

Trivia



Giraffes in the wild only sleep for around five minutes at a time. Because of the dangers they face in the wild, not only do they sleep while standing, but they also sleep intermittently so that they're prepared to run at any given moment.

Germany has more castles than there are McDonald's in the United States. Germany is estimated to have 25,000 castles, and there are around 13,000 McDonald's locations in America.

In Thailand, there's an annual Monkey Buffet Festival where residents of Lopburi leave 4.5 tons of fruit, veggies, and other treats to honor the approximately 3,000 monkeys that live near the Phra Prang Sam Yot temple.

George Washington died not knowing dinosaurs existed. The first and former president died in 1799, while the first official description of dinosaurs happened in 1842.

Oscar the Grouch from Sesame Steet was originally orange instead of green. In the show's first season, Oscar was orange partly due to some limitations of colorized TV at the time. It wasn't until season 2 that he turned green.

If you ever wondered where the term "honeymoon" came from, it originated in the Middle Ages. When there was a newly married couple, they'd be supplied enough honey wine to last the first month of their marriage.

In Colorado, USA, there is still an active volcano. It last erupted about the same time as the pyramids were being built in Egypt.

Astronaut is a compound word derived from the two Ancient Greek words "Astro," meaning "star," and "naut" meaning "sailor." So astronaut literally means "star sailor."

In 2007, Scotland spent £125,000 (approx. \$171,000 USD) devising a new national slogan. The winning entry was: "Welcome to Scotland."

Larry the Cable Guy's real name is Daniel Lawrence Whitney. His notable Southern accent is fake – he was born and raised in the Midwest, not the South.

Red Solo® cups are a common souvenir to bring back from the United States. The novelty comes from the cups being used in many party scenes in movies.



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Dates in History

1774 On April 5, Benjamin Franklin wrote a satirical open letter to British Prime Minister Lord North from London's Smyrna Coffee House, later published in *The Public Advertiser*. In the letter, Franklin mockingly proposed imposing martial law on the American colonies, appointing a viceroy, and using harsh military control to force obedience and collect taxes—ideas meant to expose the absurdity of British policy. His exaggerated suggestions, including military courts and brutal punishments, made his disdain for Lord North clear. Ironically, the letter proved prophetic when Britain imposed martial law in Massachusetts the following month under the Massachusetts Government Act, a move that ultimately contributed to the loss of the American colonies.

1889 On April 16, Charlie Chaplin was born Charles Spencer Chaplin in London, England. Introduced to the stage as a child, he rose from poverty to become one of early Hollywood's biggest stars, creating the iconic "Tramp" character with his bowler hat and cane. A master of silent film, Chaplin achieved unprecedented creative control and success, co-founded United Artists in 1919, and later used sound sparingly, most notably in *The Great Dictator* (1940). Accused of communist ties, he was barred from re-entering the U.S. in 1952 and lived in Switzerland until returning in 1972 to receive an honorary Academy Award. Knighted in 1975, Chaplin died in 1977.

1948 On April 30, the Land Rover debuted at an auto show in Amsterdam. Designed by Rover engineer Maurice Wilks as a rugged, farm-ready alternative to the unreliable Jeep he used on his land, the original Series I featured a simple, utilitarian design with four-wheel drive and quickly gained popularity beyond agriculture. It became widely used by military, police, aid organizations, and expedition travelers worldwide. A more luxurious Range Rover followed in 1970, the Discovery debuted in 1989, and after several ownership changes, Land Rover was sold by Ford to India's Tata Motors in 2008.

On the Lighter Side



In Athens, no one wakes up before noon. Dawn is tough on Greece.

What do you call a pony with a cough?
A little horse.

I ordered some German food over the internet. The sauerkraut has arrived, but the wurst is yet to come.

For her birthday I took my wife to an orchard and we stood there looking at the trees for half an hour. It was not the apple watch she was apparently expecting.

There is a new trend in our office; everyone is putting names on their food. I saw it today while I was eating a sandwich named Kevin.

Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me. Fool me over and over again, you're the weather man.

What did the football coach say to the broken vending machine?
Give me my quarterback.

If you serve your kids frozen pizza or chicken nuggets for dinner you are a terrible parent. I don't care how busy you are, find the time to microwave them.

I let my blind friend borrow money the other day. He said he'd pay me back the next time he saw me. Hey! Wait a minute...

Police have confirmed that a man who fell from the roof of a nightclub was not a bouncer.

Our local zoo requires that all animals do chores to earn their keep. The lion sweeps tonight.

