

Trivia

A squirrel's front incisor teeth grow about 6 inches per year—a biological necessity since the constant gnawing and tooth sharpening wears down the teeth quickly.



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Mantis shrimp can use their armored claws to strike at speeds of 74 feet per second, delivering blows with 200 pounds of force behind them. The crustaceans are only about 4 inches long.

Uruguay won the very first FIFA World Cup in 1930.

An octopus has three hearts.

Despite their flesh-eating reputation, some piranhas are omnivorous, eating more seeds than meat, and some even subsist on plants alone.

The tiny piece of plastic at the end of a shoelace is called an aglet.

Peregrine falcons have been clocked reaching speeds of 242 miles per hour while diving for prey, making them the fastest recorded animal ever.

Talc is the softest mineral in the world. Talc is a naturally occurring mineral, mined for the earth, composed of magnesium, silicon, oxygen, and hydrogen.

Some predatory mollusk ink contains the chemical dopamine, the neurotransmitter that, in human brains, produces the sensation of euphoria.

The most common street name in the United States is Second Street.

The world's biggest island is Greenland.



The Swedish botanist Carl Linnaeus gave the cocoa tree its scientific name, *Theobroma cacao*, which means "Food of the gods."

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Dates in History

- 1497** Portuguese navigator Vasco da Gama departed on his first voyage on July 8th, becoming the 1st European to reach India by sea.
- 1775** On July 26th, the U.S. postal system was established by the Second Continental Congress, with Benjamin Franklin as its first postmaster general. Franklin put in place the foundation for many aspects of today's mail system.
- 1799** The Rosetta Stone was found on July 15th in the Egyptian village of Rosetta by French Captain Pierre-François Bouchard during Napoleon's Egyptian Campaign.
- 1863** One of the largest military conflicts in North American history began on July 1st, when Union and Confederate forces collided at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. The epic battle lasted three days and resulted in a retreat to Virginia by Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia.
- 1921** At the University of Toronto, Canadian scientists Frederick Banting and Charles Best successfully isolated insulin for the first time on July 27th. Insulin is a hormone they believed could prevent diabetes.
- 1959** In his MLB debut on July 30th, San Francisco Giants future Baseball Hall of Fame first baseman Willie McCovey went 4-for-4 in a 7-2 win over Philadelphia Phillies at Seal Stadium.
- 1964** On July 2nd, U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson signed into law the historic Civil Rights Act in a nationally televised ceremony at the White House.

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On the Lighter Side

Why did the developer go broke?
Because he used up all his cache.

Why don't scientists trust atoms?
They make up everything.

What was Beethoven's favorite fruit?
Ba-na-na-naaaaa!

A sign at a music shop: "Gone chopin. Bach in a minuet."

I wouldn't buy anything with velcro. It's a total rip-off.

I told my doctor that I broke my arm in two places. He told me to stop going to those places.

I finally decided to sell my vacuum cleaner. All it was doing was gathering dust!

Two men meet on opposite sides of a river. One shouts to the other, "I need you to help me get to the other side!" The other guy replies, "You're on the other side!"

I can never take my dog to the park because the ducks keep trying to bite him. I guess that's what I get for buying a pure bread dog.

"As a scarecrow, people say I'm outstanding in my field. But hay, it's in my jeans."

Two windmills are standing in a wind farm. One asks, "What's your favorite kind of music?" The other says, "I'm a big metal fan."

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