Trivia

did you know that ...

Russia has a larger surface area than Pluto.

Oxford University is older than the Aztec Empire.

There are more fake flamingos in the world than real flamingos.

New York City is further south than Rome, Italy.

Mammoths went extinct 1,000 years after the Egyptians finished building the Great Pyramid.

Humans share 50% of their DNA with bananas.

The technology behind smart phones relies on up to 250,000 separate patents.

On average, every square mile of sea on the planet contains 46,000 pieces of rubbish.

There are more public libraries than McDonald's in the U.S.

Pluto never made a full orbit around the sun from the time it was discovered to when it was declassified as a planet.

A TI-83 calculator released in 1996 has six times more processing power than the computer that landed Apollo 11 on the moon in 1969.

A single bolt of lightning contains enough energy to cook 100,000 pieces of toast.

Cats have more than one hundred vocal sounds, while dogs have only about 10.

The average person walks the equivalent of three times around the world in a lifetime.

2,520 is the smallest number that can be exactly divided by all the numbers 1 to 10.



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Dates in History

- 1776 On October 26th, exactly one month to the day after being named an agent of a diplomatic commission by the Continental Congress, Benjamin Franklin set sail from Philadelphia for France to negotiate and secure a formal alliance and treaty.
- 1890 On October 1st, an act of Congress created Yosemite National Park, home of such natural wonders as Half Dome and the giant Sequoia trees. Environmental trailblazer John Muir and his colleagues campaigned for the congressional action, which was signed into law by President Benjamin Harrison and paved the way for generations of hikers, campers and nature lovers.
- **1936** On October 9th, harnessing the power of the Colorado River, the Hoover Dam began sending electricity over transmission lines spanning 266 miles of mountains and deserts to run the lights, radios, and stoves of Los Angeles.
- 1947 On October 14th, U.S. Air Force Captain Chuck Yeager became the first person to fly faster than the speed of sound. After World War II, Yeager was among several volunteers chosen to test-fly the experimental X-1 rocket plane, built by the Bell Aircraft Company to explore the possibility of supersonic flight.

1992 On October 28th, Duluth Minnesota mayor Gary Doty cut the ribbon at the mouth of the brand new, 1,480 foot long Leif Erickson Tunnel on Interstate 35. With the opening of the tunnel, the highway, which stretches 1,593 miles from Mexico all the way to Canada, was finished. As a result, the federal government announced that the Interstate Highway System was 99.7 percent complete.

On the **Lighter Side**

When the usher noticed a man stretched across three seats in the movie theater, he walked over and whispered "Sorry sir, but you are allowed only one seat." The man moaned but didn't budge. "Sir," the usher said more loudly, "if you don't move, I'll have to call the manager." The man moaned again but stayed where he was. The usher left and returned with the manager, who, after several attempts at dislodging the fellow, called the police. The cop looked at the reclining man and said, "All right, what's your name, joker?" "Joe", he mumbled. "And where are you from, Joe?" Joe responds painfully, "The balcony!"

Three elderly ladies were discussing the trials of getting older. One said, "Sometimes I catch myself with a jar of mayonnaise in my hand in front of the refrigerator and can't remember whether I need to put it away, or start making a sandwich." The second lady chimed in, "Yes, sometimes I find myself on the landing of the stairs and can't remember whether I was on my way up or on my way down. " The third one responded, "Well, I'm glad I don't have that problem; knock on wood," she raps her knuckles on the table, then says, "That must be the door, I'll get it."

A neighbor was watching a little boy playing with a ball and bat in his backyard. "I'm the greatest hitter in the world" the boy exclaimed as he threw the ball into the air. He swung with all his might but missed the ball and fell down himself. "Strike One" he says as he gets up. He throws it up again and swings. Again the ball falls to the ground with a thud. "Strike Two" he yells still undeterred. "I'm the greatest" he says as he swings once again hitting only air as the ball falls to the ground. This time he dances around the backyard as he yells "Strike Three.... I'm the greatest pitcher in the world!"

