

Did You Know?

- On average, a 4-year-old child asks 437 questions a day.
- George Washington was and is the only six-star general in United States history. In 1976 an act of Congress promoted Washington to six-star General of the Armies so that he would rank above all other American generals. (Yes - 1976 - during the Carter presidency.)
- From the 1850s to the 1880s, the most common cause of death among cowboys in the American West was being dragged by a horse while caught in the stirrups.
- Coffee has become a religious experience. At least that is how the folks at Starbucks and the Family Christian Center in Munster, Indiana feel. The church is the first in the U.S. to open a Starbucks in its lobby.
- It has been estimated that in the last 3,500 years there have been only 230 years of peace throughout the civilized world.
- It takes 110 domestic silkworm cocoons to make a man's tie and 630 to make a blouse.
- The average adult in one day speaks 48,000 words, exercises seven million brain cells, takes 23,000 breaths, laughs 15 times, and his/her heart beats 104,000 times.
- The computer mouse was introduced 20 years ago April 27, 1981. For \$16,000, buyers received a Xerox computer system with a new invention by Douglas Englebart - the mouse. Englebart had actually invented the mouse in 1963 and patented the mouse (then named: X-Y Position Indicator for a Display System) in 1970.
- Apples not only provided a source of food and drink, they were also an invaluable preservative for our pioneer ancestors' food and supplies. An apple placed in a bag of potatoes will help keep the potatoes from sprouting. Eating a raw apple will cleanse your mouth of more than 95% of bacteria that cause tooth decay.
- Austin, Texas, is home to the largest urban bat colony in North America. At last count, an estimated 1.5 million Mexican free-tailed bats were living in the vicinity.
- According to Nestlé, there are approximately 420 pieces of rice in every Nestlé Crunch Bar.
- Frog bones form a new ring every year when the frog is hibernating, just like trees do. Scientists can count these rings to discover the age of the frog.
- The Curtiss Candy Company introduced Baby Ruth in the early 1920s. The rumor that the Baby Ruth candy bar was named for Babe Ruth, the home run king, is false. The name honors President and Mrs. Grover Cleveland's daughter, endearingly referred to as "Baby Ruth."

- A dentist invented the electric chair.
- All polar bears are left handed.
- In ancient Egypt, priests plucked EVERY hair from their bodies, including their eyebrows and eyelashes.
- An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.
- TYPEWRITER is the longest word that can be made using the letters only on one row of the keyboard.
- "Go." is the shortest complete sentence in the English language.
- Butterfinger, introduced in 1928 by the Curtiss Candy Company, got its name through a public contest. "Butterfinger" was a popular expression of the day, used by sportscasters to describe athletes who couldn't keep a grip on the baseball or football.
- Statistics show that at racetracks, the favorite wins fewer than 30 percent of all horse races.
- The U.S. Congress passed a law in 1832 requiring all American citizens to spend one day each year fasting and praying. For the most part, people ignored the law, and no effort was made to enforce the legislation.
- If Barbie were life-size, her measurements would be 39-23-33. She would stand seven feet, two inches tall.
- A crocodile cannot stick its tongue out.
- The cigarette lighter was invented before the match.
- Americans on average eat 18 acres of pizza every day.
- In the 1850s, Ohio was the nation's largest wine producer. Although its remaining 3,000 acres of vineyards are but a fraction of what they once were, Ohio remains the largest wine producer in the Midwest.
- There are 34 bathrooms in the White House.
- At any given time, there are 1,800 thunderstorms in progress over the Earth's atmosphere. Lightning strikes the Earth 100 times every second.
- According to NASA, the United States has the world's most violent weather. In a typical year, the United States can expect some 10,000 violent thunderstorms, 5,000 floods, 1,000 tornadoes, and several hurricanes.
- Baby opossums - upon birth when they move to the mother's pouch are smaller than honeybees. An entire litter can fit in a teaspoon.
- Americans throw away 25,000,000 plastic beverage bottles every hour, even though recycling plastic saves twice as much energy as burning it in an incinerator.

- Recycled glass uses only 2/3 the energy needed to manufacture glass from scratch. That means for every soft drink bottle you recycle, you save enough energy to run a television set for an hour and a half.
- Pieces of bread were used to erase lead pencil before rubber came into use.
- According to the people at Disney there were 6,469,952 spots painted on the dogs in the original movie "101 Dalmatians."
- Socrates, one of the most famous Greek philosophers, never wrote down a single word of his teachings. The only knowledge we have of his thinking today comes from the notes taken by his great student, Plato.
- As a young boy, Winston Churchill had a great ambition to play the cello.
- Whoopi Goldberg was a mortuary cosmetologist and a bricklayer before becoming an actress.
- Only one person in two billion will live to be 116 or older.
- It's possible to lead a cow upstairs...but not downstairs.
- Women blink nearly twice as much as men.
- The Main Library at Indiana University sinks over an inch every year because when it was built, engineers failed to take into account the weight of all the books that would occupy the building.
- A snail can sleep for three years.
- No word in the English language rhymes with "MONTH" or "ORANGE".
- Average life span of a major league baseball: 7 pitches.
- Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.
- Boasting nearly 30 brewery locations, Nigeria has emerged as the largest beer-producing country in Africa. The continent's 8,000-year brewing history began with ancient Egyptian commercial brewing dynasties and still includes handmade tribal beers.
- That little package of back-to school pencils can complete a lot of homework assignments. Each pencil can draw a 35-mile-long line.
- Butterflies taste with their feet.
- A duck's quack doesn't echo, and no one knows why.
- In 10 minutes, a hurricane releases more energy than all the world's nuclear weapons combined
- On average, 100 people choke to death on ballpoint pens every year.
- On average people fear spiders more than they do death.
- Ninety percent of New York City cabbies are recently arrived immigrants.

- Thirty-five percent of the people who use personal ads for dating are already married.
- Elephants are the only animals that can't jump.
- The world's largest indoor lake is in the West Edmonton Mall in Alberta, Canada. The lake has 4 working submarines that people can ride.
- A daddy longlegs spider is more venomous than a black widow, but it can't open its mouth wide enough to bite a person.
- Natural blondes have more hairs on their heads than redheads or any shade of brunette. A blonde has about 120,000 strands of hair, while a redhead has about 30% less strands than the blonde at about 80,000. Brunettes are somewhere in between the two
The Empire State Building in New York has 1,576 steps top to bottom. Paul Crake of Australia holds the record for navigating those steps in 9 minutes and 37 seconds during the 2001 Empire State Run-up.
- The Vatican first went online with its web site in 1996. The site is powered by three host computers named after archangels -- Raphael, Michael and Gabriel.
- A hippopotamus' scream has been recorded at 115 decibels—louder than a jet airliner at takeoff.
- A cricket an inch long has a chirp that is audible for nearly a mile.
- The world's most expensive food is saffron, which sells for a whopping \$2,000 per ounce! The price is due to the tedious process of harvesting it. Saffron comes from the inside of purple crocuses. To make a pound of saffron 70,000 to 250,000 crocus stigmas must be hand collected.
- An ostrich egg is equal in volume to 24 chicken egg
- "Q" is the only letter in the alphabet that does not appear in the name of any state of the United States.
- Scientists have determined that a passionate kiss burns 6.4 calories per minute.
- According to the U.S. Department of Defense, maintenance workers replace more than 250 light bulbs per day at the Pentagon, in Arlington, Virginia.
- The Empire State Building does not sway - it gives. With a wind of 110 miles per hour, movement off center is never greater than one quarter inch, thus measurable movement is only one half inch, one quarter inch on either side.
- The average person's hair will grow approximately 590 inches in a lifetime.
- Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history. Spades - King David, Clubs - Alexander the Great, Hearts - Charlemagne, and Diamonds - Julius Caesar.
- A female ferret dies if it goes in heat and can't find a mate.
- The smallest unit of time is the yoctosecond.

- Mexico City is sinking at a rate of 18 inches per year as a result of draining the water table for human consumption.
- Maine is the only state whose name is just one syllable.
- All continents end in the same letter they begin with.
- Los Angeles's full name is: "El Pueblo de Nuestra Senora la Reina de los Angeles de Poriuncula."
- One out of every four books sold in the U.S. is a mystery or suspense novel.
- Fingernails grow four times faster than do toenails.
- Half of all Americans live within 50 miles of where they grew up.
- If you're an average American, you'll spend about six months of your life waiting at red lights.
- More collect calls are made on Father's Day than on any other day of the year.
- The Bible is the most shoplifted book in the U.S.
- The nine most-used words in the English language are and, be, it, of, the, will, I, have, you.
- Eighty percent of Americans will be fired from a job at least once in their lives.
- On average, American males spend 11.4 minutes taking a shower. Females take 13 minutes.
- You have to walk five miles (fast) to burn off the calories of a single hot fudge sundae.
- It's estimated that you'll spend a year of your life looking for misplaced objects.
- Nearly half of all bank robberies take place on Friday.
- The number one dispenser of college scholarships for women in the U.S. is the Miss America pageant.
- Say "3,000 puppies." In the time it took to say it, about 3,000 puppies were born in the U.S.
- In the next seven days, roughly 800 Americans will be injured by their jewelry.
- Illinois Avenue has been proven mathematically to be the square on the Monopoly game board which has the highest overall probability of being occupied by a player. The "Go" square comes in second; the B&O Railroad, third.
- Nearly 60% of women say they receive at least eleven e-mails a day, whereas only 49% of men say they do.
- The "save" icon on Microsoft Word shows a floppy disk, with the shutters on backwards.
- Neither snakes nor honeybees can hear. They have no ears.
- The average life expectancy of a toilet is 50 years.
- About 110 domestic silkworm cocoons are needed to make a man's tie.

- Recent studies support the observation that different colors suggest different moods. Green is positive, black is powerful, red is exciting, blue is serene, and yellow is attention-getting.
- Male mosquitoes do not bite. They're vegetarian.
- The LEGO company was founded by Ole Kirk Christiansen in Billund, Denmark, in 1916. Today it has over 9,000 employees worldwide. The Danish words Leg and Godt were put together to make "LEGO." Later, it was discovered that in Latin, the term "Lego" means "I put together" or "I assemble."
- Lazy Susans are named after Thomas Edison's daughter. He invented it to impress a gathering of industrialists and inventors.
- 83% of all Americans purchase peanut butter. Their consumption equates to more than 700 million pounds of peanut butter annually, or enough to cover the floor of the Grand Canyon.
- The average person falls asleep in seven minutes.
- The typical person spends 35-40 minutes in the grocery store. Every minute thereafter you will spend about \$2 per minute.
- The indentation at the bottom of some wine bottles is called a kick or a punt.
- The average American will eat 1/2 ton of cheese in a lifetime.
- You cannot sneeze with your eyes open.
- The wingspan of a Boeing 747 jet is longer than the Wright Brothers' first flight.
- The number 4 is the only number, in the English language, that has the same number of letters in its name as its meaning.
- In every deck of cards the King of Hearts is sticking his sword through his head. That's why he's often called the Suicide King.
- 1961 was the most recent year that could be written both upside-down and right side-up and appear the same. The next year that this will be possible will be 6009!
- There are 2,598,960 possible hands in a five-card poker game.
- The University of Texas system is the third-largest landowner in the United States.
- A bumble bee flaps its wings 160 beats per second.
- Teeth are the only parts of the human body that can't repair themselves.
- The average adult has between 40 and 50 billion fat cells.
- Neckties were first worn in Croatia. That's why they were called cravats (CRO-vats).
- There are more than 40,000 characters in Chinese script.
- A grasshopper can leap over obstacles 500 times its own height. In relation to its size, it has the greatest jumping ability of all animals.

- A quart-size pail holds 8 million grains of sand.
- Birds do not listen for worms in the ground. They cock their heads to see better.
- The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, written by Mark Twain, was the first novel ever to be written on a typewriter.
- The initials M.G. on the famous British-made automobile stand for "Morris Garage."
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- Mona Lisa's lack of eyebrows is not abnormal. It was the fashion in Renaissance Florence to shave them off.
- The "funny bone" is not a bone but an exposed nerve.
- Cinderella wasn't supposed to wear glass slippers. Translator Charles Perrault mistook pantouffles en vair (squirrel-fur slippers) pantouffles en verre (glass slippers).
- Ketchup was originally a Chinese medicine.
- The human heart creates enough pressure when it pumps out to the body to squirt blood 30 feet.
- Upper and lower case letters are named "upper" and "lower" because in the time when all original print had to be set in individual letters, the "upper case" letters were storied in cases on top of the case that stored the smaller, "lower case" letters.
- There are no clocks in Las Vegas gambling casinos.
- The 57 on Heinz ketchup bottle represents the number of varieties of pickles the company once had.
- The Pony express cut the time it took for mail to go from Missouri to California from 3 weeks to just 10 days. However, it was considered so dangerous, that it advertised "Orphans Preferred".
- Money isn't made of paper, it's made out of cotton.
- By raising your legs slowly and lying on your back, you can't sink in quicksand.
- Celery has negative calories. It takes more calories to eat a piece of celery than the celery has in it to begin with.
- A rat can last longer without water than a camel.

- Leonardo da Vinci invented scissors. It took him 10 years to paint Mona Lisa's lips.
- Banging your head against a wall uses 150 calories an hour.
- Your stomach has to produce a new layer of mucus every two weeks, otherwise it will digest itself.
- The Declaration of Independence was written on hemp paper.
- There are no words in the dictionary that rhyme with: orange, purple, and silver.
- The very first bomb dropped by the Allies on Berlin during World War II killed the only elephant in the Berlin Zoo.
- The loop on a belt that holds the loose end is called a "keeper."
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- The strongest muscle in the body is the tongue.
- Every person has a unique tongue print.
- If you have three quarters, four dimes, and four pennies, you have \$1.19. You also have the largest amount of money in coins without being able to make change for a dollar.
- The first CD pressed in the US was Bruce Springsteen's "Born in the USA."
- The human hand contains an average of 1,300 nerve endings per square inch.
- There are 1,200,000 fibers in a human optic nerve.
- Bruce Lee was so fast that they actually had to SLOW a film down so you could see his moves. That's the opposite of the norm.
- On the average, each American consumes 117 pounds of potatoes, 116 pounds of beef, 100 pounds of fresh vegetable, 80 pounds of fresh fruit, and 286 eggs per year.
- The strongest bone in the body, the thigh bone, is hollow. Ounce for ounce, it has a greater pressure tolerance and bearing strength than a rod of equivalent size in cast steel.
- The substance that human blood resembles most closely in terms of chemical composition in sea water.
- The dot over the letter "i" is called a tittle. Tittle is Latin for something very small.
- "Mageiricophobia" is the intense fear of having to cook.
- The thumbnail grows the slowest; the middle nail grows the fastest.
- Scarlet O' Hara, Margaret Mitchell's Gone With the Wind lead character, was originally given the name Pansy.

- 'I Love Lucy', the 1950's sitcom, airs every hour of every day somewhere in the world
- The white part of your fingernail is called the lunula.
- August is the month when most baby's are born.
- In 1986, a guard in an armored car was killed when \$50,000 worth of quarters fell on him.
- The phrase "rule of thumb" is derived from an old English law which stated that you couldn't beat your wife with anything wider than your thumb.
- The name of the statuette atop the hood of every Rolls Royce car is "The Spirit of Ecstasy."
- The most popular first name in the world is Muhammad.
- The weight of a fetus increases about 2.4 billion times in nine months.
- Americans on the average eat 18 acres of pizza everyday.
- The Chinese word for "crisis" is composed of two picture-characters: one meaning "danger" and the other meaning "opportunity."
- A raisin dropped in a glass of fresh champagne will bounce up and down continually from the bottom of the glass to the top.
- Candles burn more slowly and evenly with minimum wax drippings if they are placed in the freezer for an hour before using.
- The names of Popeye's four nephews are Pipeye, Peepeye, Pupeye, and Poopeye.
- Some Persian rugs may last as long as 500 years before wearing out.
- In every hour that one listens to the radio in the United States, one hears approximately 11,000 spoken words.
- A good way to tell if aspirin has deteriorated is if it smells like vinegar.
- You can't kill yourself by holding your breath.
- Because wool has outstanding elastic recovery, 150 yards of wool yarn are used in an official baseball.
- Writer L. Frank Baum chose "Oz" as the name of the fantasyland in his The Wizard of Oz stories while making up the stories for his children and their friends. He spotted a file cabinet marked O-Z, and impulsively named the magical land "Oz."
- Charlie Chaplin once won third prize in a Charlie Chaplin look-alike contest.
- Ants stretch when they wake up. They also appear to yawn in a very human manner before taking up the tasks of the day.
- The glue on Israeli postage stamps is certified kosher.
- Every time you lick a stamp, you're consuming 1/10 of a calorie.
- You're more likely to be killed by a champagne cork than by a poisonous spider.

- Right-handed people live, on average, nine years longer than left-handed people do.
- In 1990, the city of San Francisco designated the accordion as its official instrument. The cities of Detroit, Skokie, Illinois, and St. Paul, Minnesota eventually did the same.
- One hundred thousand cubic feet of water pours over the Niagara Falls every second.
- Guinness Book of Records holds the record for being the book most often stolen from public libraries.
- In ancient Egypt, priests plucked every hair from their bodies, including their eyebrows and eyelashes.
- A crocodile cannot stick its tongue out.
- John Wilkes Booth's brother once saved the life of Abraham Lincoln's son.
- A duck's quack doesn't echo.
- 2×4 is $1\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$.
- All umpires wear black underwear.
- A favorite hangout for prostitutes in 17th century London was St. John's Park. Even though the gates were locked at 10 p.m., 6,500 people had authorized keys (many unauthorized keys were also in circulation). At the time, London had about 50,000 prostitutes.
- According to Time magazine, Super Bowl Sunday is the second largest avocado eating day of the year in the United States. The first largest day is Cinco De Mayo.
- The first tax collected for public education was in New England in 1636 which established Harvard University to train ministers. Later the tax was expanded under "The Old Deluder Satan Act", so called because the purpose was to teach children how to read the Bible, thus deluding Satan. It mandated that every town with over 50 people in it must have a teacher.
- The ant can lift 50 times its own weight, can pull 30 times its own weight, and always falls over on its right side when intoxicated.
- Polar bears are left handed.
- Something that Phoenix, Liverpool, and Pyongyang have in common (perhaps the only thing) is that they're all named after fabulous birds that never really existed.
- In Texas, it's illegal to put graffiti on someone else's cow.
- The X on a railroad crossing sign is called the "crossbuck."
- A half-gallon milk jug holds about \$50 in pennies.
- The catfish has over 27,000 taste buds. That makes the catfish #1 for the animal having the most taste buds.

- Donald Duck comics were banned from Finland because he doesn't wear pants.
- The average American eats 42 quarts of popcorn a year.
- Bats have sex in the air while flying.
- Ketchup was sold in the 1830's as medicine.
- A flea can jump 350 times its body length. It's like a human jumping the length of a football field.
- 40% of McDonald's profits come from the sales of Happy Meals.
- William Howard Taft, the heaviest President of the U.S., (weighing 332 lbs.), got stuck in the White House tub the first time he used it. A larger one was soon purchased.
- A cockroach will live nine days without its head before it starves to death.
- Butterflies taste with their feet.
- In a card deck, Palas is the proper name for the queen of spades.
- Twenty five percent of all businesses in the United States are franchises.
- Chocolate kills dogs! Chocolate effects a dog's heart and nervous system. A few ounces is enough to kill a small sized dog.
- Lemons contain more sugar than strawberries.
- The oldest registered food trademark still in use in the United States is the red devil on cans of Underwood's deviled ham. It dates back to 1886.
- Elephants are the only animals that can't jump.
- If all the OREO cookies sold to date were stacked on top of each other, the height of the stack would be equivalent to the height of 9.8 million Sears Towers. The Sears Tower is 1,454 feet tall.
- Pieces of bread were used to erase lead pencil before rubber came into use.
- According to The Wall Street Journal, more blonde hair dye is sold in Dallas than in any other U.S. city.
- Plain old vanilla is the favorite flavor of ice cream, accounting for 29% of all sales.
- Minus 40 degrees Celsius is exactly minus 40 degrees Fahrenheit. This is the only temperature for which the readings on both scales are equal.
- Ever wonder how a pencil is made? The wood of a pencil starts out as two sections, each of which has a long groove. The graphite goes into the groove, and the two pieces are glued together.
- Potato chips are the Number 1 selling snack in the United States. Statistics show that they accompany lunch 32% of the time and dinner 18% of the time.
- If you were to rub garlic on the heel of your foot, it would be absorbed by the pores and eventually show up on your breath.

- Leonardo da Vinci could write with one hand and draw with the other at the same time.
- An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.
- The lower the Sun is behind you, the greater the rainbow will be in front of you
- Water has a greater molecular density in liquid form than as a solid. This is why ice floats.
- The banana is the world's largest herb.
- You can tell the sex of a horse by its teeth. Most males have 40, females have 36.
- While diamonds are usually considered the most precious of stones, a large, near flawless emerald is worth considerably more than a diamond of the same size.
- Starfish don't have brains.
- The average American sees or hears 560 advertisements a day.
- It takes a ton of ore to produce one gold wedding ring.
- The number of possible ways of playing the first four moves per side in a game of chess is 318,979,564,000.
- Most lipstick contains fish scales.
- The real Johnny Appleseed John Chapman is best known by his famous nickname and his life long passion for planting apple trees. But his horticulture skills were aptly applied during the War of 1812 where his knowledge of herbal medicines became of great use. Retiring a hero, he set out across the Ohio Valley planting apple trees and preaching the Bible.
- Daniel Boone detested coonskin caps.
- Playing cards were issued to British pilots in World War II. If captured, they could be soaked in water and unfolded to reveal a map for escape.
- As of 2000, about 94 million people in the United States owned a cell phone
- Nearly every great back stroke swimmer has double jointed elbows - they give a longer, more powerful pull.
- Cows, rice fields, and garbage dumps are the largest producers of methane gas.
- A quarter has 119 grooves on its circumference. A dime has one less.
- A ten-gallon hat holds less than a gallon of liquid.
- The height of the 984-foot-tall Eiffel Tower varies, depending on the temperature, by as much as 6 inches.
- According to manufacturer Spalding, the average lifespan of an NBA basketball is 10,000 bounces.
- The shortest verse in the Bible consists of two words: "Jesus wept" (John 11:35).
- The best-selling Barbie® doll ever was Totally Hair Barbie. She had flowing tresses from the top of her head down to her toes.

- A 1999 survey of 25,500 standard English-language dictionary words found that 93 percent of them have been registered as dot-coms.
- A car operates at maximum economy, gas-wise, at speeds between 25 and 35 miles per hour.
- The color combination with the strongest visual impact is black on yellow. Next to follow black on white, yellow on black, white on black, dark blue on white, and white on dark blue.
- There are 18 different animal shapes in the Animal Crackers cookie zoo.
- Most automobile trips in the United States are under 5 miles.
- Dustin Hoffman, as Tootsie, wore a size 36C bra.
- There are 42 dots on a pair of dice.
- The bandaging of a mummy often took from 6 to 8 months. It required a collection of special tools, including a long metal hook that was used to draw the dead person's brains out through his nose.
- According to a color psychology expert, the most popular color for textiles in the United States is blue, whereas blue is one of the least-favorite colors for house paint.
- Seventy percent of house dust is made up of dead skin flakes.
- The plastic covering on the end of a shoelace is called an "aglet."
- You're just as likely to die by falling out of bed then you are to get struck by lightning; each is a 1 in 2,000,000 chance. You have a 1 in 3,000,000 chance of being killed by a snake.
- Tablecloths were originally meant to be served as towels with which dinner guests could wipe their hands and faces after eating.
- In most advertisements, including newspapers, the time displayed on a watch is 10:10.
- The piece that protrudes from the top end of an umbrella is called a "ferrule." The word "ferrule" is also used to describe the piece of metal that holds a rubber eraser on a pencil.
- It is a very curious fact that, although the pack of 52 cards (standard playing deck) was ostensibly produced simply for gaming, it contains a numerical symbolism which is related to the year and to nature. The four suits correspond to the four seasons: Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter. They also remind us of the four winds: North, East, South and West. The two colors, red and black, represent day and night. The 52 cards represent the 52 weeks of the year. The four suits of 13 cards each, correspond to the four quarters of the year, each having 13 weeks. The twelve court cards are analogous to the twelve months of the year; and to the twelve hours between noon and midnight. The face values, or pips, of each suit, from Ace to ten, add up to 55. If we call the Jack 11, the

Queen 12, and the King 13, then the total of pips for each suit is 91. Multiply this by 4, and it gives a grand total for the whole pack of 364 - plus 1, the Joker and we have 365, the number of days in the year. Furthermore, the four suits of 13 cards each remind us of the four phases of the moon: new moon, first quarter, full moon and last quarter. These four phases make a lunar month and 13 lunar months are reckoned to the year.

- Months that begin with a Sunday will always have a 'Friday the 13th.'
- It would take 13 years and eight months to stay one night in every room at the MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas.
- Benjamin Franklin was very lucky with his "kite and key" experiment. The next two men who tried to duplicate it were killed by lightning.
- When Coca-Cola first entered the Chinese market, the bottles were embossed with Chinese characters which represented the sounds of "Coca-Cola," but which, in fact, meant "Bite the wax tadpole."
-