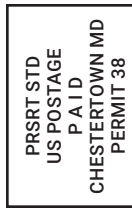


Trivia

It can get pretty chilly in some parts of the U.S., but the coldest recorded temperature ever in the country happened in January 1971 in Prospect Creek, Alaska. It dropped down to a staggering -80°F (-62°C).



If you've ever wondered why we call unsolicited email "spam," just ask a Monty Python fan. The term was inspired by a skit from the British comedy group that featured Vikings loudly singing "spam, spam, spam" in an effort to drown out others who were trying to talk. Even Merriam-Webster dictionary credits Monty Python with the term.

The burnt part of a candlewick is called the "snaste."

Horseshoe crabs have 10 eyes in total, including ones near their mouth, on the top of their shell, and down their tail.

The French Poodle is widely believed to have first been bred in Germany, not France. In fact, the word "poodle" comes from the German word "pudelhund," a combination of words meaning "dog" and "to splash."

Hawaiian pizza is Canadian. The pineapple-ham concoction named after America's most scenic state was actually invented in Ontario in 1962.

Pilots from all over the world make trips to international destinations, which means it's incredibly important for both pilots and those coordinating air traffic to be able to clearly communicate and understand one another. That's why they use "Aviation English," a 300-word language that senior aircrew are required to know no matter where they come from or what their native language is.



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Dates in History

1845 On October 10th, the United States Naval Academy opened in Annapolis, Maryland, with 50 midshipmen students and seven professors. Known as the Naval School until 1850, the curriculum included mathematics, navigation, gunnery and steam, chemistry, English, natural philosophy, and French. The Naval School officially became the U.S. Naval Academy in 1850, and a new curriculum went into effect, requiring midshipmen to study at the academy for four years and to train aboard ships each summer—the basic format that remains at the academy to this day.

1906 On October 17th, Wilhelm Voigt, a 57-year-old German shoemaker, impersonated an army officer and led an entire squad of soldiers to help him steal 4,000 marks (roughly \$25,000 today). Wearing a captain's uniform, Voigt approached a troop of soldiers in Tegel, Germany, just outside Berlin, and ordered the unit to follow him to the town of Kopenik. There he stormed into the mayor's office, declaring that the mayor was under arrest. Voigt commanded the troops to take him into custody. He then demanded to see the cash box and confiscated the 4,000 marks inside. On the way back to Berlin, Voigt managed to disappear with the money.

1965 On October 28th, construction was completed on the Gateway Arch, a spectacular 630-foot-high catenary curve of stainless steel marking the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial on the waterfront of St. Louis, Missouri. The Gateway Arch cost less than \$15 million to build. With foundations sunk 60 feet into the ground, its frame of stressed stainless steel was built to withstand both earthquakes and high winds. An internal tram system takes visitors to the top, where on a clear day they can see up to 30 miles across the winding Mississippi.

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On the Lighter Side



A man walks into a pet store and asks for a dozen bees. The clerk carefully counts 13 bees out onto the counter. "That's one too many!" says the customer.

The clerk replies "It's a freebie"

The day I turned 42, my daughter walked up to me and said "happy...", and started timing on her watch. After a long silence she said...

"...40 second birthday". I was so proud.

What music genre are national anthems?
Country.

My Daughter's boyfriend introduced himself to me. He said, "Hi sir, I'm David; nice to meet you." He put out his hand, and I said, "David, are you nervous?" He said no, so I grabbed his hand, looked him in the eyes, and said, "then why are you shaking?"

What has 4 letters, sometimes 9 letters, but never has 5 letters.

Hint: I didn't ask a question.

Imagine if we switched from pounds to kilograms overnight...

There would be mass confusion.

My landlord texted saying we need to meet up and talk about how high my heating bill is.

I replied back: "Sure, my door is always open."

My wife found out I was cheating after she found all the letters I was hiding... She got mad and said she's never playing scrabble with me again.



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