

Trivia

did you know that ...

1. Where did American drivers buy gasoline for their automobiles before 1912, when the first gasoline stations were opened?
2. What is the real name of the evil Batman comic strip character known as the Riddler?
3. In the original L. Frank Baum story *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* what color were Dorothy's slippers?
4. Which was the first sport to have its top players named to an All-American team?
5. Who was baseball's first Rookie of the Year?
6. What was the Allies' password on D-Day?
7. On the Andy Griffith Show, what did deputy sheriff Barney Fife keep in his shirt pocket?
8. What TV cartoon characters belonged to the Royal Order of Water Buffaloes?
9. What inland state has the longest shoreline?
10. On international license plates, what country is represented by the letter E?
11. On what island are one-third of the world's languages spoken?
12. What was the first commercially manufactured breakfast cereal?

Answers:
 1. From coal merchants, lumberyards and hardware stores. 2. E. Nigma. The E is for Edward. 3. Silver. 4. Football. 5. Jackie Robinson. 6. Mickey Mouse. 7. His one bullet. 8. Fred Flintstone and Barney Rubble of *The Flintstones*. 9. Michigan. 10. Spain - the E is for Espana. 11. On New Guinea, where more than 700 distinct native languages can be heard. 12. Shredded Wheat

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Dates in History

1534 On June 9th, French navigator Jacques Cartier became the first European explorer to discover the St. Lawrence River in present-day Quebec, Canada.

1683 On June 6th, the Ashmolean, the world's first university museum, opened in Oxford, England. At the time of the English Restoration, Oxford was the center of scientific activity in England. In 1677, English archaeologist Elias Ashmole donated his collection of curiosities to Oxford University, and the school's directors planned the construction of a building to display the items permanently. Acclaimed English architect Sir Christopher Wren was commissioned for the job.

1876 On June 4th, a mere 83 hours after leaving New York City, the Transcontinental Express train arrived in San Francisco. That any human being could travel across the entire nation in less than four days was inconceivable to previous generations of Americans. During the early 19th century, when Thomas Jefferson first dreamed of an American nation stretching from "sea to shining sea," it took the president 10 days to travel the 225 miles from Monticello to Philadelphia via carriage.

1924 On June 2nd, President Calvin Coolidge signed the Indian Citizen Act, granting automatic American citizenship to Native Americans born in the United States. The law attempted to finalize Indian assimilation into white culture while permitting Indians to retain some of their tribal traditions.

On the Lighter Side

Things to ponder

Why are boxing rings square?

Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are flat?

Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?

Why is it that people say they "slept like a baby" when babies wake up, like, every two hours?

If nothing ever sticks to Teflon™, how do they make Teflon™ stick to the pan?

Why is it that when you transport something by car, it's a shipment, but when you transport something by ship, it's called cargo?

Why does your nose run and your feet smell?

If you wear an antennae to a wedding, would the reception be better?

Why are there interstate highways in Hawaii?

Why do we drive on parkways and park on driveways?

Why is it that when you are driving and looking for an address, you turn down the volume on the radio?

If pro is the opposite of con, is progress the opposite of congress?

Why does the word monosyllabic contain five syllables?

What should you do if you see an endangered animal eating an endangered plant?