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1000 Interesting Facts to Blow Your Mind



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1. Actor Leonard Nimoy once gave a cab ride to John F. Kennedy. The future president told the aspiring actor, "Lots of competition in your business, just like in mine. Just remember there's always room for one more good one."
2. In order to advertise their services, prostitutes in ancient Greece wore sandals that left the words "follow me" imprinted in the dirt as they walked.
3. Nissan used the number 23 in motorsport racing because the number 2 translates to ni and, the number 3 translates to san. 23 translates to ni-san.
4. Due to human efforts, the ozone layer will recover to 1980 levels by 2050 and will be fully repaired by 2070.
5. When Edward I of England was coming back from the ninth crusade in 1272, he learned that his father had died and that he had been made the king of England. Instead of returning home to be crowned, Edward went on a leisurely trip to Italy and France for almost two years and only came back in 1274.
6. Robin Williams attended Juilliard School but dropped out in his junior year because his teacher, a renowned actor/producer, told him that there was nothing that he could learn from Juilliard that he didn't already know.
7. Pumpkins, watermelons, avocados, and bananas are all berries while strawberries, raspberries, and blackberries are not.
8. A project's "Bus Factor" denotes the number of people in a company who need to be 'run over by a bus' to send the company into such disarray that it would not be able to proceed.
9. There is a one-hole "golf course" just meters south of the Korean DMZ which is surrounded on three sides by minefields. There are reports that at least one shot exploded a land mine.
10. Whale milk has 30-50% fat content and often has the consistency of a toothpaste.



11. Will Purvis, who was convicted of murder in 1894 and had always maintained his innocence, told the jury he would "live longer than the lot of them." He survived a hanging, was re-incarcerated, and eventually pardoned and released. He died in 1938, three days after the last juror had died.
12. The Wright Brothers achieved flight in a plane that cost roughly \$1,000 to build. In the race to fly, they beat Samuel Pierpont Langley, Secretary of the Smithsonian, who failed to achieve a successful flight, despite having \$50,000 of government funding put toward his attempts.
13. Frenchman, Max Herve-George, has an insurance policy that lets him trade stocks based on last week's prices. It's been called the stupidest contract ever signed and may end up with him owning the insurance company.
14. The Colossus of Rhodes, one of the Seven Ancient Wonders of the World, stood for a mere 50 years before it was destroyed by an earthquake. Its ruins stood and attracted visitors for way longer than the original statue (reportedly hundreds of years) before it was finally recycled for scrap metal.
15. When Romania made their ice hockey World Championship debut in 1931, they lost 0-15 to the USA. Their captain approached the referee after the game and asked him to write a message on the official game sheet, "Thank you for playing against us, we have learned a great deal from this game."
16. The highest temperature ever recorded in Canada, 45.0°C, is higher than any temperature ever recorded in either Brazil or Thailand.
17. A giant American wasp called the tarantula wasp has a sting so painful, one peer-reviewed journal advises anyone who gets stung to "lie down and scream" to avoid further injury.
18. The act of "giving the key to the city" is a continuation of a medieval practice where the cities would be locked at night but someone given the key could come and go as they please as an honor for something great done for the city.
19. Five-time Tour de France winner, Miguel Indurain, had a resting heart rate of just 28 beats per minute. The average person has a resting heart rate of about 60 beats per minute.
20. Austrian musical group called the Das Erste Wiener Gemüseorchester uses instruments made entirely from vegetables and after the show, they use the vegetables to make soup.



21. Joe Arridy was named happiest inmate on death row. He had an IQ of 46 and played with a toy train given to him by the warden. Due to his lack of understanding, he smiled on his way to the gas chamber.
22. In 2009, a Kansas City Car Dealer gave away a voucher for a free AK-47 with each truck purchase during a sale.
23. Drowning people cannot wave for help. Nature instinctively forces them to extend their arms laterally and press down on the water's surface. Pressing down on the surface of the water permits drowning people to leverage their bodies so they can lift their mouths out of the water to breathe.
24. Until 1993, the BT Tower was an official state secret despite being a 177-metre tall structure in the middle of central London that was open to the public.
25. Mushrooms can create a slight breeze even when the air is calm. They release water vapor, cooling the air and creating a convective current that gets the air moving, carrying spores away from the parent.
26. In 1961 James Monaghan, co-founder of Domino's Pizza traded his 50% stake in the company to his brother Tom for a used Volkswagen. Tom went on to sell his 93% for 1 billion.
27. In the early days of iTunes, Universal Music Group deducted artist's iTunes royalties for costs such as "packaging" and "breakages" on digital downloads. Eminem sued them.
28. Most of the "predictions" made by Nostradamus are false. They were riddled with a number of errors. He did not predict his own death correctly as it was his secretary who edited it after his death.
29. A researcher in the 1970s blindfolded participants and told them they were going to play tug-of-war against another team. When they were told they had 3 others pulling with them, they pulled 18% less strenuously than when they were told they were alone. The effect is now known as social loafing.
30. When Paypal was started they gave \$20 to everyone that made an account and \$20 for every person they referred. This cost them \$60-70 million, but they had 100,000 customers in the month PayPal went online.



31. Clint Eastwood booted Phillip Kaufman as director of The Outlaw Josey Wales (1976) and assumed the job himself. In response, the Directors Guild of America created the Eastwood Rule that prohibits an actor or producer from firing the director and then becoming the director himself.
32. Bob Marley's wife, Rita, was shot in the head during his attempted assassination. However, she had dreadlocks so thick, they saved her life.
33. Scientists in Berlin asked adults to play Super Mario 64 over a period of 2 months for 30 minutes a day. The group showed increases of gray matter, demonstrating "the direct causal link between video gaming and a volumetric brain increase."
34. South Korea, despite having completed the transition to digital broadcast (ATSC) in 2012, still maintains analog broadcast near its borders for North Koreans watching South Korean TV secretly.
35. The Type A/B Personality Theory was actually invented by the cigarette industry in the 1950's to prove coronary heart disease and cancer were risks related to high-stress personality types instead of tobacco use.
36. Coffee flour is made from Coffee cherries, the discarded fruit surrounding the coffee bean. In spite of being high in fiber and protein, 75% of it is discarded post coffee production.
37. The bananas we buy in stores and supermarkets are genetically identical clones, all descended from one banana. These bananas are seedless and sterile. Natural bananas are short, fat, and have huge seeds.
38. Frosting is a buttery, thick coating for a cake while icing is a sugary, thin glaze that hardens when dry.
39. The eastern part of Laos was so heavily bombed during the Vietnam War that most people can supplement their income by collecting scrap metal 40 years later and some completely rely on it.
40. Compared to average shoppers, chefs are more likely to buy generic store brands for sugar, baking soda, and other kitchen staples.



41. Lofoten an island in Norway that lies at 68° north, well within the Arctic Circle, that has an extreme temperature anomaly. Summers are warm and winter temperatures rarely pass below the freezing point.
42. Before a hurricane, Wal-Mart will fill their stores with strawberry pop tarts. This is a result of their data mining and finding that stores sold 7x more strawberry pop tarts before the storm.
43. A snail spent years glued to a card in the British museum before they realized it was alive
44. In the 1870s William Shanks spent 15 years of his life calculating pi to 707 places, by hand. However, the last few years were wasted as he made a mistake after the 527'th digit.
45. During WWII, the code word for "Hitler" was "Crazy white man" for the Comanche Code Talkers
46. Mr. Rogers' parents adopted an African-American teenager named George. Rogers came to consider George his older brother, and George later became an instructor for the Tuskegee Airmen of World War II and also taught Rogers how to fly.
47. In 2001, DEA attempted to ban glow sticks from parties by labeling them as "drug paraphernalia."
48. In 1859, English settler Thomas Austin released only 24 rabbits onto his property in Australia, stating "The introduction of a few rabbits could do little harm and might provide a touch of home, in addition to a spot of hunting." By the 1920's the population of rabbits in Australia reached 10 billion.
49. Clair Cameron Patterson, the man who figured out how old planet earth really is, was the same man who discovered worldwide environmental lead contamination which eventually led to leaded gasoline's banning.
50. During his time as a Congressman and later the US President, John F. Kennedy donated all of his salaries to charity.



51. Samuel L. Jackson's performance as a crackhead in the movie *Jungle Fever* was so acclaimed that the 1991 Cannes Film Festival created a special "Supporting Actor" award just for him.
52. The word "retarded" came into popular use during the 1960's because it was considered far less offensive and more politically correct than labeling someone a moron, idiot or imbecile.
53. The book 'Walden' by Henry David Thoreau is often seen as a 'bible' for self-sufficiency enthusiasts. However, while many picture Thoreau as a hermit in the woods, his cabin on the lake was about a mile from town, where he would often go to visit his mother, who did his laundry for him.
54. Seth MacFarlane once had to show an early episode of *Family Guy* to a pair of Rabbis because Fox executives thought it was anti-Semitic. Despite the Rabbis' approval, it wasn't broadcasted for 3 years after it was completed.
55. In 1923, a jockey named Frank Hayes suffered a fatal heart attack and died mid-race. His body remained on the horse and crossed the finish line in first place. He had never won a race before in his life.
56. Kevin Mitnick as a hacker was believed to be so dangerous that he was placed in solitary confinement for fear of being able to "start a thermonuclear war by whistling into a payphone."
57. During the American Revolution, many untrained American soldiers used bayonets only to cook meat over fires rather than using them for close combat. After receiving bayonet combat training from a Prussian general, the American Army was able to win an entire battle without firing a shot.
58. The poison from dieffenbachia a.k.a. mother-in-law plant can cause temporary inability to speak.
59. Dalmatians used to run alongside horse-drawn fire trucks acting as a barking siren to clear crowds. This is the reason for their positive reputation with firefighters.
60. Dragonflies are one of the most efficient killers in nature, capturing their prey more than 95% of the time.



61. More than 90 percent of the monarch butterfly population has vanished in the last 25 years.
62. In 1944, British submitted a full plan to kill Hitler during one of his routine, solitary walks. It was never carried out because Hitler was such a poor strategist that British realized his replacement could do a better job of defending from the Allies if he died.
63. Winston Churchill found so much enjoyment and relaxation in laying bricks that he even joined and paid dues in the Bricklayer's Union. He even inquired in a letter "is there is a rule regulating the number of bricks which a man may lay a day?...and what are the restrictions on overtime?"
64. For months after returning from long stays in space, some astronauts will still let go of an object in mid-air fully expecting it to float.
65. Soon after the Japanese attacks on Pearl Harbor, Ed McMahon enlisted in the Marine Corps and entered flight training. Though unable to enter combat in WWII, he flew 85 combat missions in the Korean War and earned 6 air medals. He retired in 1966 with the rank of colonel.
66. Motion sickness occurs due to confusion between perceived movement and actual movement. The brain's conclusion is that one of the senses is hallucinating due to poison ingestion and thus the brain induces vomiting to clear the supposed toxin.
67. Deuterium, one of the ingredients for nuclear fusion, is readily found in seawater and viewed as a potential fuel for a fusion reactor. A gallon of seawater can produce as much energy as 300 gallons of gasoline.
68. The American government had a "Conscience Fund" where people could send money if they felt guilty. The largest sum ever received was in 1909 when someone mailed in \$18,669 (US\$ 490,000 in 2015).
69. The 1982 movie Poltergeist used real skeletons as props because they were cheaper than plastic skeletons.
70. The Voyager missions were timed to take advantage of a unique planetary arrangement that allowed flight time to Neptune to be reduced from 30 years to 12. This alignment occurs once every 175 years.



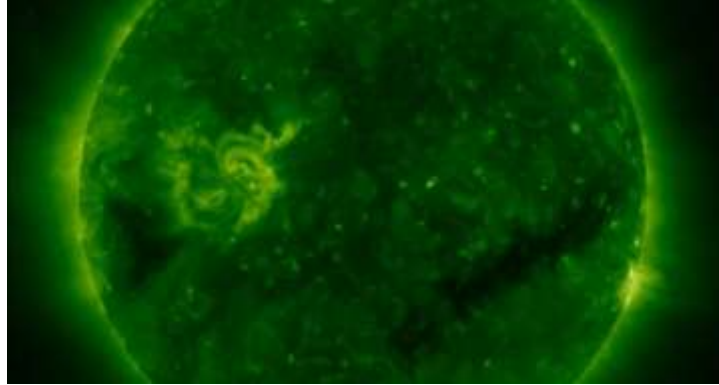
71. Charles Darwin and Joseph Hooker started the world's first terraforming project on Ascension Island in 1850. The project has turned an arid volcanic wasteland into a self-sustaining and self-reproducing ecosystem made completely of foreign plants from all over the world.
72. During the Greece's fight for independence in 1826-27, a Turkish garrison in Acropolis was besieged by Greek fighters. When the Turks ran low on bullets, they began to cut the marble columns to use the lead within as bullets. The Greeks sent them ammunition saying: "Here are bullets, don't touch the columns."
73. A company named Ray's Sausage spent over \$20,000 in improvements to their sausage making business Cleveland, Ohio due to constant complaints about foul odors, but the odors were actually coming from the rotting victims of serial killer Anthony Sowell.
74. 'Yak-Shaving' is the term for getting sidetracked by multiple other tasks before finally being able to complete what you originally started out to do.
75. The pilot episode of Courage the Cowardly Dog was nominated for an Oscar.
76. The Federal Trade Commission states that your eye care provider must give you a copy of your contact lens and eyeglass prescriptions, whether or not you ask for them.
77. During the production of Revenge of the Sith, George Lucas came into work one day with a cough and decided that it would be amusing to record it and use it on the new Episode III villain, General Grievous.
78. During the Vietnam War, a South Vietnamese air force pilot stole a Chinook helicopter to save his family and friends. He flew them to the American destroyer "Kirk" and found that the landing deck was too small for the Chinook. Therefore he hovered the Chinook just above the deck and dropped everyone aboard onto the ship's deck. He then rolled the Chinook onto its side and jumped into the sea. He and everyone onboard survived.
79. The only recorded instance of a cavalry capturing an enemy's ships occurred in the unusually cold winter of 1795 when most of the waterways in Northern Europe froze over and the French cavalry was able to charge out onto a frozen port to capture the Dutch fleet stranded there.
80. Astronauts discard their clothes after each use. Since it costs about \$10,000 to get one pound of cargo to the ISS, it is more cost effective for them to discard their cloths when they get dirty instead of wasting water by washing them.



81. It is optimal for your lithium ion smartphone battery to "top it off" and keep its charge between 40-80%, rather than let it drain to 0% and charge it all the way up.
82. In 2008, Daniel Day-Lewis knelt down on stage for Hellen Mirren to "knight" him with his Oscar for "There Will Be Blood" claiming, "That's the closest I'll ever come to getting a knighthood." Lewis was officially bestowed Knighthood 6 years later for his contribution to the theater and cinema.
83. In 2002, USA passed a law allowing it to invade Netherlands to prevent US military personnel to be tried by the International Criminal Court.
84. Cosmonaut Sergei Krikalev was in space when the Soviet Union was dissolved. He went up a Soviet citizen and returned a Russian citizen.
85. In the 13th century, in order to discover which language humans would speak naturally, Frederick II, emperor of Germany, placed 50 newborns in the care of nurses who would only feed and bathe the babies but not speak or hold them. The emperor never got an answer because all of the infants died.
86. The burnt remains of Adolf Hitler and Eva Braun were destroyed in 1970 by order of KGB head Yuri Andropov except for a few fragments of bone and skull, which were rediscovered in 1993. In 2009, DNA testing by University of Connecticut on the fragments confirmed they didn't belong to Hitler or Braun.
87. The Webber Natural Swimming Pool in Minneapolis, Minnesota is a natural swimming pool. It is a self-contained swimming vessel that uses plants and natural microbes from a nearby regeneration pond to clarify and purify the water instead of chemicals for sterilization or disinfection.
88. The towns from "Ghost Whisperer", "Gremlins", "Bruce Almighty", "Back To The Future", "Falling Skies", and the first episode of "The Twilight Zone" (and much more) are all the same set, which is known as "Courthouse Square."
89. The word "honeymoon" originated from the tradition of giving newlyweds a month's supply of mead on their wedding night.
90. If a child loses their fingertip, it may sometimes grow back (nail, bone and all), though without a fingerprint.



91. Coffee loses caffeine as it is roasted, so a dark, "bold" cup of coffee actually has less caffeine than a lighter roast.
92. In 2013, a researcher at University of Washington managed the first human to human brain interface through the Internet by wearing a cap and playing a video game. When he wanted to shoot a missile, he thought "fire" and another researcher's finger across the campus moved involuntarily and pressed the fire button.
93. The secret blend of 11 herbs and spices that made KFC famous is sold by Marion-Kay Spices under the name "99-X".
94. Capital letters were stored in the upper tray for typefaces used in letterpress printing. This is why they're called uppercase.
95. In August 2013, Google went down for 5 minutes and, as a result, took 40% of all internet traffic with it.
96. Midway through the Great Irish Famine (1845–1849), a group of Choctaw Indians collected \$710 and sent it to help the starving Irish. It had been just 16 years since the Choctaw people had experienced the Trail of Tears and faced their own starvation.
97. New Zealand will deny people residency visas if they have too high of a BMI and there have been cases of people being rejected because of their weight.
98. A Roman soldier who survived the three of Rome's greatest defeats at Ticinus, Trasimene, and Cannae went on to lead the army that defeated Hannibal. We know him as Scipio Africanus.
99. Amelia Dyer is one of the most prolific serial killers in history. She is estimated to have killed 200-400 children.
100. While writing Hot Fuzz, Simon Pegg and Edgar Wright referred to the supermarket manager, Simon Skinner as being played by a "Timothy Dalton type" actor before thinking to ask Dalton himself to be in the film. To their surprise, Dalton had loved Shaun of the Dead and signed on for the role.



101. The sun emits more green visible light than any other color, but we still see the color mixture as white. It only appears yellow because shorter wavelength colors such as blue scatter in the atmosphere, making the sky blue.
102. Before the kale fad of 2013, Pizza Hut was one of the largest purchasers of kale. They used it ornamentally to decorate the salad bars.
103. In 1888, Alfred Nobel's brother died, but a newspaper published his obituary instead. It condemned him for inventing dynamite and stated, "The merchant of death is dead." Alfred was so disappointed with what he read that he used his wealth to celebrate humanity and created the Nobel Prize.
104. A fur trapper named Ben Cochrum was attacked by wolves in 1922. After shooting seven wolves and beating four to death with his gun, the stock broke and he succumbed to being "torn to shreds." His body was found surrounded by the remains of the 11 wolves he had killed fighting for his life.
105. Graffiti from the walls of the ancient city of Pompeii have been unearthed and translated, showing that human behavior has remained unchanged in the past 2000 or so years.
106. In 2014, an animal rights activist was awarded \$685,737 for the trauma she experienced after discovering that her baby's father was an undercover policeman charged with spying on her. He was with her for years, had a baby, and left when the son turned two. Almost 25 years of no contact and she read about him in the paper.
107. On their trip across the continent, Lewis and Clark came across a tribe that knew how to say "son of a bitch" in English.
108. After Boromir had a dream urging him to seek Rivendell to the north, it took him a hundred and ten days to arrive, just barely making it in time for Elrond's council. Tolkien wrote that the "courage and hardihood required was not fully recognized by the narrative."
109. Violent crime in the US and Europe was at its highest in areas with the most lead pollution. Violent crime peaked 20 years after lead additives in petrol and paint were banned, before declining thereafter.
110. In California and 13 other states, if injured by a drug dealer, the victim of harm and their employer may sue the drug dealer for the costs of medical rehabilitation and treatment.



111. On July 23, 1983, Air Canada's Flight 143, with 69 people on board, ran out of fuel at an altitude of 41,000 ft. The pilot managed to glide the plane down safely as he was a very experienced glider pilot. The mistake discovered, later on, was that 22,300 pounds of jet fuel had been put in instead of 22,300 kg.
112. In the aftermath of the Iranian Embassy Siege in London, an SAS trooper tried to take the only surviving gunman, Fowzi Nejad, back into the building to shoot him but changed his mind when he realized the raid was being broadcast on live television.
113. Teddy Roosevelt made a 2-hour speech shortly after an attempted assassination. He correctly concluded that since he was not coughing blood, the bullet had not completely penetrated the chest wall to his lung. He declined to go to the hospital immediately.
114. Young children biologically have a higher tolerance for sugar and there is virtually no limit on how much sugar they can handle.
115. In 2004, a starquake was detected, which was so powerful that if the star was located within 10 light years of Earth, it would have likely caused a mass extinction.
116. In 2001, the island country of Niue issued several Pokemon coins and is still the only country in the world that uses images of Pokemon on their currency.
117. A Michigan woman named Pia Farrenkopf died in 2009 in the back seat of her Jeep, which was parked in the garage of her home. Her body wasn't discovered until 2014, largely because she had auto-pay set up for her bills. Her mummified body was found in the garage of her newly foreclosed home only after her bank account finally ran dry.
118. Horror movie soundtracks sometimes include infrasound, which is below the range of human hearing. Even though we can't hear it, we can still feel it and infrasound has been shown to induce anxiety, heart palpitations, and shivering.
119. Philip Morris discovered that its new fire-safe cigarettes were instead much more apt to cause fires. Their response was to fire the scientist who told them this.
120. Upon landing in England, William the Conqueror slipped and fell. To play it cool, he grasped two fistfuls of soil and proclaimed 'England is ours!'



121. Robert Hansen, a serial killer who was active in the early 1980s, would kidnap women and release them in Alaska's Knik River Valley. He would then hunt them, armed with a knife and a Ruger Mini-14 rifle. When the investigator contacted Federal Bureau of Investigation Special Agent Roy Hazelwood and requested help with a criminal psychological profile, based on the three recovered bodies. Hazelwood thought that the killer would be an experienced hunter with low self-esteem, have a history of being rejected by women and would feel compelled to keep "souvenirs" of his murders, such as a victim's jewelry. He also suggested that the assailant might stutter. Using this profile, he investigated possible suspects until he reached Hansen, who fit the profile and owned a plane.
122. The prestigious Michelin Star, an award that the world's best chefs work their lives to attain, is awarded by Michelin Tires. For over 100 years, it's all been part of an advertising campaign to sell tires.
123. When asked if he deserved the death penalty Ted Bundy said "That's a very good question. I don't want to die; I won't kid you. I deserve, certainly, the most extreme punishment society has and I think society deserves to be protected from me and from others like me. That's for sure."
124. When German fighter pilot Manfred Von Richthofen (a.k.a the Red Baron) was shot down and killed, the allies gave him a full military funeral with honors.
125. Thomas Jefferson proposed in 1784 to end slavery in all the territories, but his bill lost in Congress by one vote.
126. Seattle fans were cheering so loudly and jumping in celebration after Marshawn Lynch's 67-yard run in which he broke 9 tackles and scored the winning run that it registered earthquake activity on many nearby instruments.
127. Venus flytraps were believed to be an alien species because they seemed to grow in places where meteorites were found. It was thought they had been brought to Earth by meteors.
128. The diet of the bearded vulture is ~90% bones, allowing it to return to a carcass long after other scavengers have removed any soft tissues. Bones too large to swallow are dropped from a great height to crack them into smaller pieces.
129. "Greeble" is the name given to the texture applied to Sci-Fi spaceship models for the purpose of making them appear more complex.
130. During the sentencing of his war crimes, Hermann Göring (one of Hitler's top officers) asked to be shot as a soldier and not hung as a common man. The court refused and instead he committed suicide with a potassium cyanide capsule smuggled into a fountain pen.



131. Victorian maid Kate Webster chopped up her mistress, boiled her and then assumed her identity. Her body was discovered in the garden of English naturalist David Attenborough 130 years later.
132. A 2004 study of 43 fruits and vegetables found that their nutritional value has decreased significantly over the past 50 years.
133. The Lambay Island, off the coast of Dublin, Ireland has a population of wallabies. They are the descendants of animals that Dublin Zoo could no longer care for due to overcrowding.
134. In order to become Governor of Kentucky, one must have never participated in a duel.
135. If you are a Singaporean Citizen above 21, your organs will be automatically donated upon death.
136. People used to do their laundry in Old Faithful geyser in Yellowstone National Park. They would put their clothes in the geyser and it would erupt with clean clothes.
137. Before performing in Japan, the Beatles received an anonymous message: "Do not go to Tokyo. Your life is in danger." 35,000 police officers were tasked to protect the group. The Japanese audience was so polite and quiet that they were able to hear how bad the live performance really was.
138. Prairie dogs have such a complex means of communication that they can embed descriptions of predators within their calls, and even have a specific call to describe a man with a gun.
139. A 9-year-old girl in Australia who received a liver transplant does not need lifelong immunosuppressants because her blood type spontaneously changed from O negative to O positive to accommodate the donor's liver.
140. Spongebob Squarepants was originally going to be called Spongeboy and the show was originally going to be called Spongeboy Ahoy, but they had to change his name after it turned out that Spongeboy was the copyrighted name of a mop.



141. The Alaskan Malamute became the state dog of Alaska after a 3-year campaign and legislative process that started with a kindergartner asking the question, "Why doesn't Alaska have a state dog."
142. Zdeno Chára, the 6' 9" tall captain of the Boston Bruins, speaks seven different languages, has a financial planning diploma from Algonquin College, and holds a license allowing him to sell real estate in the State of Massachusetts.
143. In 2004, police discovered a secret underground cinema with professionally installed electricity, phone lines, full bar, classic movies and recent thrillers, and more in the catacombs under Paris. Upon returning three days later, a note was found that read "Do not try to find us."
144. Tenochtitlan was possibly the most populated city in the world before its fall, with 5 miles of aqueducts, a ten-mile levee, and one of the most complicated class systems in the world at the time. Cortés of Spain leveled the entire city in 75 days.
145. Grave of the Fireflies is based on the author's own experiences as a child and was written as a personal apology for not being able to save his younger sister Keiko.
146. J. R. R. Tolkien began work on The Hobbit one day early in the 1930s, when he was marking School papers. He found a blank page. Suddenly inspired, he wrote the words, "In a hole in the ground, there lived a hobbit."
147. The Channel Tunnel, a rail tunnel with the longest undersea portion of any tunnel in the world, has full mobile phone coverage.
148. A small Japanese railway company was so financially troubled that they started selling rice crackers, to the point that profits from selling rice crackers are now double those from its railway operations.
149. In 2014, a pregnant woman in India swam nearly 1 kilometer across a swollen river to give birth in a hospital instead of her home.
150. Rapper Busta Rhymes voiced Reptar from Rugrats.



151. Before the FIFA World Cup 2014 Semi-Final Match in which they lost 7-1 from Germany, Brazil hadn't lost a single match at a home stadium in competitive matches since 1975.
152. In 1832, 57 Irishmen were most likely murdered and buried in a mass grave in Malvern, Pennsylvania while working on a stretch of railway. Amtrak will not permit an excavation so the men are still buried there to this day.
153. Australian Wallabies have been found to make crop circles in Tasmania after ingesting opium poppies.
154. Plastic magnets exist and their magnetic strength can be adjusted by shining different colored lights on it.
155. In 2015, a man in Georgia tried to shoot an armadillo, but the bullet ricocheted off its shell and hit his mother-in-law, injuring her.
156. The term "grandfathered in" originated from Jim Crow laws which allowed men to be exempt from literacy tests and poll taxes if their grandfather was eligible to vote prior to 1866, effectively ensuring many illiterate white men could still vote, while black men couldn't.
157. A boy was allowed by his parents to change his own name when he was 8 years old. Today, he is Dr. Loki Skylizard.
158. You pay to have your star on the walk of fame in Hollywood, \$30,000 to be precise.
159. In 1999, 47 black residents of a Texas town were arrested on drug charges solely on the uncorroborated word of one undercover agent who was a member of the KKK. Many were sentenced to long prison terms; some served years before release. For his wrong reports, the officer got 10-years of probation.
160. When soccer player Cristiano Ronaldo was asked to donate his cleats for a charity auction benefitting a 10-month-old child suffering from a brain disorder that can lead to 30 seizures a day, Ronaldo paid the full \$83,000 cost of the surgery for young Erik Ortiz Cruz.



161. Rob McElhenney who plays the homophobic character Mac on "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia," was raised by a lesbian couple.
162. The 2014 film "Nightcrawler" was inspired by a photographer named Arthur Fellig, who in the 1930's, installed a police-band shortwave radio in his car and maintained a complete darkroom in the trunk. He'd often beat authorities to the scene and then sell his gory photos to the tabloids.
163. Panera Bread is called Saint Louis Bread Company exclusively in the St. Louis metro area.
164. During WWII, the British secret services created a special edition of Monopoly for prisoners of war held by the Nazis. The games were distributed by fake charity groups created by the secret services and contained maps, compasses, real money, and other objects useful for escaping.
165. Although Joseph Stalin officially killed around 2.9 million Russians during his reign, historians think that number may have been as high as 30 million, or around 22% of the population.
166. In 2013, a Swedish man broke out of prison one day before his release in order to see a dentist and then turned himself in after fixing his toothache.
167. It takes three years of higher education to become a police officer in Norway. The training takes place at a university college and each graduate gets a bachelor's degree in "Police Studies."
168. Edward Norton's first film role ever earned him an Oscar nomination. He is also a Yale graduate that never went to an acting school.
169. There is a mountain called Taumatawhakatangihangakoauauotamateapokaiwhenuakitanatahu in New Zealand and its name translates to "The summit where Tamatea, the man with the big knees, the slider, climber of mountains, the land-swallower who traveled about, played his nose flute to his loved one."
170. Scientists at Allen Telescope Array always keep champagne in their fridge in case they find signs of extraterrestrial life.



171. Phobos, Mars' largest moon, is set to collide with Mars or break up into a ring in 50 million years due to tidal forces.
172. Citizens in Estonia are given an ID card that includes a public/private key pair allowing users to cryptographically sign digital documents.
173. Homo floresiensis, an extinct 3.5 ft tall hominin that used stone tools, is believed to have lived alongside modern human as recently as 12,000 years ago.
174. In 1998, workers restoring Benjamin Franklin's home uncovered the remains of 10 people. Researchers suspect that a house-guest of Franklin smuggled in dead bodies to use for anatomical research and buried them in the basement.
175. San Francisco Giants pitcher, Madison Bumgarner, once dated a girl named Madison Bumgarner.
176. The infamous crocodile jump by James Bond in Live and Let Die was performed with real crocodiles. The only person willing to attempt the stunt was the owner of the croc farm. Writers named the film's villain after the owner, Kanaga.
177. When young people are affected by grief, their immune system becomes stronger. However, when older people experience grief, their immune system weakens. This may explain why many elderly couples pass away only a short time apart.
178. Many casinos have started introducing "skill-based" games because younger people are bored with the standard "luck-based" ones like slots and roulette. Gamblers will be able to bet and win money on things like free throw contests, "Cashteroids," a modified version of Angry Birds, and more.
179. There is a strong correlation between people who buy bird seed and people who usually pay their debts. Inversely, people who buy chrome accessories for their car tend to not pay their debts in full.
180. Ozzy Osbourne donated \$10,000 to a music school for underprivileged children after watching their rendition of "Crazy Train."



181. Genetic imprint from traumatic experiences carries through at least two generations in mice.
182. A man's brain tumor caused him to orgasm whenever he looked at safety pins.
183. The Ferris Wheel, moving walkway, Pabst Blue Ribbon, pressed penny souvenirs, Juicy Fruit gum, and Aunt Jemima pancake mix were all unveiled at the 1893 Chicago World Fair.
184. In 1977, the band Pink Floyd tied a giant inflatable pig to a power station as a publicity stunt. The pig broke free and floated over Heathrow airport, where all flights had to be grounded to avoid collisions with the pig.
185. Butterfly McQueen, one of the stars of "Gone with the Wind," was unable to attend the film's premiere because it was held in a whites-only theater.
186. Erwin Schrödinger never thought a cat could be both alive and dead. The thought experiment was a satire that criticized the Copenhagen interpretation of quantum mechanics.
187. Cleopatra was born out of a lot of inbreeding. Through three uncle-niece marriages and three sister-brother marriages, her family tree collapses to a single couple at four, five or six generations back (counting through different lines).
188. Helsinki, Finland has an annual celebration called Dinner Under the Sky, where all Helsinkians can set up a table outside and enjoy their dinner on the city's sidewalks, parks, or even in the middle of the busiest shopping streets.
189. In 2012, a set of twins were born at a record 87 days apart.
190. Patrick Stewart was the original narrator of "The Nightmare Before Christmas." Although Tim Burton eventually cut his narration and changed the voice, the film's composer, Danny Elfman, kept Stewart's original recording in his soundtrack because he liked the actor's reading better.



191. At the 2012 International Shooting Grand Prix, gold medalist Maria Dmitrienko of Kazakhstan had to listen to the entire parody of O' Kazakhstan from Borat. The incident resulted from the wrong song being downloaded from YouTube at the last minute. Senior officials of Kazakhstan were furious.
192. Before Saladin died in 1193, he had given away all his wealth to his poor subjects. His estate consisted of 1 piece of gold and 40 pieces of silver, not enough to pay for his funeral.
193. Bic pen caps have a hole at the top to reduce the risk of suffocation if accidentally inhaled.
194. Raccoons are smarter than cats and dogs and have approximately the same mental attributes as monkeys.
195. Before his death, Ed Sullivan believed he was suffering complications from his long-standing battle with ulcers. He did not know that he had been diagnosed with advanced esophageal cancer the month before, a diagnosis his family and doctors had kept secret from him.
196. Asians are genetically less prone to become alcoholics.
197. The oldest continuously serving navy in the world belongs to Portugal.
198. If you travel at 99% the speed of light away from the sun, the light from the sun would still pass by you at the speed of light relative to you.
199. The funny bone (ulnar nerve) is the largest unprotected nerve in the body.
200. The familiar 'valentine' logo at the beginning and ending of 'I Love Lucy' wasn't added until the show went into syndication. The show was originally sponsored by Philip Morris and began with Lucy and Ricky dancing around a huge pack of cigarettes.



201. In 1985, the French President authorized a state-sponsored terror attack on New Zealand soil, killing a Dutch citizen.
202. In the 1950's, TV shows in the USA were not allowed to use the word "pregnant" as it was considered indecent.
203. Nazis kidnapped hundreds of thousands of Polish children that they deemed to be racially superior to other children, and forcibly Germanized them. Only 10-15% kids ever returned back home.
204. Aboriginals of Australia in their "coming of age" ritual cut a "birth control" hole in the base of the boy's penis and insert a splinter in to keep it from closing. Urine and semen come out of the hole unless this sub-incision is plugged with a finger.
205. Del the Funky Homosapien wrote the verse for the Gorillaz song "Clint Eastwood" by the following the instructions from the book "How to Write a Hit Record".
206. An average American eats about the same amount of sugar in five days that the average American 200 years ago consumed all year.
207. Author Ernest Vincent Wright wrote Gadsby, a 50,000 word novel without using the letter "e". To this day it is considered one of the finest examples of constrained writing.
208. Throughout Seinfeld's run, the chance to sit in the first booth at Monk's Cafe to be included in a scene was auctioned off for charity.
209. The oldest recorded British joke dates back to the 10th Century A.D. It is "What hangs at a man's thigh and wants to poke the hole that it's often poked before? Answer: A key."
210. According to the USA's National Hot Dog & Sausage Council, you should not put ketchup on your hot dog after the age of 18.



- 211. Mongols had rules against spilling noble blood over the ground. Instead, they used loopholes like making them bend backward until the backbone snapped, pouring molten silver into eyes and ears, and being rolled up in a rug and trampled to death by the Mongol cavalry.
- 212. The word 'fuck' was first used in 1568, but was most commonly used between 1700-1720. It disappeared from the English language for 150 years in the 1800s-1900s but is now once again climbing in popularity.
- 213. Dolphins can see our skeletons and sense our heartbeats via their sonar. They have even been known to ward off sharks preying on humans.
- 214. All the American flags on the moon are now white due radiation from the sun and absence of atmosphere.
- 215. In 1954, a flight Ernest Hemingway was on crash-landed in Africa. He and his companions were rescued and put in another plane, which burst into flames on the runway. Finding the door jammed, Hemingway used his head as a battering ram, butted the door twice and got out
- 216. Ernest Hemingway grew paranoid and talked about FBI spying on him later in life. He was treated with electroshock. It was later revealed that he was, in fact, being watched, and Edgar Hoover personally placed him under surveillance.
- 217. The terms "left" and "right" politics appeared during the French Revolution of 1789 when members of the National Assembly divided into supporters of the king to the president's right and supporters of the revolution to his left.
- 218. Italy has a 13-foot tall sculpture of a middle finger in front of their stock exchange.
- 219. Vulcan Point in the Philippines is an island within a lake on an island within a lake on an island.
- 220. According to Bill Murray, the 2004 Hong Kong Comedy movie Kung Fu Hustle is "the supreme achievement of the modern age in terms of comedy".



- 221. Andre-Francois Raffray, a lawyer in France sought out a 90-year-old lady, who agreed to give him her apartment if he paid her \$500 each month for the rest of her life. She went on to become the oldest living person ever, living for another 30 years and even outliving the lawyer who by then had paid her \$180,000, which was twice the value of the apartment.
- 222. There are languages without the terms "Left, Right, Front, and Behind." These cultures use "North, South, East, and West" their whole lives, no matter if they are in their home or in the woods. The result is a compass brain. They always know how they are oriented.
- 223. The Catholic Church unknowingly made Siddhartha Gautama (the Buddha) a saint after the Christianization of his life story in the 14th century.
- 224. Only Two words in English contain all the Vowels in Order: 'Facetiously' and 'Abstemiously'
- 225. The decision to ground all planes in the U.S. on September 11th was made by one man, Ben Sliney, one of the FAA's National Operations Managers. It was his first day in that position.
- 226. The Greek explorer Pytheas was the first to encounter the northern Arctic icecaps, the Germanic tribes, the Midnight Sun and visited Great Britain in 325 B.C. He was also the first person to postulate that the tides were caused by the moon.
- 227. There was 1561 celestial phenomenon over Nuremberg that reported an incidence of a great space battle over Germany in the middle ages. There was even a crash landing reported outside the town.
- 228. Georgia in the USA has a set of giant stone slabs, etched with "rules" for post-apocalyptic humanity in many different languages. It can be used to chart the sun and stars, and warns against "petty laws and useless officials". No one actually knows who funded the construction of this monument.
- 229. Up until the 1960's, poor Swiss children were auctioned to farmers to be used as a source of cheap labor.
- 230. It was a closely guarded secret for many, many years that a number of American POW's were held where the Hiroshima atomic bomb was dropped.



- 231. The cast of Friends earned at least \$88,460,000 over its 10 seasons, EACH. This does not include syndication royalties negotiated from the 5th season onwards.
- 232. When a frog swallows its prey, it blinks, which pushes its eyeballs down on top of its mouth to help push the food down its throat.
- 233. Australia's largest ever petition of 792,985 signatures was submitted to the parliament in 2000 to protest against rising beer prices.
- 234. Philadelphia cream cheese was first created in New York. It was named after Philadelphia because, at the time, the city was renowned for its production of similar cheeses. Also, in Mexico, any brand of cream cheese is often referred to as "queso filadelfia."
- 235. In the Shawshank Redemption, in the scene where Andy crawled through the sewer, actor Tim actually crawled through chocolate syrup and the tunnel where it was filmed still smells like chocolate today.
- 236. Due to the gender imbalance, by the year 2020, 24 million Chinese men will be unable to find a spouse.
- 237. Elijah Wood created his Lord of the Rings Frodo audition tape in his backyard with a homemade Hobbit costume.
- 238. A budgie named Puck is listed in the Guinness Book of World Records as "The bird with the largest vocabulary in the world". It has a vocabulary of 1728 words. Also, he just doesn't mimic, he often creates his own phrases and sentences.
- 239. On July 1, 1916, at the Battle of the Somme, a charge of 60,000 lbs. of explosives was detonated creating a crater that was 300 feet across and 90 feet deep. The explosion, which occurred in France was heard as far away as London and was the loudest man-made sound in history at the time.
- 240. If the Sun was scaled down to the size of a white blood cell then the Milky Way would be the size of the continental United States.



- 241. Robin Williams improvised the last line in Good Will Hunting as well as the scene where he talks about his wife farting in bed. That's why Matt Damon was laughing so hard.
- 242. Scotland's national animals are unicorns and its national flower is thistles. Albania's National animal is Dragon.
- 243. Riot control agents (e.g. pepper sprays) are considered chemical weapons and forbidden in warfare.
- 244. The Sword stuck in the stone in Disneyland can be pulled out of the stone when a red light is flashing in a nearby window.
- 245. There's a DC Character from the 80s who got his powers from Cocaine. His only weakness was Cocaine Addiction.
- 246. During WWII, a German and British airplane shot each other down in Norway, and the crew met and then helped each other survive. Two of them then visited each other several years after the war was over as friends.
- 247. There are many untouched plane wrecks in various parts of the United Kingdom dating back to World War 2 and removing them is forbidden.
- 248. After a falling out with Ernest Hemingway, Gertrude Stein, who had written the phrase "A rose is a rose is a rose", supposedly received a telegram from Hemmingway that read: "A bitch is a bitch is a bitch".
- 249. The "jump" you sometimes get while falling asleep is known as hypnic myoclonus and as much as 70 percent of people worldwide experience this.
- 250. People have higher chances of dying on their birthday than on any other days.



- 251. Raindrops actually don't fall in the form of a teardrop. Instead, they look more like the top half of a hamburger bun.
- 252. The phrase "show your true colors" was coined centuries ago when ships used to fly false national flags to get close to enemies and then switch to their "True" colors just before attacking.
- 253. The most complex eyes throughout the animal kingdom belong to the mantis shrimp, who can manipulate light polarization throughout its entire visible spectrum. That's at least 10x as many colors in our visible spectrum.
- 254. 25% of the world's gold reserves are reportedly held in a vault underneath the island of Manhattan.
- 255. When Christopher Nolan offered Heath Ledger the part of Batman in Batman Begins, he said: "I would never take part in a superhero film."
- 256. The Polish government awards a "Medal for Long Marital Life" to couples who have been married longer than 50 years with at least one child, either their own or adopted.
- 257. Towards the end of the Cold War, the Soviet Union had an over-the-horizon radar system that was so powerful that it interfered with the world's electronics, and some people believed it to be a Soviet mind control experiment.
- 258. Zombie Birds are a species that have learned to track down tiny bats, split open their skulls, and feed on their brains.
- 259. In between the two runways at Bangkok's Don Mueang International Airport (14th busiest airport in the world) is a fully functioning golf course. Golfers are held back by a red light whenever a planes land.
- 260. The word cannibalism comes from Caníbales, the Spanish name for the Carib people, a West Indies tribe that was formerly well known for their practice of cannibalism.



261. In Sweden, the body heat of commuters passing through Stockholm's Central Station is harvested to provide heat for an office building across the road from it.
262. The world's tallest man, Bao Xishun, used his incredibly long arms (1.06m) to remove plastic from the stomachs of two dolphins, which ultimately saved their lives after trainers exhausted numerous other methods.
263. A Swedish scientist Svante Arrhenius projected in 1897 that burning fossil fuels would lead to global warming and increase of surface temperature between 5 and 6 degrees centigrade.
264. Wladimir Klitschko auctioned off his 1996 Olympic gold medal in March 2012 for charity. The buyer paid \$1 million, but immediately returned it because he wanted it to stay in his family.
265. In 1998, Venus and Serena Williams challenged any male ranked below 200th in the world. A man ranked 203 promptly beat both of them after playing a round of golf and drinking a six pack of beer.
266. People of the Mongol empire never washed their clothes or themselves due to their belief that washing would pollute the water and anger the dragons that controlled the water cycle.
267. Farting while wearing clothing in a sterile environment will not compromise the sterility of the said environment.
268. There was supposed to be a Pinocchio film released in 1936, predating Disney's Pinocchio by four years. It was meant to be the first Italian animated film, but for unknown reasons, the film was never completed and it is considered lost.
269. The whites of human eyes evolved as a means of non-verbal communication and dogs too rely on the human sclera to pick up visual cues.
270. Swiss researchers found that out of 37 million companies worldwide, 147 firms control about 40% of global wealth and 737 control 80%.



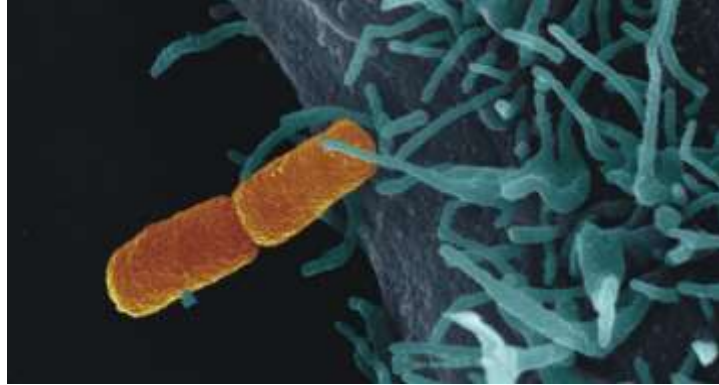
- 271. In 2005, Swedish millionaire, Johan Eliasch purchased a 400,000-acre plot of land in the Amazon rainforest from a logging company for the sole purpose of its preservation.
- 272. The Seminole Tribe of Florida is the only Native American group that has never officially been conquered by the US government.
- 273. The national animal of North Korea is the Chollima, a mythical winged horse that they made up.
- 274. Singapore has such a low birth rate that there is a government program set up to help people get laid.
- 275. The first mutiny in space occurred in 1974 aboard the Skylab 4 space station due to exhaustive workload put on the astronauts.
- 276. In 1976, Bill Gates wrote an open letter to computer hobbyists to stop "ripping off" his software. They told him when it's easier to pay for than to duplicate, it won't be "stolen."
- 277. In Poland, near Gryfino, a mysterious forest has 400 pine trees, all with a 90-degree bend at the base of their trunks, all facing northward.
- 278. Alexander the Great was embalmed in a coffin filled with honey.
- 279. In Iceland, they have an app to detect whether or not your date is a relative, due to the country's small population.
- 280. The fast food chain Del Taco was originally called "Casa Del Taco" meaning "house of the taco". Now its name just means "of the taco".



- 281. Kellogg's was anti-sex and corn flakes were invented as part of an anti-masturbation crusade.
- 282. There was a documented experiment where someone survived an acceleration of over 46 g. John Stapp actually lived on to the age of 89 but did suffer vision damage from the experiments.
- 283. From the 8th century up until 1978 the Pope wore an ornate bejeweled three-tiered crown solemnly placed on his head during his coronation. Modern popes have done away with the tradition.
- 284. Doctors don't know how anesthesia works or what exactly it does to render someone unconscious and pain-free.
- 285. In 1791 at the Battle of the Wabash, 920 US Army soldiers faced about 1,100 Native American warriors. At the end of the battle, only 21 Indians were killed whereas nearly the entire US force was wiped out, (623 killed, 258 wounded). This was 1/4 of the entire army's strength at the time.
- 286. Once the Queen bee is deemed to be unfit to serve due to old age or disease, worker bees cluster tightly around her body until she dies from overheating. This process is known as "cuddle death."
- 287. Candid Camera host Allen Funt was once on a flight that was hijacked and flown to Cuba. Because everyone on the plane recognized him, they thought it was part of a stunt and didn't really realize the gravity of the situation they were in. They started enjoying themselves and gave the hijacker a standing ovation.
- 288. When a person is electrocuted and thrown far off, it is the result of sudden and violent muscle contraction and not the result of the shock. This has raised questions as to the actual strength and capabilities of the muscles in the human body.
- 289. Adjusted for inflation, the U.S. federal minimum wage has dropped 20% from 1967 to 2010.
- 290. There is a bill known as the "Cheeseburger Bill" which makes it illegal for people to sue food companies for making them obese.



291. During one of his innumerable Presidential affairs, John F. Kennedy tore a groin muscle and had to wear a stiff shoulder-to-groin brace that prevented the reflexive ducking, which might have saved him from the second fatal bullet.
292. In Russian Roulette, a properly lubricated and maintained revolver has a higher chance of not firing the bullet, if it is allowed to stop on its own because gravity pulls the loaded chamber down.
293. Domain names were free until 1995.
294. Before 1912, Komodo Dragon was thought to be a mythical creature.
295. The phrase "Give a man a fish and he'll eat for a day; teach him how to fish, and he'll eat for a lifetime," did not come from an ancient Chinese proverb, the Torah, the Bible, or any other such place. It was coined by Anne Isabella Ritchie, the daughter of William Makepeace Thackeray in 1885.
296. In 1970, due to a wheat production quota dispute between a Farming family in west Australia and the Government, the family declared their land to be independent of Australia and created a legal micronation called the Principality of Hutt River, which exists till today.
297. We actually live about 80 milliseconds in the past because that's how long it takes for our brains to process information.
298. Elephants are so morbidly afraid of bees that the mere sound of buzzing is enough to make an entire herd flee. They have even developed a special rumble just to warn each other if bees are nearby.
299. The act of hitting something until it works is called "Percussive maintenance".
300. A parasitic worm has been found in some grasshoppers that after growing to maturity, makes the grasshoppers seek water and drown themselves to return the parasite to water.



301. In 1966, the US Army released a bacterial agent into the New York City subway system to test how vulnerable passengers are to biological agents.
302. The 1889 World's Fair in Paris, famous for the construction and unveiling of the Eiffel Tower, had a "Negro Zoo" with 400 black people in cages as one of the attractions.
303. Some orthodox Jews in the New York use caffeine suppositories for fasting because it's not "eating".
304. Christian Bale cites the mannerisms of Tom Cruise as his inspiration for Patrick Bateman in American Psycho. Cruise's "intense friendliness with nothing behind the eyes" became the inspiration for how Bale would portray the psychopathic murderer.
305. In the Middle Ages, rhyming nicknames were becoming common and that is the reason why Bill is short for William(Will), and Dick is short for Richard(Rick)
306. Nazis formed a plan in 1939 to counterfeit the British pound to cause hyperinflation. Using a German concentration camp, they manufactured 132 million GBP, which is the equivalent of 6-7 billion modern-day pounds. They partially succeeded.
307. Dolphins give each other names and will answer to it even when called by dolphins they don't know.
308. Carrie Fisher wore no underwear in Star Wars because George Lucas convinced her "there is no underwear in outer space".
309. Around 300 A.D., during the Qin Dynasty in China, government officials would use fingerprint analysis at a crime scene to help identify potential perpetrators, as they knew that no two people have identical fingerprints.
310. The NES light gun worked by detecting flashes of light on your television screen. When the trigger was pulled, the TV flashed all black for a single frame, then all black with the target white for one frame. It only works with CRTs.



- 311. "North Star" or the Polaris is actually a set of three stars orbiting each other.
- 312. The programming language 'Python' is named after Monty Python.
- 313. In 2012, the Smithsonian officially recognized video games as an art form and had an exhibit to "comprehensively examine the evolution of video games as an artistic medium."
- 314. Many regions in the US, most recently being the state of Hawaii, have tried solving their homeless problem by providing one-way plane tickets out of the area.
- 315. "Dollar" is an Anglicized version of the Dutch "daler", which was in heavy use in the Caribbean and New Amsterdam (New York) from 1600 to 1800s. The Daler is short for the German "Joachimsthaler", a currency that was produced in the 1300s in Joachimsthal, Bohemia.
- 316. Nintendo sent shipments of the SNES at night to avoid theft by the Yazuka.
- 317. There was a bear, who was adopted by Polish soldiers during WW2. It carried ammunition, wrestled with soldiers and drank beer.
- 318. Before the 20th century, the death of the pope used to be confirmed by striking him in the head with a silver hammer.
- 319. The sister city of Boring, Oregon is Dull, Scotland.
- 320. The reason movie crews use a "Clapperboard" (the blackboard they clack at the begging of a movie scene) is to help sync the audio and video together later.



321. About 795 SQ miles of land, Bir Tawil, between Egypt and Sudan remains unclaimed by either nation. This is the only piece of unclaimed land outside of Antarctica.
322. The demilitarized zone between the border of North and South Korea, with practically no human inhabitants, has become a refuge for multiple endangered animal species.
323. Cows never existed in the wild and were domesticated from wild ox some 10,500 years ago.
324. There is a road in Lancaster, California that has hundreds of grooves carved in it, so that when you drive over them, they play 'The William Tell Overture.'
325. 70% of lotto winners spend all their winnings within 5 years, and it doesn't matter whether they won \$1 million or \$100 million.
326. When Robert Taylor inventor of soap-in-a-pump-bottle (Softsoap), he knew larger competitors like Colgate would try to copy his product. In order to ensure that they couldn't copy him, he bought every small bottle hand-pump (100 million bottles) in the US. This resulted in a year of the market to himself.
327. Russians have a word "Zapoi" to describe several days of continuous drunkenness during which one withdraws from society.
328. J.R.R. Tolkien created the words "dwarvish" and "dwarves", countering the spelling at the time of the books' publication which was "dwarfish" and "dwarfs", and many dictionaries now consider this the proper way to spell the words.
329. Until 1974, banks could (and usually would) refuse to issue a credit card to a woman unless she was married and her husband co-signed for the card. A divorced woman was considered too much of a risk because she "couldn't keep a marriage under control."
330. The artificial sweetener Sucralose (Splenda) was discovered when a researcher misheard a command to "Test this chemical" as "taste this chemical".



- 331. After winning an Oscar, Daniel Day-Lewis retired to become a cobbler in Italy, only returning to acting after Martin Scorsese convinced him to star in Gangs of New York.
- 332. Theaters used to have "cry rooms", which were soundproof rooms at the back of theaters so mothers wouldn't disturb others with their children.
- 333. Louis C.K.'s initials C & K, aren't actually his initials. His real last name is Székely, but it is really pronounced See-Kay, so he changed his name to Louis C.K. to make it easier for people to say.
- 334. Fourteen years after publication, Dr. Seuss removed a reference to pollution in Lake Erie from The Lorax. Researchers informed him that the environmental efforts to restore the lake had been successful. The line was changed in subsequent editions.
- 335. After the closure of North American airspace on Sept. 11, 2001, a small Canadian town had its population nearly doubled when 7,000 passengers were forced to land. The small community provided food, clothing, and prescriptions free of charge to all of the stranded passengers.
- 336. The average infantryman in the South Pacific during World War II saw about 8 days of combat in a year. The average infantryman in Vietnam saw about 240 days of combat in one year.
- 337. In 1922, Americans were consuming 1 million Eskimo Pies a day that resulted in the rise of the cost of cocoa beans by 50%. This single-handedly lifted Ecuador's economy out of a depression.
- 338. While serving in the Army, Clint Eastwood survived a plane crash in the Pacific Ocean by swimming 3 miles (5km) to shore. The crash kept him from being deployed to Korea.
- 339. Japanese honey bees can 'bake' and thus kill hive invading wasps, by having multiple bees form a ball around the invader and vibrating their wings to create heat.
- 340. In 1575, a German mass murderer nicknamed Puschpeter is reported to have kept his wits after being impaled. The stake hit his spine and he berated the executioner. Puschpeter commanded the executioner to draw the stake out of him and gave instructions for how to make the impalement properly.



341. La Rinconada, Peru is the world's highest elevated city at 16,732 ft above sea level and its economy is based around a gold mine. The mine operates on a unique system where employees work for 30 days without payment, and on the 31st day they are allowed to take as much ore as they can carry.
342. In 2002, a soccer team scored 149 own goals in one match protesting a controversial referee decision in a previous game.
343. The United States Gold Reserve Act of 1934 outlawed most private possessions of gold, forcing US citizens to sell it to the Treasury. Americans were not able to freely own and trade gold again until 1975.
344. Brazil participated in WW2, the only independent South American country to do so. The 25,000-troop Brazilian Expeditionary Force worked alongside the Allies and managed to take 20,573 Axis prisoners, consisting of two generals, 892 officers, and 19,679 other ranks.
345. When Michael Jackson died, Google mistook millions of searches for a DDoS attack and blocked related searches for 30 minutes.
346. Oskar Schindler, who is credited with saving the lives of 1,200 Jews during the Holocaust, became virtually destitute after World War 2. He became bankrupt after trying to raise chickens in Argentina. For the rest of his life, he survived off gifts and donations from the Jews he had saved during the war.
347. In 2010, a man who was lost in the woods of Northern Saskatchewan, chopped down some power lines so that workers from Crown Utility would have to come and rescue him.
348. The t-shirt was invented in 1904 and it was primarily marketed towards bachelors as "bachelor undershirt." It was stretchy enough to be pulled over the head. "No safety pins - no buttons - no needle - no thread."
349. At the age of 15, Jim Carrey quit school and became a janitor to support his family after his father lost his job. They were living out of a van. He also used to carry a baseball bat in his janitor cart because "I was so angry I just wanted to beat the heck out of something."
350. New York City's Flatiron building used to cause enough downdrafts to lift the skirts of women passing by, giving a "daring" view of their ankles and legs. The phenomenon was notorious and resulted in groups of young men regularly gathering on 23rd street to watch.



- 351. If you microwave a sliced grape, it can explode in a fireball of superheated plasma.
- 352. As recently as 2009, China had elementary schools wholly sponsored by big tobacco. One school in Sichuan had a message on their front gate that said "Tobacco can help you become an achiever"
- 353. The longest prison sentence ever requested was 384,912 years of jail, against a 22 years old postman in Spain, who was accused of failing to deliver 42,768 letters. This sentence was requested by the prosecutor, while actually he was sentenced only to 14 years and 2 months of imprisonment.
- 354. The feat for the fastest red card in football history was achieved by Lee Todd of Cross Farm Park Celtic in mere 2 seconds into the match. Lee Todd was sent off for foul language after he exclaimed "Fuck me that was loud" after the starting whistle.
- 355. There is a population of radioactive wild boars in Germany, contaminated by radioactivity left over from the Chernobyl nuclear meltdown over two decades ago and their number is rising.
- 356. A college student wrote against seat belt laws, saying they are "intrusions on individual liberties" and that he won't wear one. He died in a car crash, and his 2 passengers survived because they were wearing seat belts.
- 357. Redundant phrases such as "ATM Machine" and "PIN Number" are examples of RAS Syndrome- Redundant Acronym Syndrome Syndrome.
- 358. In the many states in the USA, you can be charged with a DUI even if the car is parked and you're sleeping in it.
- 359. In 1994, a FedEx Jet (McDonnell Douglas DC-10) suffered a hijacking attempt by a disgruntled employee, who was armed with multiple melee weapons. The flight crew in spite of receiving multiple hammer blows performed extreme aerial maneuvers with the massive aircraft, at times flying upside down, with the intent of keeping the hijacker off-balance. The flight crew eventually succeeded in restraining the hijacker.
- 360. There is a lake in the country of Palau (Pacific Islands) where jellyfishes have evolved without stingers. This happened after the lake's connection to the sea closed, leaving them isolated from their natural predators. These 'Golden' jellyfish are totally harmless to humans and you can swim with them.



361. Rice thrown at weddings poses absolutely no danger to birds. It is just a myth that the rice grains suck up water from the birds' moist innards and cause them to violently burst.
362. In 2012, Mathematician Vi Hart sent an open letter to Nickelodeon proving Spongebob's Pineapple was geometrically impossible. Pineapple designer Kenny Pittenger then responded on his blog by posting a new "mathematically correct" design. This new design is currently being used on the show.
363. One out of every 4 million lobsters is born with a rare genetic defect that turns the lobster blue. These prized critters rarely survive to adulthood as a bright blue crustacean crawling around the ocean floor is simply easier for predators to spot.
364. Los Angeles once had the largest electric rail system in the world, until automobile, tire, and oil companies bought and dismantled it, along with mass transit systems in 44 other US cities. The mass transit systems were replaced with freeways and buses, thereby increasing the sales of cars, tires, and oil.
365. The first ever proposal to tunnel under the English Channel was put forward by a Frenchman in 1802. It would have had illumination from oil lamps, horse-drawn coaches, and an artificial island mid-Channel for changing horses.
366. One of the most feared and hated pirates of the Caribbean, Blackbeard was only an active as a pirate for two years.
367. When preparing for his role in *The Last of the Mohicans* (1992), actor Daniel Day-Lewis taught himself how to live as a survivalist and refused to eat anything that he hadn't killed himself.
368. In 1770, the British Parliament passed a law condemning lipstick, stating that "women found guilty of seducing men into matrimony by a cosmetic means could be tried for witchcraft."
369. The character Kenny on *South Park* is based on a real childhood friend of Trey Parker, who was named Kenny, was the poorest kid in town, wore a large parka that muffled his voice and would frequently skip school, inspiring the running joke that "he died" by classmates.
370. In 2010, a law student filed a lawsuit against an attorney that made a public offer on *Dateline* to give \$1 million to anyone who could cover the distance between Jackson Airport and a hotel (where 4 people were murdered) in less than 30 minutes. The student did it in 19 minutes, but the attorney refused to pay up.



- 371. Even though the Hindenburg was inflated with 7 million cubic feet of highly flammable hydrogen gas, it had a smoking room.
- 372. Scientists didn't know how strong the blast of the first prototype of the atomic bomb would have been before detonating it in the New Mexico desert. They even had prepared press releases for any kind of event, from 'loud noise' to 'among the dead were'.
- 373. When the Latvian hockey team plays at home and wins a game, fans pay a visit to the embassy of the opposing team's home country and lay flowers at its gate.
- 374. In 1913, it was legal to mail children. With stamps attached to their clothing, children rode trains to their destinations, accompanied by letter carriers. A newspaper reported it cost 53 cents for parents to mail their daughter to her grandparents for a family visit.
- 375. A 19th-century surgeon once tried to amputate a patient's leg in under 150 seconds. In his haste, he also amputated his assistant's fingers and slashed through the coat of a spectator. Both the patient and the assistant died of gangrene, and the spectator dropped dead of fright. It is the only instance in recorded history of an operation with 300% mortality rate.
- 376. After the extinction of the dinosaurs, there was a turtle that was the size of a car and could eat crocodiles.
- 377. To be a London black cab driver, one is expected to know over 25,000 roads and 50,000 points of interest and pass a test called "The Knowledge". To pass the exam, applicants usually need twelve appearances and 34 months of preparation.
- 378. Freddie Mercury got a degree in art and graphic design and eventually used his skill to design the Queen logo, aka Queen Crest.
- 379. When Benjamin Franklin was a kid, he used a kite to drag himself across ponds. He said it gave him "the greatest pleasure imaginable."
- 380. "Muphry's Law" is an intentional misspelling of "Murphy's Law." Muphry's Law states that anything written to criticize the spelling or proofreading of others will ironically contain editing mistakes as well.



- 381. Cats cannot taste anything sweet. Instead, they can taste ATP, the biomolecule that supplies energy within living cells.
- 382. Sylvester Stallone talks the way he does because of complications his mother suffered during labor. This forced her obstetricians to use two pairs of forceps during his birth and misuse of these accidentally severed a nerve and caused paralysis in parts of his face.
- 383. All Humans have a Magnetic Bone in their upper sinus, at the point thought of as the third eye.
- 384. Steven Spielberg purposely did not allow Matt Damon to attend the pre-production Boot Camp for actors in Saving Private Ryan, so the remaining cast would build up genuine resentment for his character.
- 385. In the 17th century, pirates operated democracies (before any traditional western powers) and even had a system of checks and balances. Also, they had a form of disability insurance.
- 386. A Norwegian rockslide (~8000 years ago) is believed to have created a tsunami so powerful that it turned Britain from a European peninsula into an island.
- 387. If you are Jewish and can trace your ancestry back to the Spanish Inquisition (1492), you qualify today for Spanish citizenship.
- 388. Leonardo DiCaprio was named Leonardo because his pregnant mother was looking at a Leonardo da Vinci's painting in a museum in Italy when DiCaprio first kicked.
- 389. Thomas Edison taught his second wife Morse code so that they could communicate in secret, by tapping into each other's hands when her family was around.
- 390. A sailor in the British Royal Navy may only grow a beard if they can achieve a 'respectable full enough beard' after two weeks' growth.



391. In 2013, unknown perpetrators stole the gilded cookie hanging in front of the Bahlsen Company in Hannover, Germany. The thieves demanded the company to send 52,000 cookies to 52 charities, but only "the ones with milk chocolate". Bahlsen agreed to the terms and the cookie was retrieved.
392. In ancient Egypt, any books found in ships coming into port would be brought immediately to the library of Alexandria and be copied. The original would be kept in the library and the copy given back to the owner.
393. Usain Bolt ate nothing but chicken nuggets while he was in Beijing because that was "the only thing he knew" and won 3 gold medals.
394. It is rarely necessary to wait 24 hours before filing a missing person's report. Law enforcement agencies in the US stress the importance of a prompt investigation. The UK government website says explicitly in large type "You don't have to wait 24 hours before contacting the police".
395. An Eagle Scout who joins the US Army is automatically promoted to Private First Class.
396. A lawyer in Toronto fell to his death in 1993 after he threw himself against a window on the 24th floor of a building in an attempt to prove to a group of visitors that the glass was "unbreakable", an act he had done twice before. The glass did not break but popped out of the window frame and he died.
397. Mark Wahlberg had committed 20-25 offenses by the age of 21. These included throwing rocks at a bus full of black schoolchildren and knocking a Vietnamese man unconscious and blinding another. He was also addicted to cocaine by age 13.
398. You can be denied immigration to Canada if you have a health condition that may "cause excessive demands on health or social services".
399. During WWI, Romania decided to send its vast collection of treasure to Russia for safekeeping. In 1918, the new Soviet government cut all diplomatic ties and refused to return the treasure. Russia still holds the treasure valued at over \$1.5 billion and has no intention of giving it back.
400. Of the 270 moon rocks the US gifted to the world, 180 are currently unaccounted for.



- 401. The US Government took the land on which Mt Rushmore was built from the Sioux nation, and developed Mt. Rushmore on sacred Sioux grounds without any compensation. The US Government has offered over \$1 Billion in compensation, but the Sioux refuse to take it, saying the land was never for sale.
- 402. Claims by yogurt companies in the US that probiotic yogurt has beneficial health effects have all been rejected in the EU, due to insufficient research and thus inconclusive proof.
- 403. There are thought to be 100,000 uncharted mountains under the sea.
- 404. Carrots used to be available in purple and white until the 17th century when Dutch farmers succeeded in growing the first orange carrots in honor of the ruling House of Orange-Nassau.
- 405. Pope Francis worked briefly as a chemical technician and nightclub bouncer before entering the seminary.
- 406. Pizza boxes, or any cardboard or paper with grease soaked into it, aren't usually recycled.
- 407. The film 'Top Gun' was made in collaboration with the Pentagon and enlistment spiked when it was released. The Navy set up recruitment tables at theaters playing the movie, and polls soon showed rising confidence in the military.
- 408. It isn't "base jumping", but rather B.A.S.E. jumping. It refers to the four categories of fixed objects from which one can jump: building, antenna, span, and Earth (cliff).
- 409. For those who have trouble sleeping, researchers say that one week of camping, without electronics usually resets our biological body clock and synchronizes our melatonin hormones with sunrise and sunset.
- 410. Since many female insects mate just once in their lives, insect populations can be controlled by releasing swarms of sterile males into the wild. The females mate with them, never have babies, and die. The method has eradicated populations of dangerous insects in several regions.



- 411. Paper can be recycled only six times. After that, the fibers are too weak to hold together.
- 412. Sir Jeffrey Hudson, the Court Dwarf of Charles I, challenged a man who insulted him to a duel on horseback. The man thought it was a joke, and showed up to the duel with a water gun, instead of a real pistol. Unfortunately, Hudson was quite serious and shot the man in the head, killing him.
- 413. In 2010, Police in Belfast, Northern Ireland used music from ice cream vans to calm angry teen rioters.
- 414. Early humans in Southern America hunted car-size armadillos and used their shells for houses.
- 415. The bottle of Heinz Tomato Ketchup specifically mentions tomato in the name because when it was introduced, ketchup of varieties other than tomatoes was common.
- 416. Every Purple Heart awarded by the U.S. military since 1945 is one of the 500,000 purple hearts manufactured in anticipation of U.S. casualties resulting from the invasion of Japan, but was prevented by dropping the Atomic Bomb.
- 417. The Playboy Bunny outfit was the first service uniform registered with the United States Patent and Trademark Office.
- 418. Woody Harrelson's dad was a hitman and died in prison while serving a life sentence for killing a Federal Judge.
- 419. In 1518, a "dancing plague" struck Strasbourg, Alsace, France whereby hundreds of people danced fervently in the streets over the period of a month. Some suffered heart attacks or strokes, and many others died from sheer exhaustion. The phenomenon remains unexplained.
- 420. UPS had problems recruiting drivers when expanding in Germany because the brown uniform looked like Nazi Youth Group uniforms. UPS had to change the color to green.



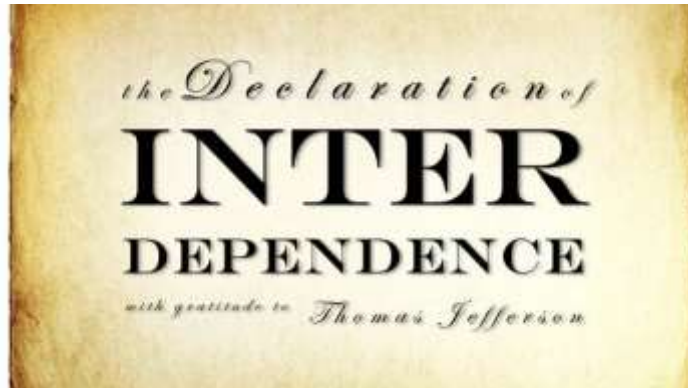
- 421. All pandas are owned by China. They rent them out to zoos for \$1million per year each for a minimum of 10 years.
- 422. There is a Royal Navy superstition that whistling on a ship can summon strong winds. Traditionally, the only person allowed to whistle is the ship's cook, as it means he's not eating the food.
- 423. "A nickname" was originally "an ekename", literally meaning "additional name". Over the years, the word was misdivided into "a nickname".
- 424. The German invasion of the Soviet Union caused 95% of all German Army casualties that occurred from 1941 to 1944.
- 425. While directing Jurassic Park, when Spielberg saw CGI of T. rex, he said to stop-motion animator Phil Tippett, "You're out of a job," to which Tippett replied, "Don't you mean extinct?". Spielberg later incorporated this dialogue into the movie.
- 426. Many personal checks written by Marlon Brando were often never cashed as his signature was usually worth more than the amount on the check.
- 427. A 2012 episode of Peppa Pig was banned from Australia as the central message that spiders were not to be feared was deemed "inappropriate for an Australian audience"
- 428. During World War II American factory workers produced more than twice their German counterparts and had four times the output of Japanese workers prompting industrialist Donald Douglas to observe, "Here's proof that free men can out-produce slaves."
- 429. A third of all divorce filings of 2011 in the U.S. contained the word 'Facebook'.
- 430. A guide dog calmly led 30 people down 1,463 steps out of the World Trade Center on 9/11 despite the confusion, smoke, and noise around them. Once safe, the dog then helped a woman who was blinded by the debris.



- 431. Firefighters would hide in Ground Zero rubble so that dogs could find "survivors". Constantly finding bodies was leading to high stress in the dogs as they thought they were failing.
- 432. Because of a design flaw, when Apple III owners had problems (like garbled data) they were instructed to "lift the machine 3 inches and drop it in order to re-seat the chips on the logic board."
- 433. When the African Grey parrot N'kisi first met Jane Goodall, he recognized her from a photograph and asked: "Got a chimp?" It is claimed that this was a possible display of a sense of humor.
- 434. When curry was introduced into Japan it was considered a British dish, not an Indian one, because of its popularity among British sailors.
- 435. Traditional naming customs of Iceland differ in that they follow no family lineage. Men are named after their father. I.e. If Jon has a son named Olaf, his name is Olaf Jonsson. If Olaf then has a son named Magnus, his name is Magnus Olafsson. Women are similar with the suffix 'dottir'.
- 436. When it became apparent that Israel was going to win the 1978 Eurovision Song Contest, most of the Arabic countries ended their transmission of the contest. This includes Jordan, who replaced the live broadcast with a picture of daffodils and later announced that Belgium had won.
- 437. In 1983 Marvel Comics actually published a number of comics about a 'Spider-Pig' though his name was Peter Porker, your friendly neighborhood Spider-Ham.
- 438. If you shout or make a sound that is 1,100 dB, it will create a black hole destroying our galaxy.
- 439. Louis Armstrong played the trumpet so much that it caused callus tissue on his lips. He would remove it himself with a razor blade.
- 440. Cats, unlike dogs, cannot (for physiological reasons resulting in blindness and death) be vegetarian.



- 441. Some of the worst charities donate less than 4% of their donations to the actual cause they're promoting. One cancer charity even paid \$18m to a company to solicit funds, the company being owned the charity president's son.
- 442. Upon his death, TV star Jack Benny's widow, Mary, received a red rose. After several days, with another rose delivered each day, Mary called to find out who was sending them. The florist told her that Benny made arrangements for a rose to be sent to her every day for the rest of her life.
- 443. While James Cameron was stricken with food poisoning in Rome on a film set, he had a nightmare about an invincible robot hitman sent from the future to kill him giving him the idea for the Terminator, catapulting his career.
- 444. In 1984, Robert Patrick (the actor who played T-1000 in Terminator 2) was involved in a boating accident and he swam for three hours to get help for others.
- 445. About 70% of the spices used in the world come from India.
- 446. Professional porn censors in China get paid to watch over 150 pornographic DVDs each week, start to finish.
- 447. Apple got the idea of a desktop interface from Xerox. Later, Steve Jobs accused Gates of stealing from Apple. Gates said, "Well Steve, I think it's more like we both had this rich neighbor named Xerox and I broke into his house to steal the TV set and found out that you had already stolen it."
- 448. Chocolate milk was invented by Jamaicans, which was popularized it in Europe by an Irish botanist, who sold it as medicine.
- 449. In the 10th century lived a Syrian poet named Al-Ma'arri who was attacking dogmas of religion and rejecting Islamic (or any other religion) claims and could freely express his opinions in Arabic lands without fear of his life. In 2013, almost 1000 years after his death, a Jihadist group beheaded his statue.
- 450. During the middle ages, thousands of black cats were killed due to superstition, with the unintended consequence of increasing the rat population. It was one of the main reasons, the Plague killed millions.



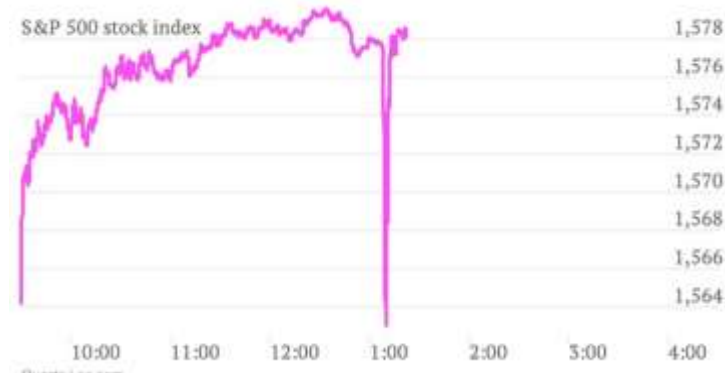
451. In 1976, both Republicans and Democrats signed a Declaration of Interdependence stating that "exploitation of the poor by the rich, and the weak by the strong violates our common humanity" and "resources of the globe are finite, not infinite."
452. While Hollywood and cartoons often depict nuclear waste as a gooey lime green glowing substance, in reality, it is usually an innocuous-looking colorless contaminated water. Some materials do glow, like the 'radium' Marie Curie worked with; but that glows blue, not green.
453. The flag of Nova Scotia was only officially adopted in 2013, after 155 years of use, when an 11-year-old girl researching a project realized that it had never been officially recognized in all that time.
454. IKEA is registered as a non-profit organization dedicated to "furthering the advancement of interior design." This lets them pay a fraction of taxes they otherwise would. The owners make money by licensing the IKEA trademark to the non-profit side.
455. In 2008, when Gordon Ramsay was filming in Iceland, he lost his footing and fell during a descent off an 85 feet cliff, landing in the icy water below. His film crew reported he was submerged for at least 45 seconds.
456. Kents, a major tobacco company sold unique cigarette filters in the 1950s and advertised their health benefits. The advertised ingredient that set them apart was Asbestos.
457. There is something known as ruin value, a concept that a building be designed such that if it eventually collapsed, it would leave behind aesthetically pleasing ruins that would last far longer without any maintenance at all.
458. The author of the science fiction novel "Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?" published in 1968, said "There will come a time when it isn't 'They're spying on me through my phone' anymore. Eventually, it will be 'My phone is spying on me'."
459. The movie previews used to be shown at the end of a movie, which is why they are referred to as "trailers."
460. A Hungarian man named Béla Kiss murdered 24 women and attempted to pickle their bodies in alcohol before enlisting to fight in World War 1. When his crimes were discovered, he evaded capture and was never heard from again.



- 461. There exists a treatment for cystic fibrosis that involves actually inhaling genes to attempt to repair the disease.
- 462. Mike Tyson was arrested 38 times by the time he turned 13.
- 463. One man was caught twice on To Catch a Predator. The second time was less than a week after his court date for the first one. It was so soon that Chris Hansen recognized him.
- 464. Nearly 70% of the 99,000 weapons seized in Mexico in connection with criminal activity from 2007 to 2011 came from the United States.
- 465. 1 American consumes the same amount of resources as 32 Kenyans per year.
- 466. "Feeders of Lice" was a job in Nazi-occupied Poland, where individuals were wrapped with lice cages to serve as blood farms and food for disease-carrying lice. These cages were used to develop Typhus vaccines.
- 467. Zimbabwe's bank balance was \$217 at the start of 2013.
- 468. More than 50% of sloth deaths occur on their once a week trip to the ground to dig a hole and defecate.
- 469. George Foreman named all five of his sons George Foreman.
- 470. SS judge Georg Konrad Morgen investigated corruption and murder in Nazi concentration camps. He investigated more than 800 people for criminal activity in the camps, over a period of two years. He prosecuted so many people that Heinrich Himmler had to directly order him to stop.



- 471. There is a secret room inside Mt. Rushmore that contains porcelain enamel panels containing texts from the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights sealed in a teakwood box, placed in a titanium vault, and sealed shut under the weight of a 1,200-pound granite capstone.
- 472. In 1986, a federal prisoner escaped during a prisoner transfer. A week later, he returned in a stolen helicopter and broke out his girlfriend.
- 473. In 1851, when the refrigerated ice machine was patented, the large ice-importing industry ran a smear campaign against the technology, calling it immoral.
- 474. In 2009, archaeologists unearthed the oldest musical instruments ever found. There were flutes that inhabitants of southwestern Germany laboriously carved from bone and ivory at least 35,000 years ago.
- 475. The largest centipede which ever existed (280 million years ago) was tall enough to rear up and look a human in the eyes.
- 476. Samuel L. Jackson had 'Bad Motherfucker' engraved on the lightsaber that he used in Star Wars.
- 477. John Marley's scream of terror after seeing the horse head in The Godfather is genuine, as they used a fake in rehearsals and swapped for a real head during shooting without Marley's knowledge.
- 478. Sony after the 2012 security breaches changed PSN user agreement to require users to agree not to sue Sony over any future security breach.
- 479. At Andrew Jackson's funeral in 1845, his pet parrot had to be removed because it was swearing.
- 480. There's a coast-to-coast hiking trail called The American Discovery Trail that connects Delaware and California.



481. In April 2013, someone hacked the Associated Press's Twitter account and tweeted that two bombs had exploded at the White House. The stock market crashed within seconds, only to recover the same day once the tweet was discovered to be a hoax.
482. Volkswagen was sued by Czechoslovakian car maker Tatra before WWII because the original Beetle was so similar to the Tatra T97. After Germany invaded Czechoslovakia in 1938, the lawsuit was canceled by the Nazis.
483. The USA recruited 1600 Nazi scientists and created false employment histories and expunged Nazi Party memberships and regime affiliations from the public record.
484. Pandas were carnivorous, but they inexplicably lost their appetite for meat during evolution.
485. The city of Perth in Western Australia is geographically the most remote city in the world (by land). The nearest city of more than 100,000 people is almost 1500 miles away.
486. England built an underground city in the 1950s to house 4,000 key government employees in case of a nuclear strike, complete with 60 miles of roadways, an underground lake to provide fresh water and a railway to transport the Royal Family. It was not revealed to the public until 2004.
487. The brain has an "automatic penis maintenance function" to force erections if unused for too long
488. Most wasabi eaten in the United States is actually just a blend of horseradish, mustard, and food coloring due to the prices of real wasabi.
489. Jams are made from fruit, while jellies are made from juice. Preserves have chunks of fruit, conserves have dried fruit or nuts, and marmalades have peel and pulp. Fruit butter is slowly cooked to a smooth consistency.
490. "Strawberries" and "peaches" in Quaker Instant Oatmeal are actually flavored dehydrated apples. The "blueberries" are flavored dried figs.



491. Colombian drug trafficker Carlos Lehder bought himself an island in the Bahamas where he put an airstrip which controlled the drugs coming in from South America and entering the US. He became so wealthy that he offered to pay Colombia's foreign debt for amnesty.
492. Reintroducing wolves to Yellowstone in 1995 changed the entire geography of the park as elk were displaced, saplings that would have been eaten by elk were spared, riverbank erosion was brought under control, and streams and rivers shifted their courses.
493. During World War 1, Magician Harry Houdini took 1 year off performing to help sell war bonds and teach American soldiers how to escape from German handcuffs.
494. At the height of the Irish Potato Famine in 1847, almost 4,000 ships carried food from Ireland to England and Scotland while 400,000 Irish died of starvation and related diseases. The same year, a Native American tribe sent \$710 to help ease the suffering.
495. The inventor of upside-down ketchup bottle earned 13 million dollars for this invention.
496. For his time as James Bond, Daniel Craig has the privilege of taking any Aston Martin from the factory for the rest of his life.
497. Jeremy Clarkson once published his bank account number and sort code to prove that the information couldn't be used to steal money. Someone used it to set up a monthly direct debit from his bank account to a charity.
498. In 2006, a Norweigan coach gave a ski pole to a Canadian skier, allowing her to go on to win a silver medal. Canadians citizens were so touched by this that they collectively gave him 5.2 tons of Maple Syrup.
499. Jules Verne wrote the novel "Paris in the Twentieth Century" back in 1863 and described a world of glass skyscrapers, high-speed trains, gas-powered automobiles, calculators, and a worldwide communications network.
500. There is a fake village in Netherlands with fake shops and restaurants that are actually a care home for elderly with dementia.



501. Chadwick(the discoverer of the neutron) was a student of Rutherford (discoverer of the proton), who was the student of Thomson (the discoverer of the electron).
502. The record for the longest marathon run is held by Shizo Kanakuri with a time of 54 years, 8 months, 6 days, 5 hours, 32 minutes and 20.379 seconds. During the 1912 Olympics, he quit midway through a marathon race and went home to Japan without notifying the officials. He was considered a missing person in Sweden for over 50 years. In 1966, he was invited to complete the marathon.
503. Indian housewives hold 11% of the World's gold. This is more than the reserves of USA, IMF, Switzerland, and Germany put together.
504. During the Cold War, the USSR officials were able to identify a forged Soviet passport from a genuine one just from its staples. The staples in the real passports used to corrode quickly due to the poor quality of the metal used.
505. Traditional balsamic vinegar is aged for 12-25 years in a battery of seven barrels of successively smaller sizes and can cost over \$100 per fluid ounce. The stuff one usually finds in supermarkets is regular wine vinegar with thickeners, flavors, and coloring agents added.
506. Scientists have found a fungus that uses of gamma radiation as its energy source in Chernobyl's nuclear remains.
507. Since the 19th century, western music has had a 'Pitch Shift'. In effect, a C in Mozart's day was half of a semitone lower than what a C is today and all music today is sharper than how several composers wrote it.
508. Between 1970 and 1973, four Israeli fighter pilots translated The Hobbit from English to Hebrew to pass the time in an Egyptian prison, where they were held as POWs. Their translated book was published commercially in 1977 and up until 2012 was considered the best Hebrew version of the book.
509. Companies use Elmer's Glue as milk in cereal commercials, so that the cereal won't look soggy, and so that they can strategically place the cereal in the bowl.
510. Between 1993-98, a majority of US Senators were trading stocks and beating the market by 12 percentage points a year on average. By comparison, corporate insiders beat the market by just 5 percent, and typical households underperformed by 1.4 percent.



- 511. The center star of Orion's sword isn't a star; it's the Orion Nebula and is the only nebula visible from Earth with the naked eye.
- 512. In 2001, a man died of complications from the injuries caused by a gunfire in 1966. His death was ruled a homicide, despite it occurring 35 years after the death of the shooter.
- 513. The inventor of the television didn't let his own children watch TV. He once said to his son "There's nothing on it worthwhile, and we're not going to watch it in this household, and I don't want it in your intellectual diet." - Philo T Farnsworth.
- 514. There is a permanent underwater laboratory called Aquarius that is owned by NOAA but used by NASA to study how people handle extreme living conditions. Residents are referred to as "aquanauts".
- 515. Rugby was so popular in South Africa that in 1902 there was a temporary ceasefire in the Second Boer War so that a game could be played between British and Boer forces (Afrikaners).
- 516. The V-2 rocket in WW2 killed more people during production than as a weapon. 12,000 forced workers died making them while 9,000 died from the attacks.
- 517. In 2012, a gang in the Czech Republic stole a 10-ton metal bridge to sell for scrap metal.
- 518. There was a Swan nicknamed 'Hannibal', who killed and injured other Swans. If any new Swans were to enter his pond, he would fight them off, often hold their heads under the water to kill them. Any Swans attempting to leave the pond would have their feet 'Smashed to smithereens'.
- 519. Abraham Lincoln signed legislation that created the Secret Service hours before he was assassinated.
- 520. An artist named Pierre Brassau exhibited a series of paintings in 1964 to critical acclaim. However, "Pierre Brassau" was, in fact, a chimpanzee. Even after the hoax was revealed, a critic declared that the chimp's painting was still the best in the exhibition.



521. The deepest gold mine in North America is located in Quebec, Canada. The deepest shaft of the mine reaches over 2.48 miles (4 kilometers) underground and is predicted to be able to access over 12.5 million ounces of gold.
522. James D. French was an American murderer, who was put to death in 1966 by the electric chair. His last words were: "How's this for your headline? 'French Fries'".
523. One of the perks of being an Oscar-winner is that you can have your Oscar repaired for free by the Academy.
524. In the city of Yiwu in eastern China, people were confused how a Chinese couple managed to run a busy restaurant 21 hours a day without getting tired. Locals named them "robot couple restaurant". Turns out the restaurant is run by two couples, both the men and women are identical twins.
525. 70% of the land in England is still owned by 1% of the population, largely descended from William the Conqueror's army.
526. J.K. Rowling told Alan Rickman the end to Snape's story arc before he ever appeared on camera as Snape in the Harry Potter movies. As a result, he often argued with directors about knowing something that they didn't.
527. If the Native Americans really did sell Manhattan to the Europeans for \$16 in the 1600s and if they had invested that \$16 at annual interest rates of 8%, today that \$16 would have been worth enough for them to buy back all of Manhattan and still have \$222 Trillion dollars left over.
528. An African tribe in Namibia still wears Victorian clothes, a style of former German occupiers that they've made their own.
529. In the late 1600s, London was plagued by an attacker who would spank his victims with a rod and shout "Spanko!" before running away.
530. Speed is now so important in financial trading that a new \$300 million transatlantic cable was laid down in order to shave 5 milliseconds off communications between New York and London.



531. The equivalents of the English saying "That's Greek to me" are "This appears to be Spanish" (German), "This is Russian to me" (Dutch), "It's German to me" (Philippines), "It's Hebrew" (Finnish), "It's Chinese to me" (Hebrew), "Sounds like Mars language/These are chicken intestines" (China).
532. Elmer Fudd initially just wanted to shoot Bugs Bunny with a camera. He came to the country to photograph wildlife, but Bugs drove him crazy, causing him to jump into a lake and nearly drown. After that Elmer replaced the camera with a rifle.
533. In 2006, Honda became the sole supplier of engines in the IndyCar series. It was for the first time in Indianapolis 500 history that the race was run without a single engine problem.
534. In 2009, Stephen Colbert won a NASA competition to have a module of the ISS named after him, but NASA opted to name it 'Tranquility' instead. They did, however, name a treadmill on the ISS after him. It is called the Combined Operational Load Bearing External Resistance Treadmill (C.O.L.B.E.R.T.)
535. Astronomers have discovered a planet where it rains glass (silicate) sideways, in howling 7,000 kmph winds. This gives the planet a blue hue. It is 63 light-years from us.
536. 8th January 1836 is the last day in history that the USA had no national debt.
537. Christopher Columbus, on the way to the New World, was stranded in Jamaica in 1503 A.D. Knowing that he was wearing out his welcome with the natives and that a lunar eclipse was near, Columbus warned the natives that the moon would vanish if they did not continue to feed him and his sailors.
538. Vincent van Gogh used to put candles in his hat, so he could paint at night. He walked ridiculously fast, was a widow-chaser, and never once signed his paintings "Van Gogh".
539. In 4 out of 10 of the UK's largest airports, it's cheaper to park a light aircraft for 24 hours than to park your car.
540. Larry Lemieux, a Canadian sailor at the 1988 Olympics, was about to win a silver medal when he abandoned the race to save two other competitors who had capsized. He was given the Pierre de Coubertin Medal for sportsmanship.



- 541. Peacock feathers are actually brown but have microscopic structures that interfere with light that make the bright iridescence.
- 542. In 2011, the city of Portland, Oregon discarded 7.8 million gallons of drinking water in a reservoir, not because of the dead animals "regularly found in the drinking supply," but because a drunk 21-year-old peed in it.
- 543. In 1954, the city of Bombay in India had such a bad rat problem that they began accepting dead rats as taxes. This led to the mass breeding and killing of rats to use them for payment.
- 544. The tumbling tumbleweed (*Kali tragus*), a long-standing symbol of the lonely American West, is actually a foreign introduced species from Asia commonly called 'Russian thistle'.
- 545. 5000 years ago the Chinese created nail polish and used it to symbolize wealth and power among the elite. It was forbidden among the general population to use them. Reports exist of commoners sentenced to die for wearing it.
- 546. In 1967, the Prime Minister of Australia Harold Holt mysteriously disappeared while swimming. He was pronounced dead two days later, but his body has never been found.
- 547. Leonardo da Vinci deliberately left errors in the designs of his inventions, in order to prevent it from being put to practice by unauthorized people.
- 548. Murderers in medieval Ireland were given to the deceased's family as slaves if they fail to pay a hefty fine to buy their freedom. The family could then legally kill the murderer themselves.
- 549. In Nevada, public intoxication is not only explicitly legal, but it's illegal for any city or town in Nevada to pass a law making it illegal.
- 550. In California and 3 other US states, "Ladies' Night" are against the law because they are gender discrimination



- 551. The adult Luna Moth has no mouth and dies of starvation.
- 552. A baby elephant sucks its trunk like a baby sucks its thumb for comfort.
- 553. If the American President is unmarried or his wife dies during his term, another female relative will become the First Lady. Three president's daughters, two president's sisters, two nieces and two daughters-in-law have been First Lady.
- 554. On 5 April 2010, there were four women in space at the same time. This was the largest female gathering off the planet to that point.
- 555. Despite having created one of the largest fast food franchises, Wendy's founder, Dave Thomas decided to go back to school and earn his GED in 1993 at the age of 61. His GED class voted him 'Most Likely to Succeed'.
- 556. A 456-pound man starved himself for a year and 17 days, only surviving off his own body fat, yeast, multivitamins and potassium supplements. After this ordeal, he weighed just 180 pounds.
- 557. Italian singer Adriano Celentano released a song in the 70's with nonsense lyrics meant to sound like American English, to prove that Italians would like any English song. It was a hit.
- 558. There is a large stinging shrub native to Australia called the Gympie Gympie that produces a neurotoxin so painful, it has driven people and animals to suicide. The pain has been described as being sprayed with hot acid and electrocuted at the same time. A man was reported to have shot himself after using the tree as toilet paper.
- 559. Research has found that when ignored by that person whose attention means the most to you, the reaction in your brain is similar to that of physical pain.
- 560. IMDb is one of the oldest websites on the internet, and began on Usenet (a long-standing system of internet bulletin boards) in 1990 as a list of "actresses with beautiful eyes"



- 561. In 1929, a "Bat Tower" was built in Florida Keys to control mosquitos. It was filled with bats, which promptly flew away, never to return.
- 562. In Australia, Weird Al's "Eat It" reached number one on the music charts, while the original, "Beat It", only peaked at number three.
- 563. The only difference between Tylenol Cold and Tylenol Flu is the box. They have exactly the same medical ingredients.
- 564. J. Edgar Hoover hated John Steinbeck so much that he used his influence to have the IRS audit Steinbeck every single year of his life.
- 565. The full moon always rises at sunset. The new moon always rises at sunrise. The first quarter rises at noon. And the last quarter at midnight.
- 566. After hitting his head in the shallow end of a swimming pool, a man named Derek Amato from Colorado woke with a condition known as acquired musical savant syndrome. He then went on to become a great pianist without ever learning to play.
- 567. Hall of fame boxer, Sugar Ray Robinson once backed out of a fight because he had a dream that he was going to kill his opponent in the ring. After a priest and a minister convinced him to fight, Robinson went into the ring and killed his opponent, Jimmy Doyle in the fight.
- 568. The chains that you can see hanging under school buses and trucks are there to provide traction in snow. With the flip of a switch, the chains will lower automatically and the centrifugal force sends the chains into action.
- 569. In the early 1900s, lots of German kids used to die from diarrhea until a doctor named Ernst Moro invented carrot stew, which saved thousands of lives. In 2009, experiments showed that Professor Moro's Carrot Soup could cure diarrhea caused by bacteria which are resistant to antibiotics.
- 570. Netflix monitors what is being illegally downloaded on BitTorrent and other pirate sites in order to work out what shows they ought to try and purchase.



571. "Butt" was a medieval unit of measure for wine. Technically, a buttload of wine is about 475 liters or 126 gallons.
572. German World War 2 pilots in North Africa used to fix bottles of Coca-Cola to the underside of their wings so that the drink would cool at high altitude and be ready to drink after landing.
573. In 2006, Tom Hanks was inducted as an honorary member of the Army Ranger Hall of Fame for his portrayal of Cpt. Miller in the film Saving Private Ryan.
574. The waffled style ice cream cone, hamburgers, hot dogs, iced tea, cotton candy, and Dr. Pepper, were all first introduced to mass audiences or popularized at the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair.
575. Before Nazis used the salute that is now commonly referred to as the "Hitler salute," Americans did it while saying the Pledge of Allegiance
576. Bermuda Triangle has had as many disappearances as any other part of the oceans of similar size and many of the mysteries attributed to it happened outside of the triangle.
577. During the London riots of 2011, the looting and vandalism which took place throughout the city were almost totally avoided by bookshops. One man said his store would probably stay open during the unrest, stating: "If they steal some books, they might actually learn something."
578. Ancient Babylonians did math in base 60 and not base 10, thus giving us 60 seconds in a minute and 360 degrees in a circle, etc.
579. Some older/less efficient worker termites will develop 'backpacks' of toxic chemicals that explode when the termite is threatened. They are essentially used as suicide bombers when the colony is being attacked.
580. You can buy miniature cows and bulls for pets, and they only grow to 1m in height.



- 581. Research has found that in loud environments, people are twice as likely to comply with requests asked in their right ear rather than their left.
- 582. When a mountain was found to be taller than Australia's highest mountain, Mount Kosciuszko, their names were swapped so that Mount Kosciuszko remained the highest mountain in Australia.
- 583. In the 60's, the U.S. army did an experiment in which two people without nuclear training had to design a nuke with only access to public available documents and they succeeded.
- 584. Speedy Gonzales was banned by Cartoon Network for being an offensive stereotype, only to be returned after a mass protest by the Hispanic-American community.
- 585. After French soldier Jean Bernadotte showed kindness to a few Swedish soldiers, he became so popular in Sweden that the Swedes decided to make him their king when a vacancy came up, despite him never having set foot in Sweden before. The House of Bernadotte rules Sweden to this day.
- 586. Arnold made \$75,000 for his role in Terminator, but in Terminator 2 he made \$15,000,000 about 7 years later.
- 587. In 2012, an entire city in Zimbabwe was instructed to flush their toilets at the same time to unblock sewers.
- 588. Researchers discovered a clam estimated to be 507 years old, the oldest-ever living animal, and accidentally killed it.
- 589. Tolkien considered languages the foundation of his work. He created the stories for his languages, not the other way around.
- 590. The Higgs boson is nicknamed 'the God particle' not because of its fundamental role in the universe, but because of Leon Lederman, a theoretical physicist who wrote a book about it in 1993, called it the 'Goddamn particle', as it was so difficult to observe.



- 591. Some police stations in China use geese instead of guard dogs to keep watch at night. Geese are very territorial and have better vision than humans.
- 592. The first Native American who met the Pilgrims at Plymouth Colony walked into their encampment and greeted them in English.
- 593. Syphilis had been called the "French disease" in Italy, Poland and Germany, the "Italian disease" in France, the "Spanish disease" by the Dutch, the "Polish disease" by Russians, and the Turks called it the "Christian disease."
- 594. From 1946 to 1948, nearly 700 Guatemalans were deliberately infected by American doctors to study the effects of venereal disease. The US didn't formally acknowledge the study or apologize till 2010.
- 595. The first human cardiac catheterization was done by Werner Forssmann who, after failing to get permission from his department chief, anesthetized his arm, inserted a catheter into his vein and threaded it into his heart. He then walked down to the X-ray department and took a picture to prove it
- 596. Dr. Ignaz Philipp Semmelweis dropped the mortality rate for childbirth from 12% to 2% after he insisted that doctors wash their hands in between handling cadavers and delivering babies.
- 597. Mr. Ramon Artagaveytia survived the fire and sinking of a ship in 1871, leaving him emotionally scarred. About 41 years later, he was finally able to overcome his fears and nightmares and deciding to sail again, only to die in the sinking of that new ship, which was The Titanic.
- 598. If a goose gets sick or is wounded while flying, a couple of other geese may drop out of formation to help and protect him. They will try to stay with the disabled goose until he dies or is able to fly again.
- 599. NFL moved the 1993 Super Bowl from Arizona after residents there voted against recognizing Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- 600. Some lizards, in which the tail is a major storage organ for accumulating reserves, will return to a dropped tail after the threat has passed, and will eat it to recover part of the sacrificed supplies.



601. The Horror Frog, which lives in Central Africa, when threatened, breaks the bones in its toes and forces the ends through its skin to create claws for fighting.
602. In the 1920s and 30s, Procter and Gamble (originally known for soap and candles) sponsored several radio shows, with those shows becoming known as "soap operas"
603. Neil DeGrasse Tyson considered becoming a male stripper to make money to graduate school. When he visited the club, the dancers came out with lighter fluid soaked jockstraps and set them ablaze while dancing to "Great Balls of Fire." He chose math tutoring instead.
604. KGB defector Anatoli Golitsyn claimed in 1984 that USSR would intentionally collapse in order to lull the West into complacency.
605. African spiny mice can shed up to 60% of the skin on their backs to escape predators. They then regrow hair follicles, skin, sweat glands and fur instead of scar tissue. It is speculated that we could switch this mechanism on in humans.
606. Mumbai is the only city in the world to have a fully functioning national park with freely roaming large carnivores, within city limits.
607. Horseshoe crab blood, at \$60,000/gallon, is valued to such an extreme degree because it is not only employed worldwide in bacterial contamination tests, it is also used in testings for every single drug approved by the FDA, making it a \$50 million/year industry.
608. In the Nigerian version of Sesame Street, the blue monster with a food obsession isn't obsessed with cookies, but with yams.
609. Cherokee Native Americans owned slaves and some of whom were even forced to walk the Trail of Tears with their owners. Their descendants were legally recognized as tribe members until 2007 when a Cherokee constitutional amendment requiring Cherokee blood for membership ousted thousands of them.
610. The true meaning of the lyrics to Bohemian Rhapsody still remains a secret within the band.



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- 621. According to an article published in 1918, pink was for boys because it is a stronger color, while the delicate blue was reserved for girls.
- 622. At 4400 words, the United States has the oldest and shortest written Constitution of any major government in the world.
- 623. The British king or queen has two birthdays: their real birth date and one assigned to them during the summer, to ensure better weather for the parade.
- 624. Arthur Guinness was an exceptional individual who used the money he made from brewing to help relief of the poor, abolish dueling, promote literacy, and provided his workers with a higher standard of living.
- 625. Thai prisoners are released early if they take part in special kickboxing matches against foreigners.
- 626. Mobile phones often have two completely different phone numbers attached to them, which are both usable. One is the one you think your number is and the other is called a Mobile Identification Number (MIN), a number your carrier uses to identify you.
- 627. North Korea used to buy full-page ads in the New York Times and other popular newspapers of the West. At least 100 such ads were published from 1969-1997.
- 628. 98% of Antarctica is covered by ice that is 1 mile thick.
- 629. Children's author Roald Dahl was given a 'Viking funeral' and buried with wine, snooker cues, pencils and a power saw.
- 630. Former U.S. President Calvin Coolidge (1924-28) enjoyed "buzzing for his bodyguards and then hiding under his desk as they frantically searched for him".



631. The phrase "The luck of the Irish" is actually meant to be offensive. It's as if to say: "only by sheer luck, as opposed to brains, could these fools succeed".
632. Musician and singer B.B King saved his Guitar from a burning building caused by a fight between two men. The men were fighting over a lady named Lucille and B.B King named his guitar after her as a reminder to never fight over a woman or run into burning buildings.
633. In 1859, there was a coronal mass ejection from our sun so intense that it shocked telegraph operators and set their equipment on fire.
634. Upon their return to Earth, the Apollo 11 crew members were quarantined in a special facility for 21 days just to be sure they didn't bring back any germs from the moon.
635. LSD cured a holocaust survivor of Auschwitz's PTSD and allowed him to sleep for the first time in 30 years without nightmares.
636. The human heart can now be permanently replaced with an artificial turbine created by Scientists at the Texas Heart Institute. It causes a constant flow of blood rather than a pulse.
637. Clint Eastwood bought David Webb Peoples' script for The Unforgiven in 1976 and sat on it for 15 years until he was old enough to play the lead role of William Munny.
638. The pilot script for "Scrubs" called for a "John McGinley type" for the part of Dr. Cox. John C. McGinley still had to audition five times to get that role.
639. Franklin D. Roosevelt wanted to pass a second Bill of Rights that would help assure financial equality or the "Economic Bill of Rights"
640. When a bee mates with a queen, its ejaculation is so powerful that it is audible to the human ear.



641. The Pillars of Creation, a nebula 7,000 light years away, was destroyed by supernova 6,000 years ago. In a thousand years, we will see it destroyed as it takes 7,000 years for the light to reach Earth.
642. Congressional approval for the first Gulf War was affected by the testimony of a Kuwaiti nurse, who claimed to have witnessed Iraqi soldiers pulling babies out of incubators and throwing them on the floor to die. This never happened. The nurse was not a nurse. She was coached by a PR firm.
643. There has been a book written from the perspective of a successful sociopath/psychopath about the intricacies of the life of someone with this condition called "Confessions of a Sociopath: A Life Spent Hiding in Plain Sight". The book, for obvious reasons, was written under a pseudonym.
644. In Newfoundland, there is a berry called a bakeapple. The word comes from French "Baie Qu'Appelle?" meaning "What's this berry called?"
645. Due to changes in local gravity, a pendulum clock accurate at sea level will lose around 16 seconds per day if moved to an altitude of 4000 feet.
646. In Shampoo and Moisturizer Ads, "Essential Oils" means that the oil gives off a distinctive scent, not that they're essential.
647. American Journalist Anderson Cooper, soon after graduating college, forged a press pass and gained entrance to Myanmar to meet with students fighting the Burmese government. He was ultimately able to sell his home-made news segments to Channel One, launching his journalism career.
648. Costa Rica abolished its military and redirected the military budget toward healthcare, education, and environmental protection over 65 years ago.
649. In North Korea, citizens are forced to choose one of 28 government-approved haircuts.
650. In the ancient Persian Empire, men used to debate ideas twice, once when sober and once when drunk, because an idea had to sound good in both states in order to be considered a good idea.



651. Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt sold the rights for the first images of their twins to People and Hello! Magazines for \$14 million, thereby making them the most expensive celebrity pictures ever taken. The money went to the Jolie-Pitt Foundation.
652. American author, Mark Twain repaid his pre-bankruptcy creditors in full, though he had no legal obligation to do so. He said, "I am not a business man, and honor is a harder master than the law. It cannot compromise for less than a hundred cents on the dollar, and its debts never outlaw."
653. In a study to improve hospital design for children, researchers polled 250 children regarding their opinions on clowns. Every single one reported disliking or fearing them.
654. NASA had to re-label the penis sleeve for urinating in space suits from "small, medium, and large" to "large, gigantic, and humongous" because astronauts would only choose the large and they kept slipping off.
655. You can actually donate your voice to help people with speech impairments so that they can select a vocal identity of their own.
656. There's a bar in Ireland that opened in the year 900 A.D. and is still operational. It is named "Sean's Bar".
657. US ZIP Code 12345 belongs to the main corporate campus of General Electric. GE receives thousands of Santa letters each year from kids believing it would make the most sense for Santa's workshop to have 12345 as his ZIP code.
658. In 2010, blind hiker Bill Irwin completed the Appalachian Trail (2160-mile) with the help of his Seeing Eye dog, after falling ~5,000 times.
659. Quentin Tarantino's '64 Chevy Malibu was stolen from the set of Pulp Fiction in 1994. It was recovered in 2013.
660. There's a small sculpture on the moon named "Fallen Astronaut" made by Belgian artist Paul Van Hoeydonck and placed by the crew of Apollo 15 in 1971. It is the only sculpture on the moon, yet it remains relatively unknown.



- 661. Bill Nye the Science Guy only has a Bachelor's degree in Science but has been awarded three honorary doctorate degrees.
- 662. In Sweden, your car headlights have to be on at all times when driving, even in broad daylight.
- 663. When in love, the human brain consistently releases the same combination of neurotransmitters and hormones that are released by amphetamines, leading to side effects such as increased heart rate, loss of appetite and sleep, and an intense feeling of excitement.
- 664. Nichelle Nichols was convinced to stay on "Star Trek" by Martin Luther King Jr., who told her, "don't you understand for the first time, we're seen as we should be seen. You don't have a black role. You have an equal role."
- 665. In 1999, USA bombed China's embassy in Belgrade, killing three Chinese journalists. The bombing was blamed on outdated maps, but it was later revealed that the CIA actually possessed up-to-date maps.
- 666. Early humans used to run their prey to death. This method of hunting was called persistence hunting.
- 667. Nicolas Cage (born Nicolas Coppola) changed his last name at the beginning of his career in order to avoid any favoritism he might receive as the nephew of the legendary director Francis Ford Coppola (directed "The Godfather", "The Godfather II", "Apocalypse Now", among other movies).
- 668. The asteroid impact that killed the dinosaurs was powerful enough to send Earth rocks to Mars and even Europa. As a result, if we ever find life on those worlds, there may be a small chance that they would have originated on our own planet.
- 669. There is a phenomenon called phantom vibration syndrome and in a study conducted by researchers, 68% of people have experienced it. It is a sensory hallucination where you mistakenly think that your phone is buzzing.
- 670. The Concorde supersonic jet stretched during flight due to the heat it generated. On its final flight, the crew placed their hats into a crevice in the floor which appeared during the flight. As the aircraft cooled the crevice closed, permanently sealing their hats in the aluminum airframe.



671. Infinite Monkey Theorem states that monkeys with typewriters and infinite amount time could produce the entire works of Shakespeare. This theorem was tried out in real life, but only for a month. The six monkeys wrote five pages of S, slammed the keyboard with a stone and took a shit on it.
672. Andre the Giant insisted on paying every restaurant bill and once when Arnold Schwarzenegger quietly paid the cashier before Andre could, he was physically lifted and put on top of his own car by Andre and Wilt Chamberlain.
673. A genetic disease called Fibrodysplasia ossificans progressiva causes human tissue to turn into bone. "Sufferers are slowly imprisoned by their own skeletons."
674. Zambia had a space program in the 1960s. It consisted of a grade school science teacher, a teenage girl and her cat, and a missionary.
675. Miley Cyrus's first job was to pick up the bras and the underwear that her dad's fans (country singer Billy Ray) threw on the stage. She got paid \$10 for it.
676. The word 'Homeboy' goes back to the 1800's, and was used by African-Americans to refer to each other as people from 'back home'.
677. The NHL designed a puck with IR sensors in it to track it. That's how they made it glow in the 90'.
678. The murder rate in Honduras is so high that some cities have started offering a program for free funerals. There is a violent death in Honduras every 74 minutes.
679. When the Titanic sank "someone decided to free the dogs from their kennels, leading to the surreal sight of a pack of excited dogs racing up and down the slanting deck".
680. There exists a museum in Massachusetts which is dedicated to exhibiting shitty art that is "too bad to be ignored".

- 681. The White House used to be partially powered by solar panels starting in 1979 before they were taken down by the Reagan Administration in 1986.
- 682. There is a screenplay named 'Atuk' which has never been made into a movie because anyone who has shown interest in playing the lead role has died unexpectedly, including John Candy, Chris Farley, John Belushi and Sam Kinison.
- 683. When ketchup is labeled "Fancy" it's actually a United States Department of Agriculture grade meaning it's thicker than standard ketchup.
- 684. Genghis Khan's chief adviser was a captured scholar named Yelu Chucai. His contribution to the Mongol Empire was to suggest that the Mongols not kill everyone, but tax them instead.
- 685. On April 1, 2007, Google sent an email to its employees warning that a python was loose in its New York Office. It was not a joke.
- 686. Contrary to movie plots, The US Witness Protection Program has never had a breach of security in which a protected person or family member was harmed. All 8,500+.
- 687. Layne Staley (former lead singer of Alice in Chains) was found over a week after he died not because his friends or family notified someone, but because his accountant noticed he hadn't withdrawn money from his account in a week.
- 688. The CIA secretly pumped funds into abstract-expressionists, such as Jackson Pollock and Mark Rothko, in an attempt to make popular American freedom and expression art in contrast to rigid Soviet art.
- 689. In Armenia, all children aged 6 and up are taught chess at school, as it is a mandatory part of their curriculum.
- 690. Winnipeg, despite being one of the coldest cities in Canada, is the Slurpee capital of the world.

- 691. In 1955, a 6-year-old boy incredibly fought off a starving cougar while his friend ran for help taking 45 minutes before finally finding an adult who believed him.
- 692. The reason all videos are subtitled on Netflix is because the National Association of the Deaf filed a class-action lawsuit against them in 2010.
- 693. Only two species on earth that have domesticated other species are humans and ants.
- 694. The only reason Tom Cruise was literally in a closet in South Park, was Trey Parker getting around the legal repercussions of calling him gay directly. The Lawyers wouldn't allow it, so he rewrote the scene to have him trapped in a closet.
- 695. Sand from the Sahara is blown by the wind all the way to the Amazon, recharging its minerals. The desert literally fertilizes the rainforest.
- 696. In 1524, a statue of Virgin Mary was charged with being a witch and was sent to trial by water, when the statue floated they denounced it as a witch and burnt it.
- 697. When a paper couldn't think of a name for an article about Chris Hadfield they rang the Air Force who said: "Just call it 'Canadian Wins Top Test Pilot' or something to that effect." A friend sent Chris a copy of the article, it read "Canadian Wins Top Test Pilot or Something to that Effect"
- 698. On April Fool's Day, 1976, the BBC convinced many listeners that a special alignment of the planets would temporarily decrease gravity on Earth. Phone lines were flooded with callers who claimed they felt the effects.
- 699. Canada abruptly canceled the development of its own fighter jet (Avro Arrow) in the 1950s in favor of nuclear missiles (Bomarc). All the engineers left for NASA thereafter.
- 700. The first and the last British soldiers to die in WWI are coincidentally buried only 15 feet apart. In the 4 year period between their deaths, nearly a million other British/Commonwealth troops died.

- 701. Movie popcorn costs more per ounce than filet mignon.
- 702. After seeing Stanley Kubrick's 2001: A Space Odyssey, the astronauts of Apollo 8, the first manned mission to leave Earth's orbit, were tempted to radio back reporting the appearance of a black monolith.
- 703. Neil deGrasse Tyson criticized the scene in "Titanic" where Rose looks at the night sky after the ship sank; saying the placement of the stars was inaccurate. After speaking with Tyson, Cameron corrected the scene for the DVD. It was the only scene to be completely redone for the re-release.
- 704. In 585 BC, a solar eclipse occurred in the middle of a battle between the Lydians and the Medes. They promptly ceased fighting and signed a peace treaty.
- 705. As a child, Muhammad Ali was refused an autograph by his boxing idol, Sugar Ray Robinson. When Ali became a prizefighter, he vowed never to deny an autograph request, which he honored throughout his career.
- 706. Neil Armstrong, the first man to step foot on the moon, carried with him a piece of the cloth and wood from the original 1903 Wright Flyer.
- 707. In 1959, the guy who wrote "Louie, Louie" sold the song's rights for \$750 to pay for his wedding. In the mid-80s, he was living on welfare with his mom in South Central LA, when a lawyer convinced him to take action to get the rights back. He settled out of court and became a millionaire.
- 708. When meeting with Pele, Ronald Reagan said: "My name is Ronald Reagan, I'm the President of the United States of America, but you don't need to introduce yourself, because everyone knows who Pele is."
- 709. MTV's 16 and pregnant has been linked to a decrease in teen pregnancies
- 710. Buzz Aldrin's mother's maiden name was Moon.

- 711. WWOOF is an international program that allows you to travel the world, with food/accommodations covered, in exchange for volunteer work.
- 712. Actor John Cusack has trained in kickboxing for over 20 years and is a sixth-degree black belt.
- 713. A "safer cigarette" (The XA Project) was developed in the 70s but tobacco companies pressured the inventor to bury it because it implied their cigarettes were unsafe.
- 714. The Navajo extras in a 1964 classic John Ford western said crazy and ribald things on film in serious scenes because no one on set knew their language. There were also comments on other characters' penis size and more.
- 715. Years ago Hulk Hogan missed a call from his agent to sponsor a new indoor grill who then gave it to George Foreman, who was also his client. George Foreman earned nearly \$500 million in marketing the grill.
- 716. The only person who voted against going to war with Japan was also the first female congressman. She also voted against WW1.
- 717. In 2009, The Sun attacked Gordon Brown for misspelling the name of a soldier killed in Afghanistan, but in doing so misspelled the name themselves.
- 718. Cleveland Indians once had a "10 cent beer night" that ended in the crowd rioting and attacking the players and umpires. Players and coaches used baseball bats to fend off the rioting fans.
- 719. Scientist Nikola Tesla drank whiskey every day because he thought it would make him live to 150.
- 720. Matthew McConaughey has a food fetish and sometimes has to stop eating because he gets too sexually aroused by the food.

721. Switzerland has over 3,000 points of demolition to stop invaders, with bridges rigged to detonate and/or fall on railways, artificial landslides and hidden artillery are set. On the German side, all tunnels are rigged and mountains are hollowed for whole divisions.
722. Enzo Ferrari told a man "you may be able to drive a tractor but you will never be able to handle a Ferrari properly." The man was so pissed he vowed to create the perfect car and his name was Ferruccio Lamborghini.
723. In 2008, after becoming fed up with people uploading their videos to YouTube, Monty Python started their own channel, uploading HQ versions of their most popular sketches. This move resulted in a 23,000% increase in their DVD sales.
724. Queen Elizabeth does not hold a passport. Since all British passports are issued in the queen's name, she herself doesn't need one. She just has to say that she is the queen.
725. Vin Diesel sent Steven Spielberg a video of his self-directed short movie with a letter about his admiration for the director. Spielberg then specifically wrote a role in Saving Private Ryan for him.
726. One theory on why we are ticklish is that it serves as a mechanism for developing combat skills. Most often practiced from parent to child, tickling activates vulnerable areas on the body that develop a defensive reaction while producing laughter that encourages the 'attacker' to continue.
727. Anytime you see an ingredients list that includes carmine, cochineal extract or natural red 4, the product contains crushed up bugs.
728. The letter 'E' was used to designate a failing grade until it was phased out by the 1930's over the fear of students interpreting it to mean 'excellent'.
729. E-bay once tried changing their background from yellow to white but received complaints. So they reverted it back to yellow, then gradually changed it to white over several months. Nobody complained.
730. Over 800 people tried to accurately guess the weight of an ox at a fair in 1906. Although not a single person guessed the correct weight, the mean (average) of all the guesses was within 0.8% of the ox's actual weight.

731. The purchase of Alaska from Russia by the U.S. was originally mocked by U.S. citizens, who called it "Andrew Johnson's polar bear garden"
732. In 2009, Dolph Lundgren's house was broken into, and his wife was tied up. The burglars then saw a photo of Lundgren and fled realizing whose house they just were in.
733. A crevice and a crevasse are not the same things. A crevice is a deep crack in a rock and a crevasse is a deep crack in the ice.
734. Over 11% of all Americans are infected with parasitic Pinworms, which make your ass itch at night when they come crawling out of your anus to lay their eggs. This makes you scratch your ass and helps these sticky eggs spread, often to your own breakfast, thereby repeating the cycle.
735. The Wright Brothers' first powered flight in 1903 "did not create public excitement. If people even knew about them, the news soon faded." In fact, they were largely mocked and disregarded until a demonstration in France nearly 5 years later.
736. British Physicist Alf Adams came up with the idea of the 'strained-layer quantum well laser' walking on the beach with his wife. He paused for a moment and asked her to stop talking for a moment to let him think. These lasers are now used in almost every household today in optical disc players.
737. George Washington's infamous wooden teeth were actually human teeth from slaves.
738. In 1957, a terminal cancer patient was given a worthless drug that caused his tumors to "melt like snowballs on a hot stove." When he found out it was proven worthless, his cancer returned. He was given a placebo version and it went away again. He learned the truth, then died soon after from cancer.
739. The word "utopia" literally means "not a place".
740. Male survivors of Ebola Virus Disease can harbor the active virus in their sperm, and transmit the disease sexually months after their own recovery.

741. In 1999, a Florida man auctioned his kidney on e-bay. The post read "You can choose either kidney. Buyer pays all transplant and medical costs. Of course, only one for sale, as I need the other one to live. Serious bids only." The bids reached \$5.7 million before e-bay abruptly ended it.
742. The reason cats and dogs like to lie in the sun is so the oily cholesterol on their skin is converted to vitamin D3. Due to thick fur, they lick (while grooming) the oil off it rather than it being absorbed through the skin like in humans.
743. When Michael Bay was a kid, he used to put firecrackers on his toy trains and film the results.
744. Abraham Lincoln suffered from depression. He was scared to carry knives because he was afraid he'd kill himself.
745. During World War II, when U.S. soldier Dirk Vlug was ambushed by 5 Japanese tanks, he single-handedly destroyed all 5 and was eventually awarded the Medal of Honor.
746. Seat cushions at the Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles are designed to have the same absorption properties as the average person so that the hall has the same acoustics when empty or full, an advantage for musicians, who usually rehearse in an empty hall.
747. The only Japanese who survived the Titanic, Masabumi Hosono, lost his job because he was known as a coward in Japan for not dying with the other passengers.
748. Queen (the band) is the only group that has had all of its members compose multiple #1 hits, so in addition to the band being inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, all four members have been individually inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame.
749. In 1968, two boys playing in a deserted and rat-infested tenement found the body of a 31-year-old drug addict, surrounded by religious pamphlets and empty beer bottles. Not until 19 months later was the body identified as that of child actor Bobby Driscoll, Academy Award winner and the voice of Peter Pan.
750. Al Gore's documentary, 'An Inconvenient Truth', was held by the British High Court to have nine errors in it, and cannot be shown in schools unless teachers point out the potentially problematic sections.

751. Bees don't always die when they sting. They die when they sting a human or other animals with similarly thick skin but can sting other insects just fine.
752. In 1971, Saddam Hussein imported 100,000 tons of grain treated with fungicidal mercury. The grains were intended for planting, but the Iraqis, unable to understand the English and Spanish warnings or the "skull and crossbones" image, baked it into bread. Hundreds of Iraqis died as a result.
753. The wood frog, commonly found in Canada lets itself completely freeze into a 'frogsicle' every winter. Its heart comes to a standstill, blood stops flowing, and eyes go white because its lenses freeze. In the summer it thaws and hops away, good as new.
754. In the film 'Thank You for Smoking', none of the characters are ever seen smoking.
755. People literally grow trees and roots into bridges, chairs, ladders, fences, jungle gyms, tunnels, etc. It is known as "Tree Shaping." Theoretically, it can even be used to grow homes.
756. The FBI will reward \$10,000 to anyone who reports people who shoot lasers at planes.
757. One of the originally pitched names for Hannah Montana was Alexis Texas.
758. An aboriginal artist only discovered that one of his designs had been used on the Australian \$1 note when someone brought a wad of cash to his village in 1966. He was compensated with a medallion, a fishing tackle box and \$1,000.
759. In the movie "The Program" there was a scene where football players laid in the middle of the highway to prove they have nerves of steel as vehicles avoided them. In real life, this stunt was copied by two teenagers, but vehicles ran over each person instead of avoiding them, killing one of them.
760. In 1998, New York City had to recall pencils with the message "Too Cool to Do Drugs" on them because as they were sharpened, they'd say "Cool to Do Drugs" and "Do Drugs", etc.

761. Colorado switched mile marker "420" to "419.99" in order to stop people from stealing it.
762. As a child raised in South Carolina, US political comedian Stephen Colbert observed that Southerners were often depicted as being less intelligent than other characters on scripted television. To avoid that stereotype, he taught himself to imitate the speech of American news anchors.
763. Two students were arrested in 1972 for a plan to poison Chicago's water supply with typhoid, anthrax, and various other pathogens. Released on bond, they hijacked a plane and forced it to go to Cuba. One died in a prison and the other one eventually made it home, getting five years of probation.
764. While millions of North Koreans starve, the nation's rulers have taken up the habit of having McDonald's hamburgers flown daily from China to Pyongyang on North Korea's national airline.
765. During the Invasion of Normandy, Scottish Bagpiper, Bill Millin, contrary to British Command, in the thick of battle, marched up and down the beach playing his bagpipes. When his unit captured German snipers, they asked why Millin wasn't shot. They said they didn't shoot because he was clearly mad.
766. The Wright Brothers hated the first director of the Smithsonian Institution, who claimed that he flew before them. If the Smithsonian ever gives credit to earlier claims of controlled and powered manned flight, the Wright Brothers' plane must be returned to Orville's estate.
767. The Soviets had made a prototype laser pistol for use by their astronauts. The pistol was designed to burn a hole through the spacesuits of enemy astronauts, killing them via suffocation and/or explosive decompression.
768. Robert Heft, the man who created the modern American flag did so for a high school project and he received a B- for it.
769. Glucose (sugar) has an opposite "handed" isomer L-glucose that tastes identical and isn't metabolized as sugar, also safe for diabetics. Unfortunately, L-glucose costs 50% more than gold.
770. The 1946 'Adventures of Superman' radio show revealed the 'secret' codes and rituals of the KKK, making it a laughingstock and drying up Klan recruitment almost overnight.

771. During the Spanish-American war (1898), a warship was sent by the USA to capture Guam. It fired 13 shots at the harbor fort without receiving return fire. The Spanish sent an officer out to apologize for not returning the 'salute' as they were out of gunpowder. They hadn't been informed that they were at war.
772. In 2000, Pope John Paul II gave his blessing to the Pokémon franchise, saying the games did not have "any harmful moral side effects" and were based on "ties of intense friendship".
773. After betraying their mission and informing the FBI about Nazi agents on U.S. soil, the two men who saved America from Nazi infiltration were greeted with life imprisonment, the threat of execution, and deportation.
774. 10 Downing Street, the residence of the Prime minister of the UK, has a cat with a government title of Chief Mouser to the Cabinet Office. His day-to-day responsibilities include contemplating a solution to the mouse occupancy of the house.
775. A "dash" is 1/8 of a teaspoon, a "pinch" is 1/16 of a teaspoon, and a "smidgen" is 1/32 of a teaspoon.
776. American Mobster, John Gotti's neighbor accidentally ran over and killed Gotti's son. He was abducted 3 months later and never heard from again.
777. Members of the Nazi Party and KKK shot five unarmed protesters to death in North Carolina in 1979, in broad daylight, while being filmed and all of them were acquitted in two separate trials.
778. Many girls in China pay \$700 for a surgery to restore their hymen before their wedding night to fake virginity so that husbands can see blood on the sheets during the honeymoon night.
779. More than 2,500 of the 3,250 crosswalk buttons in New York City function essentially as mechanical placebos. They haven't worked since the late 1980's.
780. There was a batman villain named Condiment King and he was defeated by slipping on his own ketchup.

781. An extinct bird called Rodrigues Solitaire had strange knob-like balls on its wings. These balls were used by the bird as a deadly weapon to defend its territory and its mate, and the noise it made sounded like thunder in the distance.
782. Obsidian blades are so sharp (3 nm thickness) that, on a cellular level, obsidian knives will cut between cells rather than tear the cells as steel knives would do.
783. The last native Prince of Wales disappeared at the end of his rebellion in 1412 and managed to remain hidden despite a large bounty and an eventual pardon. His fate and location have remained a closely guarded family secret for over 600 years.
784. German scientist, Gerhard Domagk, developed the antibacterial agent Prontosil, a sulfonamide. He used this agent to treat his own daughter, preventing her from an arm amputation. He won the Nobel Prize in Medicine in 1939.
785. The word "Bupkis," common slang for "nothing," comes from the Yiddish phrase meaning "having about as much worth as goat turds."
786. A small number of prostitutes in Majengo, a slum in Nairobi, have shown immunity to AIDS. In the past 30 years, one prostitute named Agnes has had unprotected sex with approximately 2,000 infected men and still shows no signs of the disease.
787. In 1975, Morgantown, WV (Population 30,000) built a personal rapid transit system that comes at the push of a button, skips the stations you don't want and is still carrying 15,000 people per day today.
788. Seth Rogen paid the bills and was the main wage earner of the family by the age of 16.
789. After the fall of the Roman Empire, the technology to make concrete was lost for 1000 years.
790. Keanu Reeves has a private cancer foundation to help children's hospitals and cancer research, but he does not attach his name to it. He also has spent over 5 million dollars to help his sister in her fight against leukemia.

791. A Lyme vaccine conferring immunity 76% of adults and 100% of children was removed from the market after an outcry by patient advocacy groups; despite no scientific evidence suggesting the vaccine was unsafe.
792. Lots-o'-Huggin bear from Toy Story 3 was originally meant to appear in the first film, but the technology needed to animate his fur did not yet exist.
793. Andre Geim won the satirical Ig Nobel Prize in 2000 for his work on using magnetism to levitate a frog. About 10 years later, his experiments regarding graphene won him the 2010 Nobel Prize in Physics. This makes him the only ever recipient of both the Ig Nobel and Nobel Prizes.
794. There is a German word "Bulimielernen" [= bulimia learning]. It describes the brainless activity of having to learn a lot of useless stuff in a short time, and "puking" the knowledge into an exam, so it is gone afterward.
795. The Mall of America in Minnesota does not have central heating. Instead, it is heated by solar windows, store electronics, and body heat from shoppers.
796. The Huns had no writing system, and thus all records of them were written by their enemies -- who universally described them as nearly monstrous in appearance, speech, and behavior.
797. During the 1st season of 'Fresh Prince of Bel-Air,' Will Smith memorized the lines of everyone in the cast. If you go back and watch closely, you can see him lip-synching the lines of whoever was speaking in a scene.
798. In the 1950's, a Texas white man named John Howard Griffin went through extensive physical changes to become a black man and traveled for six weeks on buses through the segregated south. After publishing his experiences, hostility and threats forced him to move to Mexico.
799. After hearing Kennedy's "end of the decade" speech, an Englishman made a wager with a bookmaker of 10 pounds at 1000/1 "that a man will set foot on the surface of the moon before the first of January 1970." He thought it was "a common sense bet."
800. Some men are allergic to their own semen and they experience flu-like symptoms after each ejaculation that can last for up to a week.

801. Future King Henry V was struck in the face by an arrow in his first battle leading soldiers. Rather than leaving the field, he reportedly stated that "he would rather die than stain his soldierly reputation by flight." He was sixteen at that time.
802. A city in Texas renamed itself to "DISH, Texas" in order to receive free Dish Satellite service for 10 years.
803. Harvey Weinstein, when was put in charge of the American release of the Japanese anime "Princess Mononoke", tried to make significant cuts. In response, a Studio Ghibli producer sent him a real Samurai sword with a simple, stark message attached to the blade: "No cuts".
804. The Hercules beetle, despite weighing only 100 grams, can lift 8 kilograms, making it one of the proportionally strongest animals in the world.
805. There is a clock being built inside of a mountain that is designed to tick for 10,000 years and play a unique melody that never repeats itself.
806. Tara Strong, the voice actress for Bubbles from "The Powerpuff Girls" has done 573 other credited voice roles, including Timmy Turner from "The Fairly OddParents", Dil Pickles from "The Rugrats" and Omi from "Xiaolin Showdown".
807. The 2001 video game Ghost Recon takes place during a fictional 2008 Russian invasion of Georgia (country). In reality, Russia would actually invade Georgia that year.
808. Heath Ledger kept a Joker Diary. In it, he wrote as the Joker and included a list of things he believed the Joker would find funny including blind babies, geniuses with brain damage, and sombreros
809. During World War II, a Soviet pilot named Alexey Maresyev was shot down by Germans. He dragged himself for 18 days to Soviet controlled territory. After having his legs amputated, he learned how to fly with prosthetics and returned to combat.
810. The cardboard box was inducted into the "National Toy Hall of Fame" in 2005.

- 811. When the leading emergency asthma medication Albuterol's patent expired, the patent-holding pharmaceutical companies lobbied to have their own inhalers banned based on environmental issues, allowing them to file a new patent, and continue to monopolize the market.
- 812. Allie Brosh's (of Hyperbole and a Half) comic on depression is considered "one of the best contemporary portraits of the condition" by psychologists.
- 813. Spain's Paralympic basketball team were ordered to return their gold medals won in Sydney in 2000 after nearly all of their players were found to have no disability.
- 814. The population of Ireland still hasn't returned to what it was before the Potato Famine.
- 815. The British government's advisor on illegal drugs was fired in 2009 after arguing that ecstasy and LSD were less dangerous than alcohol and tobacco.
- 816. It is safe to eat the stickers that are on fruit, and the glue used to put them on is actually food grade.
- 817. In 2005, an inexperienced trader at a Japanese bank tried to sell 1 share of J-Com stock for ¥610,000. He accidentally sold 610,000 shares for ¥1 each; the equivalent of selling \$3bil worth of shares for the price of \$5,000.
- 818. In the fall-out with Don King, Mike Tyson discovered a fan-club that had been hidden from him for years. Among the fan letters was one from a boy dying of cancer, asking for a phone call. Mike called immediately but was a year too late. He broke down and cried.
- 819. In 1795, as Composer Joseph Haydn conducted the premiere of his 102nd symphony, the audience pressed forward out of their seats to get closer to the famous composer. Moments later, a chandelier crashed to the floor where the seats had emptied, killing no one and giving this piece the name "The Miracle".
- 820. There is an abandoned 120-year-old concert hall buried underground in the middle of downtown Boston.

821. According to a Japanese poll in the year 2000, the Japanese believe that their best invention of the twentieth century was instant noodles.
822. Dr. Gay Hitler, son of George Washington Hitler, was a local dentist in Circleville, Ohio, and served the community from 1922 through 1946. Many roads in the area still contain the word 'Hitler' through this family.
823. The Turkish government denies that the persecution of Armenians can be referred to as 'genocide', despite the fact that the term 'genocide' was coined in 1943 by Raphael Lemkin specifically to describe the killing of the Armenians by the Ottoman Turks.
824. The term "hipster" originated in the 1940s, and was used to describe jazz aficionados, characterized by their "dress, slang, use of cannabis and other drugs, relaxed attitude, sarcastic humor, self-imposed poverty and relaxed sexual codes."
825. The original word for "bear" (the animal) has been lost. Superstitious people in medieval times thought that saying the ferocious animal's name would summon it, so they used a euphemism that meant "the brown one" ("bear"). The original word was never recorded, so it remains a mystery.
826. Professional bowling involves different, specific oil patterns on the lanes that the bowler must figure out, as it affects the performance of the ball, adding an unperceivable level of difficulty to the sport.
827. The first British spy known as 007 was Dr. John Dee, in 1560. Queen Elizabeth called him "my eyes".
828. A Catholic bishop named Robert Grosseteste described the birth of the Universe in an explosion and the crystallization of matter to form stars and planets in a set of nested spheres around Earth in 1225 AD, about four centuries before Newton proposed gravity and 7 centuries before the Big Bang theory.
829. Herpes can immunize you against the Bubonic Plague.
830. There was an all-black regiment in WWI that the Germans feared so much that they called them the "Harlem Hellfighters". They never lost an inch of ground and none of them was ever captured.

831. Harvard earns enough money on interest from its endowment that it could offer free tuition to all students and still make a profit on the interest.
832. France lost so many workers during its failed attempt to dig the Panama Canal, that for a time their project's main source of income was selling the corpses (pickled in brine water) to medical schools all over the world as cadavers.
833. The Lakota People (indigenous people of North and South Dakota) have been trying to claim independence in the longest legal battle in history (more than 160 years) with the United States.
834. The very first time when DNA fingerprinting evidence was used in a criminal case, its use cleared a teenage suspect of a murder he had confessed to under intense grilling.
835. The richest man in history was Musa I (1312 – 1337) of Mali in Africa. He went on the pilgrimage to Mecca in 1324 with his procession that is reported to have included 60,000 men, 12,000 slaves who each carried four-pound gold bars, heralds dressed in silks, who bore gold staffs, organized horses, and handled bags. Also, there were 80 camels, which varying reports claim carried between 50 and 300 pounds of gold dust each. He gave away so much of gold to the poor and spent so much on souvenirs that he caused super inflation and devalued the metal for the next decade in the region.
836. In the late 1980s, Iraq began building the largest artillery piece in history, a gun that could have put satellites into Orbit and conceivably hit any spot on the planet. However, the mysterious assassination of its Canadian designer and the first Gulf War ended the project.
837. Michael Jordan said the greatest part of playing for the US Olympic team was "learning the weaknesses" of his teammates for when they returned to the NBA.
838. In 5 years, Jahangir Khan (squash player from Pakistan) played 555 consecutive squash matches, maintaining an unbeaten run the entire time. During this winning streak, he won the International Squash Players Association Championship, without losing a single point.
839. 12% of Québec is freshwater, which is 3% of all of the world's freshwater. Québec holds only 0.1% of the world's population.
840. PG-13 movies are allowed exactly one (nonsexual) "fuck". Two or more and the film automatically receives an R rating.

- 841. Leonardo da Vinci may have written backward, not for secrecy, but because he was left-handed and it was easier for him to do so.
- 842. Shakira was banned from her school choir because her music teacher didn't think she could sing and 'sounded like a goat.'
- 843. Uranus is the coldest planet in our solar system, even though Neptune is farther from the sun.
- 844. Tarahumara group of Native Americans in Mexico are capable of running 200 miles in one session and hunt by running their prey to death.
- 845. There is a 'Nocebo Effect', a negative variant of the 'Placebo Effect'. It can make someone physically suffer from side effects that don't exist.
- 846. If you shine a black light on a person with Vitiligo, (the depigmenting skin condition Michael Jackson had) their skin will glow yellow, green, or blue.
- 847. Bicycles have no speed limits in the UK, but you can get charged with 'cycling furiously'.
- 848. The last duel in Canada was between two men in 1837. After one shot the other, he fainted. The person who shot was seized by horror that he had killed the other one. The guns were also loaded with blanks.
- 849. Texas abolished the last meal for death row inmates after a prisoner ordered a ten-course meal including 2 chicken fried steaks, a triple cheeseburger and a pound of barbecue meat and then turned it down saying he wasn't hungry.
- 850. Animators and visual effects artists for Disney's Frozen were sent to Jackson Hole, Wyoming to experience walking, running, and falling in deep snow. Both male and female personnel tried on long skirts to see how they interacted with the snow.

- 851. Pixar credits its success to its anti-Disney approach of no songs, no happy village, and no love story.
- 852. It takes at least eight bees all their life to make one single teaspoonful of honey.
- 853. The disclaimer "No animals were harmed during the making of this film" can be put on movies, even if animals died during the production, as long as cameras weren't rolling at the time.
- 854. When Coca-Cola announced the return of Coke's original formula in 1985, ABC News interrupted General Hospital to break the story.
- 855. If you die homeless or with no money in New York City, you are buried by prisoners on Hart Island in a mass grave, up to 1000 per grave for children and 50 for adults, With one exception - "special child baby 1 1985," the first child to die of AIDS in New York City.
- 856. After the fall of Berlin in WW2, so many rapes occurred that over 100,000 births in the city were believed to be the result of rape.
- 857. For the Guinness World Records, it is required in the guidelines of all "large food" type records that the item be fully edible, and distributed to the public for consumption, to prevent food wastage.
- 858. A volcanologist died at an observation camp when Mount St. Helens exploded in 1980. He had agreed, for one day, to fill in for a colleague who was rotating out a third scientist based at the camp. The man rotated out died 11 years later during the Mount Unzen (Japan) eruption.
- 859. There is actually a law in Arizona called the "Stupid Motorist Law," states that any motorist who becomes stranded after driving around barricades to enter a flooded stretch of roadway may be charged for the cost of his/her rescue.
- 860. Alan Stacey, a Formula One driver was killed when a bird flew into his face during a race in 1960.

- 861. During the Vietnam War, a US task force known as 'Tiger Force' routinely cut off the ears of its victims to make necklaces from them.
- 862. You can change your testosterone and cortisol levels by changing body language and acting more alpha.
- 863. It's possible to replace a lost thumb with a toe, and that the first successful toe-to-thumb transplant was performed in 1964, on a rhesus monkey (the first human was 1972).
- 864. After an ant colony is well established and has enough resources to spare, winged ants start to emerge.
- 865. The "Sailors' Handshake" is a special handshake that can detect if a potential partner has Syphilis.
- 866. A surrogate mother gestated an anonymous donor embryo for a married couple. During the pregnancy, this couple divorced and were found not to be the child's legal parents. Despite that 6 people were involved in her production, the child was deemed by the court to be "parentless".
- 867. Daniel Webster, who ran for president and lost three times, declined the Vice Presidency twice, thinking it a worthless office. Both presidents who offered it later died in office, meaning that if he had accepted, he would've become president after all.
- 868. A study has found that Asian men are found to be less attractive than men of other races, even Asian women rated men of other races as more attractive than Asian men.
- 869. Harare, Zimbabwe, is one of the most expensive cities due to its citizens switching to US Dollars as currency. They are so used to Zimbabwe money with very high values, that being charged \$20 for a haircut seems a good deal as people do not have an outsider concept of the real value of the dollar.
- 870. Although Martin Luther King Jr. was only 39 at the time of his death, autopsy results revealed he had the heart of a 60-year-old. Doctors believed this was a result of stress.

- 871. The Soviet Union did not admit that a reactor had exploded at Chernobyl until nearly 3 days after radiation from the disaster set off alarms at a nuclear plant in Sweden 1000 km away.
- 872. Astronomer Percival Lowell believed that he was the first person to observe canals on Venus, but because of a faulty adjustment of the eyepiece of his telescope, he was, in fact, looking at the blood vessels in his own eye.
- 873. A Croatian man, Frane Selak, escaped death several times throughout the mid-1900s, including (but not limited to) falling out of an airplane, being hit by a bus, and swerving off a road and over a cliff to avoid an auto accident. In 2003, he purchased his first lottery ticket and won.
- 874. George RR Martin bought the first ticket to the first Comic Con in 1964.
- 875. A British man was so fed up with cold-callers he set up his own premium rate number which he asked them to call instead, netting him around £7 a month.
- 876. The woman who founded Mother's Day later tried to have it abolished because by 1920 it had become too commercialized.
- 877. Old NYC subway cars are dumped into the Atlantic Ocean to help build an artificial reef to serve as a habitat for marine life.
- 878. A man "blinked a book". Jean-Dominique Bauby who suffered from the Locked-in syndrome could control only his left eyelid. By blinking his eye, he slowly dictated one alphabetic character at a time and, by doing so, was able to write his memoirs (The Diving Bell and the Butterfly).
- 879. Mussolini was expelled from school when he was 10 for stabbing a classmate. He did the same thing at his next school.
- 880. There is a sea snail that wears a suit of iron-plated armor. It is the only known animal to use iron sulfide as skeletal material.

881. Weird Al intended to parody the Beatles "Free as a Bird" on his album Bad Hair Day. Paul McCartney gave permission for the parody, but since John Lennon wrote the song, he passed the decision on to Yoko Ono, who said no.
882. In 2013, during his trial for bestiality, Paul Lovell was asked why he decided to have sex with a sheep. He said he turned his attention to the sheep after a cow rejected his advances for fellatio. The jury erupted in laughter.
883. The screenwriter for the movie "Cast Away" stranded himself on an island for research, and when a volleyball washed up on shore, it became the inspiration for "Wilson."
884. The name of Yoda's race and his home world are never mentioned in any film, book, or media. He is officially said to be of a "species unknown".
885. Bluetooth was named after Harald Bluetooth, who was the King of Denmark 1000 years ago. The Bluetooth logo is made from the Nordic runes of his initials.
886. The galaxy M100 is so far away that if beings from there were to look at Earth right now, they would be watching the real-time extinction of the dinosaurs.
887. Dialysis machines are actually really pretty simple. The first one ever was kludged together out of beer cans, a washing machine, and sausage casings.
888. It used to be compulsory for figure skaters to slowly trace precise, intricate shapes into the ice to be inspected by judges for scoring. Hence the name 'figure skating'.
889. Russian Special Services still use typewriters to avoid online surveillance.
890. The first ever cloned sheep was named after Dolly Parton because "Dolly is derived from a mammary gland cell, and we couldn't think of a more impressive pair of glands than Dolly Parton's."

- 891. Christian Bale turned down the role of James Bond, saying "I've already played a serial killer."
- 892. There has only ever been one successful shoot-down of an F-117A stealth plane, in 1999 during the NATO bombing of former Yugoslavia. The Pilot ejected safely. Since then the US pilot and Serb that shot him down have become good friends.
- 893. In contrast to the Royal Navy, Royal Marines and Royal Air Force, the British Army does not include Royal in its title because, after a historic struggle between Parliament and monarchy, the British Army has always been answerable to Parliament and the British people rather than the Monarch.
- 894. Oktoberfest started off as a wedding reception for a Prince in Bavaria in 1810, and the newlyweds enjoyed it so much that they suggested making it an annual event.
- 895. After a Soviet hostage was found dead in 1986, KGB agents castrated the nephew of the hostage taker and sent the severed organs as well as a list of other known family members to the hostage taker. The remaining Soviet hostages were quickly released.
- 896. There is a creature with the ability to neutralize almost all poisons, even from creatures it has never encountered. One day this ability might be utilized by Humans. This creature is called The Opossum.
- 897. During WW2, German field marshal Erwin Rommel would often personally pilot a reconnaissance aircraft over the battle to view the situation. Although Rommel did not have a pilot's license, his skill with machinery made him a competent pilot, and none of the Luftwaffe officers had the nerve to stop him.
- 898. Icelanders can easily read old Norse, a dead language that was spoken in Scandinavia over 1000 years ago because written Icelandic has changed so little.
- 899. Sean Connery was offered to play for Manchester United but chose to decline it and move on to the film industry.
- 900. Nazi soldiers burned civilians alive in the town of Oradour-sur-Glane during WW2. Charles de Gaulle ordered that the ruins not be removed, and the empty town still exists as it was in June 1944.

901. Farmers in Kenya are using elephants' natural fears of bees and building "beehive fences" that keep wild elephants from trampling the crops. It keeps the farms safe and prevents farmers having to kill elephants to defend their livelihood.
902. The "debate" about vaccines and autism, began after a fraudulent paper was published. The author is no longer licensed to practice. Countless dollars have been spent on debunking his claims, and innocent children have probably died due to his lies.
903. In the 1990s, a national survey found that Mario was more recognizable to American children than Mickey Mouse.
904. When Winston Churchill was warned by the German foreign minister that if WWII were to occur, the Italians would be on the German side, he responded: "That's only fair - we had them last time."
905. Dogs' brains have gotten larger and they've have gotten smarter relative to cats largely because dogs are more social.
906. The name 'Aspirin' was originally a trademark belonging to a German pharmaceutical company 'Bayer', but after Germany's loss in WWI the company was forced to hand over the trademark as a part of the Treaty of Versailles in 1919.
907. NASA Vehicle Assembly building's interior volume is so vast that it has its own weather, with "rain clouds forming below the ceiling on very humid days."
908. Johnny Cash was born with the name J.R. Cash because his parents couldn't think of a name. When he enlisted in the Air Force, they wouldn't let him use his initials, so he began to call himself John.
909. In 1881, a woman got away with murdering a man who broke off their engagement by using the "hysteria defense," i.e., a doctor told the jury that "Any virtuous woman when deprived of her virtue would go mad, undoubtedly." The jury acquitted her in 20 minutes.
910. The "proof" for $1+1=2$ is 372 pages long and was not proven until the 20th century.

- 911. According to a study by the British Academy of Sound Therapy, the song Weightless by the Marconi Union is the most relaxing song ever.
- 912. The reason the Toronto Maple Leafs are not called the Maple "Leaves" is because the name was chosen in honor of the Maple Leaf Regiment from WWI. Since the regiment is a proper noun, its plural is Maple Leafs and not Leaves.
- 913. Ben Affleck dropped out of college after his creative writing teacher ridiculed an early draft of the Good Will Hunting screenplay.
- 914. When Mossad agents discovered Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann was hiding in Argentina, they kidnapped him off the street in broad daylight and smuggled him back to Israel on a commercial flight by drugging him and dressing him as a flight attendant.
- 915. The Hubble Telescope's mirrors are ground so precisely that if they were scaled up to the size of Earth, the largest bump would be just 6 inches tall.
- 916. William Banning (father of a soldier who was killed in the Korean War) sent his son's purple heart, and an angry letter to Harry Truman, blaming him for his son's death. Both items were found in Truman's desk after he died 20 years later.
- 917. There is evidence of early humans being killed and eaten by eagles.
- 918. The word "junkie" originated in the 1920's when drug addicts stole scrap metal to fund their addiction.
- 919. During nuclear testing in Los Alamos in the '50s, an underground test shot a 2-ton steel manhole cover into the atmosphere at 41 miles/second. It was never found.
- 920. The phrase "giving my two-cents" comes from the days when a postage stamp cost 2¢ and so referred to the cost of sending a letter to the editor, the president, or whoever.

- 921. The name of the America's #1 WWII Flying Ace was Dick Bong.
- 922. There was so much fighting on the Normandy beaches on D-Day, that it is estimated that about 4% of the sand is actually shrapnel.
- 923. The Aztecs fought with a "Macuahuitl" - a wooden sword embedded with prismatic blades made from obsidian, a volcanic glass stone. According to reports from Spanish conquistadors, it was sharp enough to decapitate a man and even a horse.
- 924. There is a city in Kansas called Gas. Their official motto is "Don't Pass Gas, Stop and Enjoy It".
- 925. Three mile limit for international waters was created as this was the maximum distance a cannon ball could travel from the shore.
- 926. In 1586 a pregnant widow wrote a letter to her partner, who had died at the age of 30. This was found by archaeologists in South Korea in 1998, intact with the man's mummified body and a pair of sandals woven from hemp and the woman's hair.
- 927. There's a time-honored tradition of allowing brewery employees all the free beer they wish while working. It's called Der Sternewirth.
- 928. When notorious murderer Carl Panzram was sentenced to death, he refused to appeal and threatened to kill any activists who attempted to intervene on his behalf.
- 929. In the '80s (a full decade before the WWW started to come on its own) 25 million people in France went on-line to the bank, check the weather, chat, make reservations, socialize, check stock prices, and even had porn. There were no computers, though. They just used a free Minitel terminal.
- 930. The "fat Buddha" statue is not actually Siddhārtha Gautama, or "Buddha", but rather a different Chinese deity named Budai.

931. Charlie Sheen reached a settlement with Warner Bros. and was paid for NOT doing Two and a Half Men.
932. In 1440, a land sale treaty between the Pope and Florence accidentally left out a small strip of land around Cospaia. The people of the area promptly declared their independence and remained sovereign for nearly 400 years.
933. Stephen Hawking is the only person to ever portray themselves in the Star Trek universe.
934. After the entire national Soviet hockey team was killed in an airplane crash in 1950, Stalin's son Vasily, the manager of the team, covered up the disaster and replaced everyone on the team to avoid his father's wrath. Stalin never noticed.
935. In 2006, a woman filing for public assistance in the Washington state failed 4 DNA tests to prove maternity of her children. She was taken to court and risked losing custody. It was later discovered that she had absorbed her twin in the womb and her reproductive organs carried different DNA to other parts of her body.
936. In 2005, the US Supreme Court ruled in favor of the application of Eminent Domain to kick homeowners off of their property, so private developers could build hotels, health clubs, and condos in New London, Connecticut. About eight years later, the abandoned property remains an overgrown, barren field.
937. During World War 2, a Luftwaffe pilot refused to destroy a damaged B-17. The German pilot escorted the B-17 to the English Channel and then saluted the American pilot and returned home. About 40 years later, they were reunited and developed a deep friendship that lasted until their deaths.
938. Erwin Rommel, a highly decorated German officer during WW2, humanely treated captured soldiers, ignored orders to kill Jews, civilians and conspired to assassinate Hitler. After Rommel's death, soldiers on both sides paid respect to his grave and he is the only member of The Third Reich to have a museum dedicated to him.
939. In 1990, Dr. Dre attacked a woman over an interview with Ice Cube. He picked her up by her hair, slammed her head repeatedly against a brick wall, all while his bodyguard held off the crowd with a gun. After trying to throw her down the stairs, he punched her in the back of the head.
940. In 1916, Manfred von Richthofen was considered a below average pilot who crashed during his first flight. Two years and 80 aerial kills later upon his death, the British buried The Red Baron with full military honors out of respect for his skill as an aviator.

941. The word "scientist" did not exist until 1833. Before that, they were known as "natural philosophers."
942. Hitler's plan for Moscow was to kill all residents and replace it with a lake.
943. Modern roundabouts have 40% fewer vehicle collisions, 80% fewer injuries and 90% fewer serious injuries and fatalities compared with regular junctions.
944. There is a rare chronic sleep disorder called Fatal Familial Insomnia, which renders the victim unable to sleep. A man named Michael Corke was diagnosed with this illness and died a month after his 42nd birthday, by which time he had been completely sleep-deprived for six months. It has no known cure.
945. During World War 2, Medal of Honor recipient Thomas Baker ordered his squad to leave him propped against a tree with a pistol and eight bullets when he was wounded. Later, American forces found the now-deceased Baker in the same spot, holding an empty pistol, with eight dead Japanese soldiers lying around him.
946. In 2009, a woman filed a lawsuit against PepsiCo after discovering that the crunch berries in a Cap'n Crunch cereal had not in fact been real fruit. The case was thrown out, with the judge remarking that to do otherwise would "ignore all concepts of personal responsibility and common sense."
947. In 2014, Indonesia implemented a fishing and export ban on dead Manta Rays, each of which was sold for \$40-\$500 dollars, as they realized that Manta Ray tourism can bring in \$1,000,000+ during a single Ray's life. Indonesia now has 2.2 million square miles of protected ocean for the Manta Ray.
948. The blue whale can produce the loudest sound of any animal. At 188 decibels, the noise can be detected over 800 kilometers away.
949. U.S. does not use bills over \$100 because President Nixon wanted to make it harder to move large amounts of money across borders for drug trading.
950. In the 1860's, a "perpetual motion" machine was demonstrated at the Paris Exposition. Visitors were invited to try and stop the wheel, which, unbeknownst to them, was the very action needed to "charge" the wheel back up.

951. A hippo sleeping underwater automatically rises to the surface and breathes without waking up and does this every 4 minutes.
952. There is a band called 'NænøčÿbbŒĕřĤölökäävsŦ' (pronounced 'Nanocyborg Uberholocaust') originating from Antarctica. It was formed by two scientists who happened to have similar tastes in music. Their first album, 'The Ultimate Fate of the Universe', was recorded at the exact south pole.
953. Elite US soldiers actually climbed 95-foot cliffs under Point Du Hoc to capture and destroy key German strongholds during the D-Day assault on June 6, 1944. They then held their position for two days suffering 65% casualties.
954. Actor Paul Marcarelli - the Verizon Wireless' "Can you hear me now?" guy - told "The Atlantic" magazine that the catchphrase plagues him so much that someone even said it to him at his grandmother's funeral as her casket was being lowered into the cemetery plot.
955. In 2008, a beach was stolen in Jamaica. About 500 truckloads of sand remain missing to this very day.
956. The company that owned the World Trade Center had scheduled a meeting for 9/11/2001 on the 88th floor of tower 1 to discuss what to do in the event of a terrorist attack but rescheduled the night before because someone couldn't attend.
957. Hippos often enjoy licking massive crocodiles.
958. Samuel L. Jackson was supposed to have an afro in Pulp Fiction. The production assistant who bought his wig didn't know the difference between an afro and a Jheri curl.
959. "Where the Wild Things Are" was originally "Where the Wild Horses are" before author Maurice Sendak realized he didn't know how to draw horses.
960. Star Trek's Scotty, James Doohan, was a CDN soldier during WW2, who landed on Juno Beach, killed two snipers and cleared a minefield before even getting off the beachhead.

961. There is only one unsolved airline hijacking case in the history of the U.S. D. B. Cooper, the hijacker parachuted out of the plane to an uncertain fate after receiving his demands, and was described as "thoughtful and polite" by his hostage.
962. Smallpox is the first and only disease that has ever been eradicated. Smallpox now only exists in high-security labs in Russia and the US. Vaccinations played a major role in achieving this eradication.
963. 37 years before Pearl Harbor, Japan launched a surprise attack on Russia, destroying much of the Russian fleet at Port Arthur. US officials applauded the attack for its ingenuity.
964. In 1902 Traian Vuia, a Romanian Engineer, designed his first flying machine, then presented his plan to the Académie des Sciences in Paris in 1903, but was rejected with the comment: "The problem of flight with a machine which weighs more than air cannot be solved and it is only a dream."
965. The Algerian national anthem was first written in blood on a prison cell wall by an Algerian revolutionary who was imprisoned by the French colonial regime.
966. In 1940, the Germans conquered Denmark so quickly, the Danes didn't have time to formally declare war against them. They surrendered after 2 hours.
967. Gray whales' mating ritual involves a third "male escort" whale courting the female. Although the male escort equally vies for her attention, there is absolutely no aggression between the males. The birthing ritual, on the other hand, involves a second female whale assisting the mother.
968. Sperm whales are so called because their heads are filled with large amounts of oily fluid, which whalers thought was sperm. Scientists still aren't sure what it's there for.
969. The remake of Evil Dead used 70,000 gallons of fake blood. About 50,000 of it was used in the final scene alone.
970. A neutron star is so dense that if an object was to be dropped theoretically from one meter above the star's surface, it would hit the surface at a speed of 7.2 million km per hour.

971. During WW2, captured German officers who were sent to Britain as POWs lived in luxury in Trent Park. This was done to make them feel relaxed. However, their conversation was being heard to by over 100 'listeners'. They revealed secrets about the holocaust, events in Berlin, Hitler's madness and V2 rocket bases.
972. Venus flytrap is only found natively within a 60-mile radius of Wilmington, North Carolina.
973. While Samuel Morse was in New York, he received a letter that warned of his wife's illness. Morse left for home but arrived to find his wife already buried. Heartbroken that for days he was unaware of his wife's illness and death led him to research and patent the telegraph 22 years later.
974. Christoph Waltz is his own voice actor in the German and French dubs of Inglourious Basterds and Django Unchained.
975. The word "Jay" used to mean stupid and was eventually applied to country folk, who were seen as unworldly. When these country folk, or Jays, came to the city, they didn't understand traffic signals and crosswalks and crossed wherever and whenever they could. Thus, they were "jaywalking."
976. Nearly every military operation the US has been involved in since World War II has been a joint operation with Canada. In many cases, Canada refused to officially support the conflicts, such as the War in Iraq, but continued to supply intelligence equipment and personnel.
977. While shooting the Blues Brothers movie, they had a budget for cocaine.
978. Bottlenose dolphins have the longest memory among non-humans. They can recognize whistles of their mates after being separated for more than 20 years.
979. Michael Jackson, though he did not receive credit, wrote: "Do The Bartman" after calling the producers of "The Simpsons" and offering to write Bart a number one single.
980. There are only 5 countries in the world that still use Fahrenheit to measure temperature. They are the Bahamas, Belize, the Cayman Islands, Palau, and the United States.

981. 20,000 leagues below sea level would put you through the Earth and almost 20% of the way to the moon's orbit. "20,000 Leagues Under The Sea" refers to the distance traveled while underwater, not the depth reached.
982. Noah Webster, the founder of Merriam-Webster, learned 26 languages in order to evaluate the etymology of words.
983. Some migraines have no pain, but people experiencing them can have vision loss, flashing lights, wavy lines in the vision, and hallucinations. These are known as silent migraines.
984. Lyndon Johnson was the only President sworn in by a woman and it occurred on Air Force One after Kennedy's assassination.
985. Deep inside an abandoned mine, 230 feet below Pennsylvania, 600 federal workers process truckloads of retirement paperwork by hand moving files to and from over 28,000 file cabinets, desk to desk, from cavern to cavern. Even today the process works as slowly now as it did in 1977.
986. High heels used to be an essential accessory for horseback riders and weren't associated with being feminine.
987. When Adolf Hitler offered German WWI military hero General von Lettow-Vorbeck an ambassadorship, Vorbeck told Hitler to "go fuck himself." Although repeatedly harassed by the Nazis, Vorbeck survived their regime due to his popularity.
988. Caffeine is a painkiller, and when used with other painkillers, such as Acetaminophen or NSAIDs, potentiates their effects significantly.
989. In Hungary, you're legally allowed to name your child from a pre-approved list of names. If you want to name them something else, you need to submit an application.
990. Isaac Newton prowled the bars and taverns in seedy parts of London in disguise to gather evidence of counterfeiting. His work led to 28 convictions, one being hanged for high treason.

- 991. When the world's largest diamond was transported from Africa to England, elaborate & secure journey by sea was publicized was a rouse. The real diamond was simply posted by mail.
- 992. When Edward I of England was coming back from the ninth crusade in 1272, he learned that his father had died and that he had been made the king of England. Instead of returning home to be crowned, Edward went on a leisurely trip in Italy and France for almost two years and only came back in 1274.
- 993. 70% of the land in England is still owned by 1% of the population, largely descended from William the Conqueror's army.
- 994. The Queen of England's portrait has been on enough international money to make a progressive timeline of her aging.
- 995. The earliest known recipe for macaroni & cheese dates back to 14th century England.
- 996. Pineapples were such a status symbol in 18th century England that you could rent one for the evening to take to a party.
- 997. The Scottish army tried to take advantage of the Black Plague in England through an invasion, but caught it themselves and brought it back to Scotland, killing half of the native population.
- 998. The word "soccer" was first used in England before the Americans adopted it.
- 999. The oldest unbroken alliance in the world is between England and Portugal dating back to 1373.
- 1000. The intense rationing in England during WWII actually reduced infant mortality by guaranteeing nutrition to everyone.