

Trivia

did you know that ...

Paris only has one stop sign.

The internet weighs as much as a strawberry. If you quantify the electrons that make up the interweb of information, it amounts to two ounces, or as much as a fat strawberry.

American flags made in China are banned in the U.S. military.

Babies are born with over 90 more bones than they'll have as adults.

One in 10 people from Iceland will publish a book.

Scientists believe you replace every cell in your body every 7-10 years.

New York City was the capital of the U.S. from 1785 to 1790.

Ice cream makes your body warmer because of its fat content.

Russia is bigger than Pluto. Pluto's surface area is about 16.7×106 km squared, while the surface area of Russia: 17.1×106 km squared.

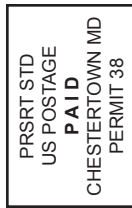
A cat has been the mayor of Talkeetna, Alaska for 17 years.

Qatar is the only country that begins with a "Q", and Iraq is the only country that ends with one.

You are shorter when you go to bed than you are when you wake up.

Saudi Arabia imports camels from Australia and Africa.

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Dates in History

1775 In London on February 7th, Benjamin Franklin published An Imaginary Speech in defense of American courage. Franklin's speech was intended to counter an unnamed officer's comments to Parliament that the British need not fear the colonial rebels, because "Americans are unequal to the People of this Country [Britain] in devotion to women, and in courage, and worse than all they are religious.

1776 On February 13th, Patrick Henry became the colonel of the First Virginia battalion in defense of the state's supply of gunpowder. Henry, a Virginia lawyer, gained fame as a member of the House of Burgesses with his passionate speeches against British rule and what he saw as their unfair taxation policy. First elected in 1765, he promptly proposed five resolutions opposing the Stamp Act that became models for other colonies.

1965 On February 15th, in accordance with the formal proclamation by Queen Elizabeth II of England, a new Canadian national flag was raised above Parliament Hill in Ottawa, the capital of Canada. Canada's flag was to be red and white, the official colors of Canada as decided by King George V of Britain in 1921, with a stylized 11-point red maple leaf in its center.

1970 On February 11th, Japan's first satellite was successfully launched into an orbit around Earth. The achievement made Japan the world's fourth space power, after the Soviet Union in 1957, the United States in 1958, and France in 1965.

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On the Lighter Side

Mr. and Mrs. Brown had two sons. One was named Mind Your Own Business and the other was named Trouble. One day the two boys decided to play hide and seek. Trouble hid while Mind Your Own Business counted to one hundred. Mind Your Own Business began looking for his brother behind garbage cans and bushes. Then he started looking in and under cars until a police man approached him and asked, "What are you doing?" "Playing a game," the boy replied. "What is your name?" the officer questioned. "Mind Your Own Business." Furious the policeman inquired, "Are you looking for trouble?!" The boy replied, "Why, yes."

Teacher: "If I gave you 2 cats and another 2 cats and another 2, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Seven."

Teacher: "No, listen carefully... If I gave you two cats, and another two cats and another two, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Seven."

Teacher: "Let me put it to you differently. If I gave you two apples, and another two apples and another two, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Six."

Teacher: "Good. Now if I gave you two cats, and another two cats and another two, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Seven!"

Teacher: "Johnny, where in the heck do you get seven from?!"

Johnny: "Because I already have a cat!"

Q: Why are fish easy to weigh?

A: Because they have their own scales.

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