

Trivia

did you know that ...

By the age of five, children have acquired 85 percent of the language they will have as adults.

At any moment, there are almost twice as many chickens alive as humans.

The IRS has a computer devoted solely to Bill Gates's tax return.

At any given moment, there are about 1,800 thunderstorms happening around the world.

Approximately one hundred lightning bolts strike the Earth every second.

The Eiffel Tower is six inches taller in summer than in winter.

In Milan, it is a legal requirement to smile at all times, except during funerals or hospital visits.

The Amazon River's course is 3,900 miles, the distance from New York to Rome.

One ton of computer scrap contains more gold than seventeen tons of gold ore.

In the United States, the price of a bottle of Coca-Cola remained the same-5 cents-from 1886 to 1959.

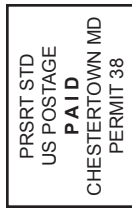
New York City's police force is nearly four times bigger than America's entire border patrol.

Isaac Newton invented the cat door.

Spammers typically need to send one million emails to get fifteen positive responses.

In the United States, tobacco kills nearly half a million people annually; more than HIV, alcohol, illegal drugs, suicide, and homicide combined.

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Dates in History

1814 On August 24th, during the War of 1812 between the United States and England, British troops entered Washington, D.C. and burned the White House in retaliation for the American attack on the city of York in Ontario, Canada, in June 1812.

1909 On August 19th, the first race was held at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, now the home of the world's most famous motor racing competition, the Indianapolis 500.

1944 After more than four years of Nazi occupation, Paris was liberated by the French 2nd Armored Division and the U.S. 4th Infantry Division. German resistance was light, and General Dietrich von Choltitz, commander of the German garrison, defied an order by Adolf Hitler to blow up Paris' landmarks and burn the city to the ground before its liberation. Choltitz signed a formal surrender that afternoon, and on August 26, Free French General Charles de Gaulle led a joyous liberation march down the Champs d'Elysees.

1958 On August 3rd, the U.S. nuclear submarine Nautilus accomplished the first undersea voyage to the geographic North Pole. The world's first nuclear submarine, the Nautilus dived at Point Barrow, Alaska, and traveled nearly 1,000 miles under the Arctic ice cap to reach the top of the world.

1961 In Texas on August 1st, the first park in the Six Flags chain, opened. Located on 212 acres in Arlington, Texas, the park was the first to feature a 360° looping roller coaster, modern parachute drop and man-made river rapids ride.

(history.com)

On the Lighter Side

A large company, feeling it was time for a shake up, hired a new CEO. This new boss was determined to rid the company of all slackers. On a tour of the facilities, the CEO noticed a guy leaning on the wall. The room was full of workers and he wanted to let them know that he meant business! The new CEO walked up to the guy leaning against the wall and asked, "How much money do you make a week?" A little surprised, the young fellow looked at him and replied, "I make \$300.00 a week. Why?" The CEO then handed the guy \$1,200 in cash and screamed, "Here's four weeks' pay, now GET OUT and don't come back." Feeling pretty good about himself, the CEO looked around the room and asked, "Does anyone want to tell me what that goof-off did here." From across the room came a voice, "He's the pizza delivery guy."

What to say if you get caught sleeping in your work cubicle:

- It's okay: I'm still billing the client.
- Do you discriminate against people who practice yoga?
- I wasn't sleeping. I was trying to pick up a contact lens without using my hands.

Celebrity: It's great to be here with you wonderful folks at the nursing home. Does anybody here know who I am?

Huh?

Old Woman: No, but don't worry. Go down to the front desk and they'll tell you.

A cop pulls a woman over and says, "Let me see your driver's license, lady." The woman replies, "I wish you people would get it together. One day you take away my license and the next day you ask me to show it."

(exerted from Pretty Good Joke Book)