rye by J. D. Salinger was published for the first time, by Little, Brown and Company. Around one million copies are sold each year.

## On the Lighter Side

Which military unit has the most kids? - The infant-try.

What kind of cars does a cook drive? - Chef-rolet

Why did the bird go to the doctor?

- For medical tweet-ment

Why did the bacon laugh?

- Because the egg cracked a yolk

Where do belly buttons go to learn? - The Naval Academy

What has ten letters and starts with G-A-S?

- Automobile

What's the difference between a well-dressed man and a tired dog?

- One wears a suit; the other just pants.

What did the dragon say to the knight? - No more canned food!

What is the Three Stooges' favorite snack? - Curly fries

Why does it take so long for pirates to learn the alphabet?

- They could spend years at C.

Why do they put telephone wires so high?

- They wanted to keep up the conversation.



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