

# Trivia

A bolt of lightning is about as thick as our thumb. You can see it from so far away because of its luminescence.

The stripes on a tigers face are used for identification, since no two tigers sport the same stripe pattern.

Only three men have appeared in the Super Bowl as a player, an assistant coach and a head coach: Dan Reeves, Mike Ditka and Tony Dungy.

The sculpture on the hood of a Rolls Royce is named *The Spirit of Ecstasy*.

Each of your nostrils registers smell differently. Your right nostril detects more pleasant smells, but your left one is more accurate.

The most active hurricane season on record was 2005. So many storms formed that the National Hurricane Center ran out of names and had to use Greek letters for the last six storms.

The maiden name of Blondie Bumstead in the comic strip *Blondie* is "Boopadoop."

More than 50% of people admit to checking their email in the bathroom.

The *Sabino*, a steamship in Mystic, CT and the San Francisco cable car are the only two moving National Historic Landmarks in the United States.

Contrary to popular belief, karate was invented in India.

North Carolina has both a city named Republican and a city named Democrat.

During a 60-year life span, an average tree will produce nearly two tons of leaves to be raked.

The working title of the Beatles hit "With a Little Help from My Friends" was "Bad Finger Boogie."

The first American president to be photographed was John Quincy Adams.

*(The Book of Bizarre Truths)*

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## Dates in History

- 1305** William Wallace, who led the Scottish resistance and won the Battle at Sirling Bridge, was later captured near Glasgow. In London, Wallace was tried and executed for high treason by Edward I of England on August 23, 1305.
- 1590** On August 17, 1590, John White, the governor of the Roanoke Island colony in present-day North Carolina, returned from a supply-trip to England to find the settlement deserted. White and his men found no trace of the 100 or so colonists he left behind three years earlier, and there was no sign of violence.
- 1675** At 3:14 pm on 10 August 1675, England's first Astronomer Royal John Flamsteed laid the foundation stone of the new Royal Observatory. King Charles II appointed Sir Christopher Wren, a former professor of astronomy at Oxford to oversee the design. Later, in the 20th century, Flamsteed House and the Observatory became part of Royal Museums Greenwich.
- 1865** Alice's Adventures in Wonderland was published August 2, 1865. A fantasy novel written by English mathematician Charles Lutwidge Dugdong under the pseudonym Lewis Carroll, it tells of a girl named Alice falling through a rabbit hole into a fantasy world. The tale plays with logic, giving the story lasting popularity with adults as well as with children.
- 1958** US atomic submarine USS Nautilus left Pearl Harbor naval base heading north and crossed under the North Pole at 2315 on August 3, 1958. "Operation Sunshine" was a testing ground for the sub and also an opportunity for the Navy to experiment with magnetic and gyro-compass navigational equipment.

([history.com](http://history.com))

## On the Lighter Side

A client called my help desk saying she couldn't send an e-mail. When I was done troubleshooting the problem, she interrupted me to ask, "Wait a minute, do I type @ in lower or uppercase?"

How do you know if there is an elephant under your bed? When your nose touches the ceiling.

One hard thing to explain to teens is how legitimately exciting it used to be when someone would wheel in an overhead projector.

What do you get if you cross a snake with a magician?  
Abra da cobra.

As we waited for a bus in the frosty weather, the woman next to me mentioned that she makes a lot of mistakes when texting in the cold. I nodded knowingly. "It's the early signs of typo-thermia."

Where do you take a frog with bad eyesight? To the hoptician.

I'm at the library, and for some reason, when I plug my flash drive into the computer, it doesn't show up. I keep trying, but nothing happens. As an IT major, I know I can figure this out. So I spend 15 minutes changing settings and inserting and removing the flash drive. Then a girl sitting next to me taps my shoulder and says, "You're plugging into my computer, not yours."

What do astronauts eat at twelve o'clock noon?  
Launch-meat sandwiches.

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