

# Trivia

The King of Hearts is the only king in a deck of cards without a mustache.

"Dreamt" is the only six letter word in the English language that ends with "mt."

The opposite sides of a die will always add up to seven.

Those metal studs on your jeans have a name: "rivets."

No number from 1 to 999 includes the letter "a" in its word form.

Cats can't taste sweet things because of a genetic defect.

Your fingernails grow faster on your dominant hand.

Montpelier, Vermont, is the only U.S. capital without a McDonald's.

In the 1800s, people answered the phone by saying "Ahoy!" instead of "Hello."

Pound cake got its name from its original recipe: a pound each of butter, eggs, sugar, and flour.

Apple seeds contain cyanide.

A Greek-Canadian named Sam Panopoulos invented the "Hawaiian" pizza.

A cubic inch of human bone can bear the weight of five standard pickup trucks.

A "tesseract" is a group of fourteen.

According to some former astronauts, space has a distinct odor. They've described it as "hot metal" or "searing steak."

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# Dates in History

- 1873** Eli Janney was awarded U.S. Patent 138,405 on April 29th for the automatic railroad car coupling. Janney invented the modern knuckle coupler that replaced link and pin couplers on North American railroads.
- 1889** Aluminum is the most abundant metal element in the earth's crust, but it is always found in a compound rather than an easily-refined ore. Alum is one such compound. Scientists tried to tease the metal out of alum, but the process was costly until Charles Martin Hall patented an inexpensive method to produce aluminum on April 2nd, which brought the metal into wide commercial use.
- 1920** Elijah McCoy was an African-American inventor who received more than 50 patents for his inventions during his lifetime. McCoy received a patent for an air-brake pump lubricator on April 27th. His most famous invention was a cup that fed lubricating oil to machine bearings through a small tube. Machinists and engineers who wanted genuine McCoy lubricators might have used the expression "the real McCoy" - a term meaning "the real deal" or "the genuine article."
- 1939** *The Grapes of Wrath*, published on April 14th, is an American realist novel written by John Steinbeck. The book won the National Book Award and Pulitzer Prize for fiction, and it was cited prominently when Steinbeck was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1962.
- 1951** American business man and inventor Dean Kamen was born April 5th in Rockville Center, Long Island, NY. Kamen invented the Segway and several inventions in the fields of medicine and engine design, including the first wearable insulin pump.

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# On the Lighter Side

The geography teacher asked Johnny a question about the English Channel.  
"I don't know," answered Johnny.  
"We don't get that channel on our TV."

Two people each had a horse, but they couldn't decide which belonged to whom. So, they cut the mane off one to differentiate, but it soon grew back. Next, they cut the tail off one, but that also grew back. Finally, they measured them and found the black one was four inches taller than the white.

Summoned to the business office, the salesman was told: "This expense account amazes us. How do you manage to spend \$118 a day for food?" "I manage," came the reply, "by skipping breakfast."

City Slicker: "What does your son do?"  
Country Cousin: "He's a bootblack in the city."  
City Slicker: "Oh, I see. You make hay while the son shines."

Freddy: "Do you think anyone can predict the future with cards?"  
Teddy: "My mother can. She took one look at my report card and told me exactly what would happen when Dad got home!"

By the time a man gets to greener pastures, he can no longer climb the fence.

Dieter to a friend: "They told me to wear loose clothing to my exercise class, but I told them that if I had any, I wouldn't need the class!"

Nobody knows how old mankind is, except it's old enough to know better.

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