

# Trivia

*did you know that ...*

*Although most people in Bhutan are farmers, only three percent of its land can actually be cultivated.*

*The first plow was called an ard.*

*The largest food company in the world is Nestlé. Its top selling product is KitKat - about 400 are eaten every second.*

*We eat only the potato tuber, which grows underground. The fruits and leaves of the potato plant, which grow above ground, are poisonous.*

*The huge seed of the coco de mer palm can weigh as much as 55 lbs.*

*The total area of agricultural land used for cultivating crops worldwide is 3,562,271,040 acres.*

*It has been estimated that a swarm of 50 billion desert locusts can eat in a day enough food for 500,000 people for a year.*

*China has more than three billion chickens - the most of any country and twice that of the U.S.*

*Those who suffer from myrmecophobia have a fear of ants.*

*Demeter is the Greek goddess of crops and soil fertility.*

*Blindworms are not sightless worms. They are leg-less lizards.*

*A Hesperoyucca whipplei, a shrub also known as "Our Lord's Candle," grew 12 feet in 14 days in 1978 - an average of 3.9 inches per day.*

*South Carolina's state tree is the cabbage palm.*

*A bee could travel 4 million miles at 7 MPH on the energy it would obtain from 1 gallon of nectar.*

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## Dates in History

**1869** Young Tom Morris, a four-time Open Champion, is known for golf's first recorded hole-in-one on the 166-yard, par-3, eighth hole of Prestwick's original 12-hole course on September 16th.

**1897** French nuclear physicist Irène Joliot-Curie, was born September 12 to Marie and Pierre Curie, and was later the joint recipient of the 1935 Nobel Prize for chemistry, with her husband Jean Frédéric Joliot-Curie.

**1914** The even-tempered Roger Peckinpaugh was admired as one of the best defensive shortstops and for his leadership, becoming the youngest manager in baseball history when he briefly took the reins of the New York Yankees on September 12th at the age of 23. Described as the "calmest man in baseball," Peckinpaugh's steadying influence later helped the Washington Senators to their only world championship, and won him the 1925 Most Valuable Player Award, making him the first shortstop in baseball history to receive the honor.

**1916** Francis Scott Key Fitzgerald, the American novelist, whose first names were taken from the writer of the American national anthem, was born on September 24th and is best known as F. Scott Fitzgerald.

**1992** On September 6th, Gay Kelleway took part in a horse race in England with a TV camera fixed to her helmet. Gay is still the first and only woman to have ridden a winner at Royal Ascot. She was the youngest-ever amateur champion at 18, the first woman to ride in the Royal Ascot Gold Cup and the first jockey of either gender to wear a camera in her helmet.

## On the Lighter Side

"Grandpa, I ate all the peanuts in the candy dish."  
"That's okay. Since I lost my dentures, I can only suck the chocolate off them anyway."

A park ranger is explaining the difference between a raven and a crow. "A raven has six pinions on each wing, and a crow has five pinions on each wing. So really, it's just a matter of a pinion."

"Boat number 99, come in please. Your time is up. Return to the dock immediately or I'll have to charge you extra."  
"Boss, we only have 75 boats. There is no number 99."  
"Boat number 66, are you in trouble?"

I've got a dining room set that goes back to Louie the Fourteenth. That is, unless I pay Louie by the thirteenth.

First old man: You want to go for a walk?  
Second old man: Isn't it windy?  
First old man: No, it's Thursday.  
Second old man: Me too. Let's go get a drink.

How many doctors does it take to change a lightbulb?  
What kind of insurance do you have?

Why did the seagulls fly over the sea?  
Because if they flew over the bay, they'd be bagels.