

Trivia

The ant has the largest brain in the animal kingdom in proportion to its size.

The Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History houses the world's largest shell collection, some 15 million specimens.

The state of Maine has 62 lighthouses. One of the most famous (and oldest) is Portland Head Light, which was commissioned by President George Washington.

Mel Blanc, who played the voice of Bugs Bunny, was allergic to carrots.

The total area of Denver International Airport is 53 square miles, twice the size of Manhattan Island, New York, and larger than the city boundary of Boston, Miami or San Francisco.

The first college on record to use the word "campus" to describe its grounds was Princeton. "Campus" is Latin for "field."

The Sahara desert expands at about 1km per month.

"Big cheese" and "big wheel" are Medieval terms of envious respect for those who could afford to buy whole wheels of cheese at a time, an expense few could enjoy. Both these terms are often used sarcastically today.

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Dates in History

1767 On October 18th, English surveyors, Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon completed their survey of the boundary (the mason-dixon line) between the colonies of Pennsylvania and Maryland as well as areas that would eventually become the states of Delaware and West Virginia.

1888 On October 1st, the first issue of National Geographic magazine was published. Between 1888 and 1890, there were nine issues published in total in two volumes. During the years 1891 - 1895, 27 issues were produced at various dates, and since 1896 have been circulated on a monthly basis continuously.

1890 On October 1st, the United States Congress decreed that about 1,500 square miles of public land in the California Sierra Nevada would be preserved as Yosemite National Park. Reduced in size to 540 square miles, (at a later date) Yosemite National Park remains one of the most visited nature preserves.

On the Lighter Side

Returning change to a customer, the sales clerk mumbled something. "I'm sorry," said the customer, "I didn't hear what you said."

"I said have a great day," snapped the clerk. "What are you deaf or something?"

It seems to me that we're all in the same boat with Christopher Columbus. He didn't know where he was going when he started. When he got there he didn't know where he was, and when he got back he didn't know where he had been.

A man walked into a dress shop and asked the proprietor how business was.

"Terrible!" he complained. "It's so bad, why I only sold one dress yesterday. And today it's even worse."

"How could it be worse?" asked his friend.

"Today she returned the dress she bought yesterday," wailed the proprietor.

Two teenagers on a tour of a modern art gallery found themselves alone in a room of modern sculpture. Staring at the twisted pipes, broken glass, and tangled shapes, one of them said, "Let's get out of here before they accuse us of wrecking the place."

One day a teacher asked her first-graders what they did to help at home. They took turns giving such answers as, "I dry dishes," "I feed the dog," and "I make my bed." Then she noticed that Johnny hadn't spoken, so she asked him to tell what he did.

After hesitating a moment, he replied: "Mostly, I stay out of the way."

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