

Trivia



The albatross has the largest wingspan in the animal kingdom. Their wingspan can be up to 11 feet long.

The black box in an aircraft is not actually black. Black boxes are bright orange so that they can easily be retrieved.

Daffodils are the national flower of Wales. It's season in early spring coincides with St. David's Day where it is traditional to wear them in celebration. They are also commercially grown to produce galantamine for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease.

The stonefish is the most poisonous fish in the world. They have 13 spines on their backs and its sting results in terrible pain, swelling, necrosis, and may even lead to death.

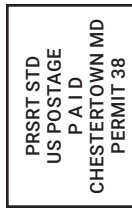
The largest T-Rex skeleton ever found was in Saskatchewan, Canada. The T-Rex named "Scotty", is 42 feet long. The skeleton was first discovered in 1991, however, due to the hard sandstone that enclosed the bones it took a decade before it was fully assembled.

The only name of a state that can be typed out on one row of keys on a standard keyboard is Alaska.

The hashtag symbol is technically called an octothorpe. The "octo-" prefix refers to the eight points on the popular symbol, but the "thorpe" remains a mystery. One theory claims that it comes from the Old English word for "village," based on the idea that the symbol looks like a village surrounded by eight fields!

A woman in Cyprus set the Guinness World Record for the longest wedding veil. The veil was nearly 23,000 feet long, which is over 63 football fields.

That tall, pleated white hat that chefs wear, technically called a toque, has 100 folds for a reason! The folds represent 100 ways to cook an egg. The pleats are used to signify a chef's level of experience.



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Dates in History

- 1879** On October 22nd, after testing hundreds of materials and approximately 1,200 experiments Thomas Alva Edison and his team finally "perfected" the incandescent lightbulb. The bulb cost \$40 which today is about \$1000. The bulb was created by baking a coiled cotton thread into carbon filament and placed in a glass bulb with a vacuum. The bulb stayed lit for 13 and a half hours.
- 1884** On October 13th, Greenwich was established as the universal time from which standard times throughout the world are calculated.
- 1890** On October 1st, by an act of the U.S. Congress, Yosemite National Park was created, eventually becoming one of the most heavily visited national parks in the country.
- 1908** On October 1st, the first production Model T Ford was completed at the company's Piquette Avenue plant in Detroit. Between 1908 and 1927, Ford would build some 15 million Model T cars. It was the longest production run of any automobile model in history until the Volkswagen Beetle surpassed it in 1972.
- 1967** On October 2nd, Thurgood Marshall was sworn in as the first African American associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. He served until 1991 and was known for opposing discrimination and the death penalty, and for championing free speech and civil liberties.
- 1978** On October 16th, Cardinal Karol Wojtyła of Poland was elected Pope. He was the first non-Italian Pope chosen in 456 years and took the name John Paul II.

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On the Lighter Side



Why did the monster eat the light bulb?
Because he needed a light snack!

What do you get from a pampered cow?
Spoiled milk!

There was a big paddle sale at the boat store.
It was quite an oar deal!

A photon is going through airport security. The TSA agent asks if he has any luggage. The photon says, "No, I'm traveling light."

A boy with a monkey on his shoulder was walking down the road when he passed a policeman who said, "Now, now young lad, I think you better take that monkey to the zoo." The next day, the boy was walking down the road with the monkey on his shoulder again, when he passed the same policeman. The policeman said, "Hey there, I thought I told you to take that monkey to the zoo!" The boy answered, "I did! Today I'm taking him to the movies."

Why shouldn't you write with a broken pencil?
Because it's pointless.

RIP boiled water, you will be mist.

A man takes his sick Chihuahua to the veterinarian. They're immediately taken back to a room. Soon, a Labrador walks in, sniffs the Chihuahua for 10 minutes and leaves. Then a cat comes in, stares at the Chihuahua for 10 minutes and leaves. Finally, the doctor comes in, prescribes some medicine and hands the man a \$250 bill. "This must be a mistake," the man says. "I've been here only 20 minutes!" "No mistake," the doctor says. "It's \$100 for the lab test, \$100 for the cat scan and \$50 for the medicine."



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