

Trivia

did you know that ...

The Secret Service was created under Abraham Lincoln's presidency.

The Pacific Ocean is the world's largest ocean.

Greenland is administered by Denmark

A nonagon has nine sides.

Texas was once an independent republic.

The Chinese language does not require punctuation.

The abbreviation on the USB cord stands for Universal Serial Bus.

Quinine is added to water to make tonic water.

Brandy is the pure spirit distilled from wine.

Europe's second largest island after Great Britain is Iceland.

Until 1919 Afghanistan belonged to the United Kingdom.

The difference between caskets and coffins are coffins have six sides and caskets have only four.

The vegetable brussel sprouts takes its name from the capital of Belgium.

The process of splitting atoms is called fission.

The main difference between a supercharger and a turbocharger is superchargers are usually belt driven while turbochargers are gas driven.

The only two continents entirely located in the southern hemisphere are Australia and Antarctica.

In 1939, the day after Germany invaded Poland, Ireland announced its neutrality.

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Dates in History

1765 On March 22nd, in an effort to raise funds to pay off debts and defend the vast new American territories won from the French in the Seven Years' War (1756-1763), the British government passed the Stamp Act. The legislation levied a direct tax on all materials printed for commercial and legal use in the colonies, from newspapers and pamphlets to playing cards and dice.

1781 On March 1st, the Articles of Confederation was finally ratified. The Articles were signed by Congress and sent to the individual states for ratification on November 15, 1777, after 16 months of debate. Bickering over land claims between Virginia and Maryland delayed final ratification for almost four more years. Maryland finally approved the Articles on March 1, 1781, affirming the Articles as the outline of the official government of the United States. The nation was guided by the Articles of Confederation until the implementation of the current U.S. Constitution in 1789.

1802 On March 16th, the United States Military Academy--the first military school in the United States--was founded by Congress for the purpose of educating and training young men in the theory and practice of military science. Located at West Point, New York, the U.S. Military Academy is often simply known as West Point.

1926 On March 16th, the first man to give hope to dreams of space travel is American Robert H. Goddard, who successfully launched the world's first liquid-fueled rocket at Auburn, Massachusetts. The rocket traveled for 2.5 seconds at a speed of about 60 mph, reaching an altitude of 41 feet and landing 184 feet away. The rocket was 10 feet tall, constructed out of thin pipes, and was fueled by liquid oxygen and gasoline.

1959 On March 10th, Tibetans banded together in revolt, surrounding the summer palace of the Dalai Lama in defiance of Chinese occupation forces.

On the Lighter Side

A mother and her young son returned from the grocery store and began putting away the groceries. The boy opened the box of animal crackers and spread them all over the table. "What are you doing," his mother asked? "The box says you can't eat them if the seal is broken," the boy explained. "I'm looking for the seal."

A young businessman had just started his own firm. He rented a beautiful office and had it furnished with antiques. Sitting there, he saw a man come into the outer office. Wishing to appear the hot shot, the businessman picked up the phone and started to pretend he had a big deal working.

He threw huge figures around and made giant commitments. Finally he hung up and asked the visitor, "Can I help you?"

The man said, "Yeah, I've come to activate your phone lines."

A woman accompanied her husband to the doctor's office.

After his checkup, the doctor called the wife into his office alone. He said, "Your husband is suffering from a very severe stress disorder. If you don't do the following, your husband will surely die."

"Each morning, fix him a healthy breakfast. Be pleasant at all times. For lunch make him a nutritious meal. For dinner prepare an especially nice meal for him. Don't burden him with chores. Don't discuss your problems with him, it will only make his stress worse. No nagging. And most importantly, make sure he knows he was right in any circumstance that may arise. If you can do this for the next 10 months to a year, I think your husband will regain his health completely."

On the way home, the husband asked his wife. "What did the doctor say?"

"He said you're going to die," she replied.