## Trivia

Omphalophobia is the fear of belly buttons.

The McDonald's in Sedona, Arizona, is the only one in the world with turquoise arches instead of golden ones.

The area of the state of Rhode Island could fit into Alaska 425 times.

Wimbledon tennis balls are stored at a perfect 68°F in two rooms beneath center court.

The CIA headquarters has its own Starbucks, but baristas don't write names on the cups.

When the The Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) world cup trophy was stolen in 1966, it was found by a dog named Pickles.

Lego has an underground vault with every set ever made in Billund, Denmark.

Sherlock Holmes author Sir Arthur Conan Doyle played goalkeeper for the Portsmouth Association Football Club under the pseudonym "AC Smith."

Bangladesh's calendar year is traditionally divided into six seasons: Grisma (summer), Barsa (rainy), Sarat (autumn), Hemanta (late autumn), Shhit (winter), and Basanta (spring).

Platypuses don't have stomachs.

A pangram sentence is one that contains every letter in the English alphabet.

It would take 22.7 years to eat at every New York City restaurant (if you tried one spot per day).

Chip bags are pumped full of nitrogen to preserve the freshness of the chips, prevent combustion, and create sufficient cushioning during shipping so the chips don't get crushed.

Häagen-Dazs doesn't mean anything in any language. Reuben Mattus invented the phrase in a quest for a brand name that was Danish-sounding.



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### Dates in History

- 1687 On July 5th, Isaac Newton published his most acclaimed work, *Philosophiae Naturalis Principia Mathematica* (Mathematical Principles of Natural Philosophy), which has been called the single most influential book on physics. Published by the Royal Society in England, it outlines Newton's laws of motion and universal gravitation.
- **1786** *Poems, Chiefly in the Scottish Dialect* is a collection of poetry by Robert Burns, first printed and issued by John Wilson of Kilmarnock on July 31st. The Kilmarnock volume contained, besides satire, a number of poems like "Halloween," "The Twa Dogs," and "The Cotter's Saturday Night," which are vividly descriptive of the Scots peasant life.
- **1866** Tennessee, the last state to secede from the Union, became the first Confederate state readmitted into the Union on July 24th.
- **1969** The Football War, Soccer War, or the 100 Hours War, was a brief war fought between El Salvador and Honduras. Existing tensions between the two countries coincided with rioting during a 1970 FIFA World Cup qualifier. The war began on July 14th, when the Salvadoran military launched an attack against Honduras. The Organization of American States negotiated a cease-fire on the night of July 18th (hence the "100 Hours War").
- 2011 On July 12th, Neptune completed its first orbit around the sun since it was discovered on September 23, 1846.

## On the Lighter Side

Moses had the first tablet that could connect to the cloud.

When I was a boy, I had a disease that required me to eat dirt three times a day in order to survive... It's a good thing my older brother told me about it.

Just burned 2,000 calories. That's the last time I leave brownies in the oven while I nap.

The first computer dates back to Adam and Eve. It was an Apple with limited memory, just one byte. And then everything crashed.

I changed my password to "incorrect." So, whenever I forget what it is the computer will say, "Your password is incorrect."

Don't spell part backwards. It's a trap.

I got a new pair of gloves today, but they're both 'lefts,' which, on the one hand, is great, but on the other, it's just not right.

I hate people who use big words just to make themselves look perspicacious.

Q: What do you call the security guards outside of a Samsung store?A: Guardians of the Galaxy.

R.I.P. boiled water. You will be mist.

True Friendship: Walking into a person's house and your wifi connects automatically.

Being an adult is just walking around wondering what you're forgetting.

Today a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation toward the local swimming pool. I gave him a glass of water.



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