

# Trivia



Mycology is the branch of biology concerned with the study of fungi, including their genetic and biochemical properties, their taxonomy and their use to humans as a source for tinder, medicine, food, and entheogens, as well as their dangers, such as poisoning or infection.

Lake Bosumtwi, situated within an ancient meteorite impact crater, is the only natural lake in Ghana. The Ashanti consider Bosumtwi a sacred lake. According to traditional belief, the souls of the dead come here to bid farewell to the god Asase Ya.

The name of February comes from the Latin word "februum" which means purification.

Nihoa, also known as Bird Island or Moku Manu, is the tallest of ten islands and atolls in the uninhabited Northwestern Hawaiian Islands. The island is home to 25 species of plants and several animals, making it the most diverse island in the entire Northwestern Hawaiian Islands.

The fastest flowing river in the world is the Amazon River. At the height of the wet season, the current can reach a speed of 4 mph.

The Saxons called February "Sol-monath" which means "cake month" because they would offer cakes to the gods during February.

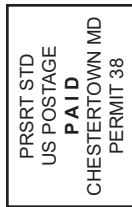
It is commonly believed that Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei invented the telescope, but the earliest known record of a refracting telescope is in fact credited to German-Dutch spectacle-maker Hans Lippershey who filed a patent for the device in 1608.

U-shaped or glaciated valleys are formed when a glacier travels across and down a slope, carving the valley by the action of scouring.

The Earth's inner core is believed to be primarily a solid ball with a radius of about 1220 kilometers. It is composed of an iron-nickel alloy and some light elements.



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# Dates in History

**1887** On February 2nd, Groundhog Day was celebrated for the first time at Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. It has its roots in the ancient Christian tradition of Candlemas which is when clergy would bless and distribute candles that were needed for the winter. The candles represented how long and cold the winter would be. Germans expanded on this tradition by selecting a hedgehog as a means of predicting the weather. German immigrants to America then continued the tradition, however, they switched from hedgehogs to groundhogs.

**1996** On February 10th, the world chess champion Garry Kasparov lost the first game of a six game match against Deep Blue, an IBM computer capable of evaluating over 200 million moves per second. Kasparov had previously defeated Deep Thought which was the prototype for Deep Blue. This was the first time in history that a computer and a human played an actual regulation six game match. Garry Kasparov ended up winning the match 4-2.

**2004** On February 29th, *The Return of the King*, the last installment in the film adaptation of J.R.R. Tolkien's epic fantasy *The Lord of the Rings*, received 11 Academy Awards, tying the record held by *Ben-Hur* (1959) and *Titanic* (1997).

**2010** On February 18th, the website WikiLeaks began posting classified U.S. government documents provided by army intelligence analyst Bradley Manning; it was believed to be the largest unauthorized release of state secrets in U.S. history.

# On the Lighter Side

I once saw a picture of Mt. Rushmore before it was carved  
Its natural beauty was unpresidential

Why did the otter cross the river?  
To get to the otter side

I don't mind my geometry teacher asking me to draw a circle. But to then ask me to turn that circle into two equal parts?  
That's where I draw the line

I'm so bad at Greek mythology, it has always been my Achilles' elbow on Trivia nights

A man leaves home and turns left three times, only to return home facing two men wearing masks. Who are those men?  
The Catcher and the Umpire

If a blue house is made out of blue bricks, a yellow house is made out of yellow bricks and a pink house is made out of pink bricks what is a green house made of?  
Glass

How do you make the number one disappear?  
You add the letter G and it's gone

Knock Knock  
Who's there?  
A door  
A door who?  
A door is between us

Where do orcas hear music?  
At the Orca-stra

What is the difference between a car and a bull?  
A car only has one horn

