

# Trivia



The oldest-known living land animal is a tortoise named Jonathan, who is about to turn 192 years old. He was born in 1832 and has lived on the island of St. Helena in the Atlantic Ocean since 1882.

Japan has over 200 flavors of Kit Kats. They're exclusively created for different regions, cities, and seasons. There are some tasty-sounding ones like banana, blueberry cheesecake and Oreo ice cream, as well as some very questionable ones like baked potato, melon and cheese, wasabi, and vegetable juice.

There are no muscles in your fingers. Their function is controlled by muscles in your palms and arms.

A mash-up of two words to make a new word, such as breakfast and lunch into brunch, or motel from motor and hotel, is called a portmanteau. The word "portmanteau" itself is not a portmanteau; it's a compound word that refers to a dual-sided suitcase.

Sweden has 267,570 islands, the most of any country in the world. Only 984 of them are inhabited.

The closest state in the United States to Africa is Maine, located about 3,198 miles away.

You are more likely to have a weird or scary dream when sleeping on your stomach. This is because different sleeping positions give different pressure on your body. Sleeping on your stomach restricts other movements compared to sleeping on your side or back.

The circulatory system is more than 60,000 miles long. If a child's entire circulatory system were laid out flat, it would stretch for more than 60,000 miles, according to the Franklin Institute. By the time we reach adulthood, our bodies have become home to approximately 100,000 miles of blood vessels.

The odds of getting a royal flush is 1 in 649,740. Out of all the possible combinations, the chance of getting a single pair is 42%.



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# Dates in History

**79AD** On August 24th, after centuries of dormancy, Mount Vesuvius erupted in southern Italy, devastating the prosperous Roman cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum and killing thousands. The cities, buried under a thick layer of volcanic material and mud, were never rebuilt and largely forgotten in the course of history. In the 18th century, Pompeii and Herculaneum were rediscovered and excavated, providing an unprecedented archaeological record of the everyday life of an ancient civilization, startlingly preserved in sudden death.

**1812** On August 19th, the USS *Constitution* caught the British warship HMS *Guerrière* alone about 600 miles east of Boston. After considerable maneuvering, the *Constitution* delivered its first broadside, and for 20 minutes, the American and British vessels bombarded each other in close and violent action. The British man-of-war was demasted and rendered a wreck, while the *Constitution* escaped with only minimal damage. The unexpected victory of Old Ironsides against a British frigate helped unite America behind the war effort and made Commander Hull a national hero. The *Constitution* went on to defeat or capture seven more British ships in the War of 1812 and ran the British blockade of Boston twice.

**1958** On August 3rd, the U.S. nuclear submarine *Nautilus* accomplished the first undersea voyage to the geographic North Pole. The world's first nuclear submarine, the *Nautilus* dived at Point Barrow, Alaska, and traveled nearly 1,000 miles under the Arctic ice cap to reach the top of the world. It then steamed on to Iceland, pioneering a new and shorter route from the Pacific to the Atlantic and Europe.

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# On the Lighter Side



Singing in the shower is fun until you get soap in your mouth. Then it's a soap opera.

You should never trust trees.  
They are always shady.

What did one hat say to the other?  
Stay here, I'm going on ahead.

Why did the math book look so sad?  
Because of all its problems.

I used to be addicted to soap, but I'm clean now.

You know, people say they pick their nose, but I feel like I was just born with mine.

Mountains aren't just funny. They're hill areas.

Is there anything worse than when it's raining cats and dogs?

Yes, hailing taxis.

Why did the computer catch cold?  
It left a window open.

Humpty Dumpty had a great fall. Summer wasn't too bad, either.

Did you hear about the guy who couldn't stop collecting magazines?

He had issues.



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