

Trivia



With one “bite”, blue whales consume up to 1,100 pounds (500 kilograms) of food or almost half a million calories. Opening the mouth and eating food alone can burn up to 2,000 calories.

During World War II, the Allies estimated the production rate of German tanks by comparing the serial numbers on captured tanks. The production rate of tanks was estimated at 256 units per month. After the end of the war, the actual production rate was discovered: 255 tanks per month.

Penguins can jump up to nine feet high depending on the species.

When the Egyptians built the pyramids, there were still mammoths roaming the earth.

The highest toilet in Europe is on top of Mont Blanc in France. It sits at an elevation of 2.6 miles (4.2 kilometers).

The minute takes its name from the Latin phrase “pars minuta”, which means “diminished part” and aims to describe the minute as being the smaller unit of time of the hour. The second was then called “pars minuta secunda”, which means “second diminished part” and thus describes the next smaller unit of time.

The day-night boundary, i.e. the boundary that separates the side of the earth exposed to sunlight from the unexposed shadow side, is also called the “terminator.”

Greyhounds can reach speeds of more than 68 miles per hour and are therefore almost as fast as cheetahs.

The symbol on the on/off button on remote controls – a circle crossed by a straight line – represents the two binary characters 0 and 1. 0 representing "off" and 1 representing "on".



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Dates in History

- 1793** On August 10th, after more than two centuries as a royal palace, the Louvre was opened as a public museum in Paris by the French revolutionary government. Today, the Louvre's collection is one of the richest in the world, with artwork and artifacts representative of 11,000 years of human civilization and culture.
- 1926** On August 6th, 19-year-old Gertrude Ederle became the first woman to swim the 21 miles from Dover, England, to Cape Griz-Nez across the English Channel, which separates Great Britain from the northwestern tip of France.
- 1965** On August 22nd, at San Francisco's Candlestick Park, Giants pitcher Juan Marichal stepped up to the plate to lead off the home half of the third inning against the Los Angeles Dodgers. After the second pitch, a ball low and away, catcher John Roseboro returned the ball to pitcher Sandy Koufax, but he offended Marichal by throwing it close to his head. Marichal's reaction was unprecedented—he attacked Roseboro, hitting him in the head with his bat and setting off an epic, 14-minute brawl.
- 1981** On August 1st, MTV: Music Television went on the air for the first time ever, with the words (spoken by one of MTV's creators, John Lack): "Ladies and gentlemen, rock and roll." The Buggles' "Video Killed the Radio Star" was the first music video to air on the new cable television channel, which initially was available only to households in parts of New Jersey. MTV went on to revolutionize the music industry and became an influential source of pop culture and entertainment in the United States and other parts of the world, including Europe, Asia, and Latin America.

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On the Lighter Side



I can't believe I got fired from the calendar factory. All I did was take a day off.

Never trust atoms.
They make up everything.

My wife just found out I replaced our bed with a trampoline. She hit the ceiling!

People who use selfie sticks really need to have a good, long look at themselves.

I just got kicked out of a secret cooking society. I spilled the beans.

6:30 is the best time on a clock, hands down.

Just got fired from my job as a set designer. I left without making a scene.

What's the difference between ignorance and apathy?
I don't know and I don't care.

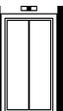
The rotation of Earth really makes my day.

Are people born with photographic memories, or does it take time to develop?

A guy is late for an important meeting but he can't find a place to park. In desperation, he begins to pray. "Please Lord, if you help me find a parking spot right now, I promise to go to church every Sunday!" A moment later, he sees a beautiful empty spot right next to the entrance. "Never mind. Found one!"

The world champion tongue twister got arrested. I hear they're going to give him a tough sentence.

Why are elevator jokes so classic and good?
They work on many levels.



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