

Trivia

The average human grows 550-600 miles of hair in a lifetime.

Phil Knight, the founder of Nike, previously a teacher at Portland State University, paid graphic design student Caroline Davidson \$35 (\$221 in today's dollars) in 1971 to create Nike's unmistakable swoosh logo.

Editor Bennett Cerf, the founder of Random House publishing, bet Theo Geisel (Dr. Seuss) that he couldn't write an entertaining children's book with fewer than 50 words. The result? *Green Eggs and Ham*.

Lyme disease is named after Lyme, Connecticut, where it was diagnosed as a separate condition for the first time in 1975.

Lake Hillier, located in Australia, is particularly notable for its pink color.

The duffle (sometimes spelled duffel) bag gets its name from the town of Duffel, Belgium, where the cloth used in the bags was originally sold.

If you got into your car, turned on the ignition and drove upward toward the sky at 60 mph, it would only take approximately one hour to enter outer space.

Chuck E. Cheese and Atari were both invented by American businessman and engineer Nolan Bushnell.

Killer whales, or orcas, are dolphins, not whales.

The hyoid bone in your throat is the only bone in your body that's not attached to other bones.

Koala fingerprints are indistinguishable from human fingerprints.

In 1883 the United States established a 10% tax on imported vegetables, but not fruits. The U.S. Supreme court declared the tomato is a vegetable for taxation purposes in the case of *Nix v. Hedden*.

One out of every eight U.S. residents lives in California.

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Dates in History

1627 The Siege of Grol started on July 20th. It was a battle between the Army of the Dutch Republic and the Spanish-controlled fortified city of Grol (now known as Groenlo, Netherlands), during the Eighty Years War and the Anglo-Spanish War in 1627. The siege ended on August 19th.

1737 An official exhibition of art sponsored by the French government is called a "Salon." The public was first admitted to the Salon de Paris art exhibition at the Louvre in Paris on August 18th. Exhibition at the Salon de Paris was essential for any artist to achieve success and marked a sign of royal favor.

1851 Although Isaac Merritt Singer did not invent the sewing machine, he designed the first practical and efficient one, and used mass-production techniques to manufacture it. Singer patented his sewing machine on August 12th.

1934 Appointed German Chancellor in 1933, Adolf Hitler quickly consolidated power. He merged the offices of chancellor and president and appointed himself "Führer" (leader) on August 3, 1934. He soon turned Germany into a totalitarian one-party dictatorship.

2003 At 4:10 PM on August 14th, a power outage began in the northeastern U.S. Some power was restored by 11 PM but many customers were without power for two days. It was the worst power outage in U.S. history, leaving 45 million people in the dark. In addition, 10 million people were left without power in Ontario, Canada.

On the Lighter Side

Where do sharks go on summer vacation? Finland!

Why was it so hot in the stadium after the baseball game? All the fans left.

Why do stores have Halloween decorations in August? This is ridiculous. Nobody wants to... Oooo look! Candy corn.

How do grizzlies keep their dens cool in summer? They use bear conditioning.

Where do cows go on their summer vacation? Moo York.

I told my niece that I saw a moose on the way to work this morning. She said, "How do you know he was on his way to work?"

I just found out I'm colorblind. The diagnosis came completely out of the purple.

A healthy sleep not only makes your life longer, but it also shortens the workday.

I have an inferiority complex, but it's not a very good one.

I gave my co-worker the Heimlich maneuver, proving once again I'm no good at birthday gifts.

The seven ages of man: spills, drills, thrills, bills, ills, pills, and wills.

My sister bet me I couldn't make a car out of spaghetti. You should have seen her face as I drove pasta.

My parents won't say which of their six kids they love the best, but they have told me I finished just out of the top five.

My first job was being a diesel fitter at a panty hose factory. As they came off the line, I would hold them up and say, "Yeah, deez-el fit her."

Police have arrested the world tongue-twister champion. I imagine he'll be given a tough sentence.