

Trivia



In 2011, a physicist at the University of Sydney placed a grape in the microwave, filmed the blazing results, and stumped scientists until 2019! Published in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, it was reported that the spontaneous combustion of grapes occurs as a result of the loose electrons and ions that cluster to form plasma when the fruit gets hot.

In efforts to keep up the city's reputation for being spotlessly clean, Singapore banned chewing gum in 1992, following laws against spitting and urinating anywhere but in a toilet. In 2004, the ban was slightly lifted for therapeutic, dental, or nicotine gums.

Each adult bear will have a total of 42 teeth. This includes 4 prominent and curved canine teeth, 12 incisors, 16 premolars, and 10 molars.

A cat will spend an average of 15 hours a day sleeping. Some cats can sleep longer to a total of 20 hours a day. Also while many people believe cats to be nocturnal, they are actually most active at dusk and dawn making them crepuscular.

A group of frogs is called an army. They can also be called a chorus or colony. A group of toads, on the other hand, can be called a nest or a knot.

The Canary Islands, an island nation off the northwest coast of Africa, got its name from "canis" the Latin word for dog. Early sailors landed on the island, found it overrun with wild dogs, and gave it its name. The bird species canary actually got its name from the islands, not the other way around.

Japan is made up of 6,852 islands.

A camel's humps are limp at birth, consisting mostly of skin and hair. When they reach about 6 months old, the humps will become more defined as they fill with fat. Contrary to popular belief, camels store fat, not water, in their humps, providing energy when food is limited.



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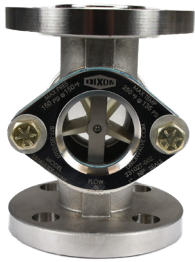
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Dates in History

146 BC On February 5th, the Roman Republic finally triumphed over its nemesis, Carthage, after over a century of fighting. The victory and subsequent destruction of the city of Carthage marked the end of the Punic Wars and represented Rome's replacement of Carthage as the dominant power of the Western Mediterranean, a position it would hold for the next several centuries.

1980 On February 22nd, in one of the most dramatic upsets in Olympic history, the underdog U.S. hockey team, made up of college players, defeated the four time defending gold-medal winning Soviet team at the XIII Olympic Winter Games in Lake Placid, New York. The Soviet squad, previously regarded as the finest in the world, fell to the youthful American team 4-3 before a frenzied crowd of 10,000 spectators. Two days later, the Americans defeated Finland 4-2 to clinch the hockey gold.

1983 On February 8th, gunmen stole the champion Irish race horse Shergar from a farm in Kildare, Ireland. The five-year-old thoroughbred stallion, named European horse of the year in 1981, was worth \$13.5 million (\$43 million today). On the night of the heist, armed men arrived at the home of one of Shergar's grooms, James Fitzpatrick, and forced him to lead them to the horse and help load him onto a trailer. The kidnapers dropped Fitzpatrick on a remote road later that night and then demanded a ransom of more than \$2 million (\$6 million today) for Shergar's return. Despite a highly publicized search by authorities, Shergar was never seen again and no ransom was paid. The case was never solved, although there were a variety of theories about the identity of the kidnapers.

On the Lighter Side



Why did the car get a flat tire?
Because there was a fork in the road!

When I met my wife, I asked if she was vegetarian because she really loved animals. She responded, "No, I just really hate vegetables."

I stayed up all night and tried to figure out where the sun was.
Then it dawned on me.

Why do bananas never get lonely?
Because they hang out in bunches.

What's a potato's favorite form of transportation?
The gravy train.

What has more letters than the alphabet?
The post office!

Did you hear the rumor about butter?
Well, I'm not going to spread it!

Why did Billy get fired from the banana factory?
He kept throwing away the bent ones.

How does a taco say grace?
Lettuce pray.

Dad, can you put the cat out?
I didn't know it was on fire.

