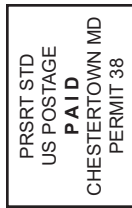


Trivia

Despite its name, the French fry is not French. The origins of the French fry have been traced back to Belgium, where historians claim potatoes were being fried in the late 1600s.



Barbie's full name is Barbara Millicent Roberts, from Willows, Wisconsin. Her birthday is March 9th, 1959, when she was first displayed at the New York Toy Fair.

The hardest working muscle in your body is your heart, it pumps more than 2,000 gallons of blood a day and beats more than 2.5 billion times in a 70-year life span.

Wasabi comes from grating the root Wasabia Japonica. Most of the wasabi you'll find in Japanese restaurants in the United States and even often in Japan is not real wasabi. Most wasabi sold in the United States is really just colored horseradish.

The hottest planet in our solar system is Venus. Most people think that this would be Mercury, as it is the closest planet to the sun. However, Venus has a lot of gasses in its atmosphere which creates a "Greenhouse Effect" that causes a constant temperature of 864°F (462°C) everywhere on the planet's surface.

It's common practice to brush your teeth twice a day, for two minutes at a time. Four minutes of brushing a day over a year is 1,460 minutes, which is just over one day of tooth brushing every year. So, if you live for the average life expectancy in the US, 79 years, you'll brush your teeth for 79 days in total!

Ants leave trails of pheromones when they walk as maps for other ants to follow. This means they can travel the fastest route to sources of food or their hive. The more ants that walk that route, the stronger the map is for others to follow. So even if a few ants get temporarily lost, they'll generally find their way home.

One year on Saturn is equivalent to 29.5 Earth years, or 10,759 Earth days.



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Dates in History

1800 On April 24th, President John Adams approved legislation to appropriate \$5,000 (\$120,000 today) to purchase "such books as may be necessary for the use of Congress," thus establishing the Library of Congress. The first library catalog listed 964 volumes and nine maps. After the Civil War, the collection was greatly expanded, and by the 20th century the Library of Congress had become the national library of the United States and one of the largest in the world.

1896 On April 6th, the Olympic Games, a long-lost tradition of ancient Greece, were reborn in Athens 1,500 years after being banned by Roman Emperor Theodosius I. At the opening of the Athens Games, King Georgios I of Greece and a crowd of 60,000 spectators welcomed athletes from 13 nations to the international competition. 280 participants competed in 43 events, covering track-and-field, swimming, gymnastics, cycling, wrestling, weightlifting, fencing, shooting, and tennis.

1993 On April 30th, four years after publishing a proposal for "an idea of linked information systems," computer scientist Tim Berners-Lee released the source code for the world's first web browser and editor. Originally called Mesh, the browser that he dubbed "World Wide Web" became the first royalty free, easy to use means of browsing the emerging information network that developed into the internet as we know it today. Simple Web browsers like Mosaic appeared a short time later, and before long the Web had become by far the most popular system of its kind. Within a matter of years, Berners-Lee's invention had revolutionized information-sharing and, in doing so, had dramatically altered the way that human beings communicated.

On the Lighter Side



Why did the candle quit his job?
He was burned out.

Just found out the company that produces yardsticks won't be making them any longer.

What kind of car does an egg drive?
A Yolksvagen.

What's a forklift?
Food usually.

Just got excited at a crossword clue that was "cheese lovers" and was like, oh! There's a name for people like me.
The answer was, "mice".

I was just in the breakroom and someone threw milk at me... How dairy!

What do you call a chicken staring at a pile of lettuce?
A Chicken Caesar Salad.

What do you call a dog that can do magic?
A labracadabrador.

What's a math teacher's favorite place in NYC?
Times Square.

What do you call a cow with a twitch?
Beef jerky.

