

# Trivia

Jennifer Anastassakis made famous the 90's long bob, or "lob" hairstyle. You may know her as Jennifer Aniston.

Food typically travels from the mouth, through the esophagus, and into the stomach in seven seconds.

President Jimmy Carter is said to be able to speed-read at the rate of 2,000 words per minute.

A 100-pound woman in high heels exerts more pressure per square inch (PSI) when walking than a 6,000-pound elephant.

Compliments of the Bathroom Reader's Institute the second week in June is National Bathroom Reading Week.

One million threads of fiber-optic cable can fit in a tube one-half inch in diameter.

1956, Johnny Mathis decided to record an album instead of answering an invitation to try out for the U.S. Olympic team as a high jumper.

Commercial deodorant became available in 1888. Roll-on deodorant was invented in the 1950's, using technology from the ballpoint pen.

The busiest organization in the world is the Pentagon, with 34,500 phone lines receiving 1 million calls a day.

Tickling requires surprise. Since you can't surprise yourself, you can't tickle yourself either.

One ounce of pure gold can be made into a wire fifty miles long.

President George Washington never shook hands with visitors, choosing to bow instead.

Toys for Tots began its yearly donation drive during the 1947 Christmas season.

Most people reading this just tried to tickle themselves.

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# Dates in History

**1219** Dannebrog is the flag of Denmark and the oldest national flag in the world. According to legend, the Danish flag fell from the sky on June 15, 1219, during the Battle of Lyndanisse (near modern Tallinn, Estonia) as a sign from God of his support for King Valdemar II against the pagan Estonians.

**1769** A transit of Venus across the Sun takes place when Venus passes directly between the Sun and a superior planet, becoming visible against (and hence obscuring a small portion of) the solar disk. On June 4, 1769, a transit of Venus was followed five hours later by a total solar eclipse, the shortest such interval in history. Transits are rare, the next transits will take place on 10–11 December 2117.

**1898** Winton Motor Carriage Company publishes the first known automobile ad on June 30th in *Scientific American* using the headline “dispense with a horse.”

**1922** Born June 2, 1922, Charlie Sifford was the first African American golfer to play in the US PGA tour. Overcoming racism, Sifford first competed in the US Open in 1959 before joining the PGA tour in 1961. He later won two professional events and won the PGA Senior's Championship in 1975. Sifford was inducted into the Golfing Hall of Fame in 2014.

**2012** On June 13, 2012, Matt Cain of the San Francisco Giants pitched the 22nd perfect game (no opposing batters reach first base) in MLB history and the first in Giants' franchise history. Pitching against the Houston Astros, Cain retired all 27 batters that he faced and tallied 14 strikeouts, tied for the most strikeouts in a perfect game with Sandy Koufax of the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1965.

# On the Lighter Side

Do you want to hear a joke about a ruler?  
Never mind. It's too straight forward.

Which member of a marching band has the highest risk of being hit by lightning?  
The conductor.

While I was out to lunch, my coworker answered my phone and told the caller that I would be back in 20 minutes. The woman asked, “Is that 20 minutes Central Standard Time?”

Been reading up on the thesaurus lately because a mind is a terrible thing to garbage.

While teaching at a veterinary college, I ordered a few books for our library. One was George Orwell's *Animal Farm*. When I went to take it out, I discovered that the librarian had placed the book in the section for dairy and poultry.

Why did the fork stop hanging around with the spoon?  
Because the spoon kept stirring up trouble.

A student seeking a job at our university was handed an application. He dutifully filled out his name and address. When it came to the entry “length of residence,” he wrote: “Approximately 30 feet.”

What is a dog's favorite part of a journey?  
Embarking.

What did the man say when his pet parrot escaped?  
Polygon.