

# Trivia



Human fingers are so sensitive that they can feel objects of 13 nanometers in size. This means that if one finger was the size of the earth, it could feel the difference between a house and a car.

The smallest bone in the human body as well as in many other animals is known as the stapes or stirrup. This bone allows sound waves to be transmitted into the inner ear, which is then interpreted by the brain.

Pagophagia is an intense craving to chew on ice. You have pagophagia if you find yourself frequently driven to chew on ice cubes, ice chips, or even frost from your freezer.

New York City's oldest building dates back to 1642. It's known as the Wyckoff Farm and is in Brooklyn. It's now used as a museum dedicated to the city's Dutch heritage.

Iceland has the lowest population density in the EU – only 9.1 people per square mile.

The first deodorant for men was launched in 1935, although fragrance sprays for women had been around for decades. At the beginning of the 20th century, however, a strong smell in men was still considered masculine, so there was no demand for men's deodorants.

The Pomato is a hybrid between a tomato and a potato. The plant produces both tomatoes and potatoes.

On average, people laugh ten times a day.

Olympus Mons is the largest volcano in the solar system. The volcano is 16 miles tall and stretches 374 miles wide—approximately the same size as the state of Arizona, according to NASA.



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## Dates in History

- 64** On July 18th, the great fire of Rome broke out and destroyed much of the city. The fire began in the slums of a district south of the legendary Palatine Hill. The area's homes burned very quickly and the fire spread north, fueled by high winds. The fire ended up raging out of control for nearly three days.
- 1775** On July 3rd, George Washington rode out in front of the American troops gathered at Cambridge Common in Massachusetts and drew his sword, formally taking command of the Continental Army. Washington, a prominent Virginia planter and veteran of the French and Indian War, had been appointed commander in chief by the Continental Congress two weeks before. In agreeing to serve the American colonies in their war for independence, he declined to accept payment for his services beyond reimbursement for future expenses.
- 1935** On July 16th, the world's first parking meter, known as Park-O-Meter No. 1, was installed on the southeast corner of what was then First Street and Robinson Avenue in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
- 1984** On July 1st, the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA), which oversees the voluntary rating system for movies, introduced a new rating, PG-13. The initial rating categories were G (appropriate for all ages), M (for mature audiences, but all ages admitted), R (persons under 16 not admitted without an accompanying adult) and X (no one under 17 admitted). The M category was eventually changed to PG (parental guidance suggested), the R age limit was raised to 17, and on July 1, 1984, the PG-13 category was added to indicate film content with a "higher level of intensity."

## On the Lighter Side



My wife told me to stop impersonating a flamingo. I had to put my foot down.

I failed math so many times at school. I can't even count.

I heard there were a bunch of break-ins over at the parking garage. That is wrong on so many levels.

Don't you hate it when someone answers their own questions? I do.

Most people are shocked when they find out how bad I am as an electrician.

The easiest time to add insult to injury is when you're signing someone's cast.

Light travels faster than sound, which is the reason that some people appear bright before you hear them speak.

Today a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation toward the local swimming pool. I gave him a glass of water.

"Doctor, there's a patient on line one that says he's invisible."

"Well, tell him I can't see him right now."

Before you criticize someone, walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you do criticize them, you're a mile away and you have their shoes.

I got a new pair of gloves today, but they're both 'lefts,' which on the one hand is great, but on the other, it's just not right.

I didn't think orthopedic shoes would help, but I stand corrected.

