Trivia

did you know that ...

Caterpillars completely liquefy as they transform into moths.

Dr. Suess wrote "Green Eggs and Ham" to win a bet against his publisher who thought that he could not complete a book with only 50 words.

Two-thirds of people on Earth have never seen snow.

A hummingbird weighs less than a penny.

A jellyfish is 95% water.

The tongue is the strongest muscle in the human body.

Fortune cookies are an American invention created by Charles Jung in 1918.

The United States, Burma, and Liberia are the only countries in the world that have not officially adopted the metric system as a standard of measurement.

A "jiffy" is actually a unit of time for 1/100th of a second.

Giraffes can go without water longer than a camel.

On December 16th, 1811 the Mississippi River began to flow backwards because of a powerful earthquake.

Only one state in the United States contains one syllable, the state of Maine.

There are 722 miles of subway track in New York City.

During 1881, three men served as President of the United States: Rutherford B. Hayes, James Garfield and Chester A. Arthur.

The Mariana Trench, found in the Pacific Ocean, is the deepest known point in the world's oceans.



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Dates in History

- 1799 On November 12th, Andrew Ellicott Douglass, an early American astronomer born in Vermont, witnessed the Leonids meteor shower from a ship off the Florida Keys. Douglas wrote these findings in his journal which would later become known as the first known meteor shower in North America.
- **1932** On November 24th, the crime lab that is now referred to as the FBI Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory officially opened in Washington, D.C. The lab, which was chosen because it had the necessary sink, operated out of a single room and had only one full-time employee, Agent Charles Appel.
- 1942 On November 29th, coffee joined the list of items rationed in the United States. Despite record coffee production in Latin American countries, the growing demand for the bean from both military and civilian sources, and the demands placed on shipping, which was needed for other purposes, required the limiting of its availability.
- 1948 On November 3rd, the Chicago Tribune jumped the gun and mistakenly declared New York Governor Thomas Dewey the winner of his presidential race with incumbent Harry S. Truman in a front page headline: "Dewey Defeats Truman." In a now famous photograph snapped in the early morning hours after the election, a beaming Truman is shown holding aloft the Chicago Tribune issue that had wrongly predicted his political downfall.
- **1969** On November 14th, Apollo 12, the second manned mission to the surface of the moon, is launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida.

On the Lighter Side

A man went to visit his 90 year old grandfather in a secluded, rural area of the state. After spending the night, his grandfather prepared breakfast for him consisting of eggs and bacon. He noticed a film-like substance on his plate and he questioned his grandfather....are these plates clean? His grandfather replied.... those plates are as clean as cold water can get them so go on and finish your meal. That afternoon, while eating the hamburgers his grandfather made for lunch, he noticed tiny specks around the edge of this plate, and a substance that looked like dried egg yolks... so he asked again.....are you sure these plates are clean? Without looking up from his hamburger, the grandfather says.....I told you before, those dishes are as clean as cold water can get them, now don't ask me about it anymore! Later that afternoon, he was on his way out to get dinner in a nearby town. As he was leaving, Grandfather's dog started to growl and would not let him pass... Grandfather, your dog won't let me out. Without diverting his attention from the football game he was watching, Grandfather shouted, COLDWATER, GET **OUT OF THE WAY!!**

Jack had been a compulsive worrier for years, to the point it was ruining his life. He saw a psychologist who recommended a specialist who could help him. His friend, Bob, noticed a dramatic change and asked "What happened? Nothing seems to worry you anymore." "I hired a professional worrier and I haven't had a worry since." replied Jack. "That must be expensive." Bob replied. "He charges \$5,000 a month." Jack told him. "\$5,000!!? How in the world can you afford to pay him?" exclaimed Bob. "I don't know, that's his problem."

Q: Why do golfers wear two pairs of pants? A: In case they get a hole in one!

Q: What has a lot of keys but can't open any doors? A: A piano.

