

Trivia

Honey's low moisture content and high acidity create an inhospitable environment for the bacteria and other microbes that cause food to spoil.



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The tallest of all the dinosaurs was the giant Brachiosaurus, mainly thanks to its giraffe-like neck, which stood at a rather impressive height of 50 feet.

Of all the dinosaurs, two of the quickest were the Ornithomimus and Gallimimus. They are estimated to have been able to reach speeds of 70 mph.

PEZ candy get its name from the German word for peppermint- Pfefferminz.

The average cumulus cloud weighs roughly 1.1 million pounds.

Ravens in captivity can learn to talk better than parrots.

Geckos can turn the stickiness of their feet on and off at will.

In New York City, Central Park's lamp posts contain a set of four numbers that can help you navigate. The first two tell you the nearest street, and the next two tell you whether you're closer to the east or west side of the park (even numbers signal east, odd signals west).

A group of ferrets is called a business.

The Hass avocado was patented in 1935 by Rudolph Hass, a mailman from California.



Baby porcupines are known as porcupettes.

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Dates in History

- 1786** Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's opera "Marriage of Figaro" premiered on May 1st in Vienna, Austria with Mozart himself directing.
- 1792** On May 17th two dozen merchants and brokers established the New York Stock Exchange. In good weather they operated under a buttonwood tree on Wall Street. In bad weather they moved inside to a coffeehouse to conduct business.
- 1840** The world's first adhesive postage stamp was issued by Great Britain on May 1st. It was called the "Penny Black."
- 1881** On May 21st in Washington, D.C., humanitarians Clara Barton and Adolphus Solomons founded the American National Red Cross. The organization was established to provide humanitarian aid to victims of wars and natural disasters in congruence with the International Red Cross.
- 1884** Catcher Moses Fleetwood Walker played his first major league baseball game on May 1st. He is recognized as being the first African-American to play major league baseball when he joined the Toledo Blue Stockings.
- 1994** On May 6th in a ceremony presided over by England's Queen Elizabeth II and French President Francois Mitterrand, a rail tunnel under the English Channel was officially opened, connecting Britain and the European mainland for the first time since the Ice Age. The Channel Tunnel, or "Chunnel," connects Folkestone, England, with Coquelles, France, 31 miles away. The Chunnel cut travel time between England and France to a swift 35 minutes and eventually between London and Paris to two-and-a-half hours.

(history.com, historyplace.com, & onthisday.com)

On the Lighter Side

Why did the birthday boy wrap himself in paper?
He wanted to live in the present.

What's a potato's favorite form of transportation?
The gravy train.

How does NASA organize a party?
They planet.

For a period, Houdini used a trap door in every single show he did...I guess you could say it was a stage he was going through.

Riddle me this: This belongs to you, but everyone else uses it. *Your name*

"What is the plural of 'man,' Johnny?" asked the teacher.
"Men" answered Johnny.
"And the plural of 'child'?"
"Twins," was the unexpected reply.

A mom and a son come home from the grocery store. The boy immediately empties out a box of animal crackers and the mom asks him why. The boy says, "You should not eat it if the seal is broken, so I'm looking for the seal."

A man walks into a library and asks the librarian for books about paranoia. She whispers, "They're right behind you!"

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