

# Trivia



Monarch butterflies, also known as the king of butterflies, possess 12,000 eyes, which helps them to see in all directions. They possess two kinds of eyes, compound and simple.

The Amazon Rainforest is 2.3 million square miles, covering most of the northwestern part of Brazil and extending into Colombia and Peru.

Some people are “blind in the mind” with “Aphantasia” which is a condition where they can’t see images in their mind.

Keyboards used to be laid out alphabetically. Their history dates back to the 1870's when Christopher Latham Sholes invented the first practical typewriter. The initial layout of Sholes' typewriter had the keys arranged alphabetically, but this led to jamming of the machine as the mechanical arms would frequently collide with each other. This layout was eventually replaced with the "QWERTY" one we use today.

According to 2011 government statistics, bank robberies in the U.S. take place most often in mid-morning, on Fridays and in the southern and western states. Out of the total stolen \$43 million in 2011, only \$8 million was recovered.

Lake Hillier on Middle Island, Australia, is the color of bright-pink bubble gum. Researchers recently discovered that the lake's unique color is caused by algae, halobacteria, and other microbes.

Airport runway numbers actually indicate the direction on a compass. The numbers you see on an airport runway aren't random coordinates. They're actually based on the compass and help pilots navigate precisely. A single runway number is 63 feet tall by 20 feet wide.

Our solar system has a wall. The heliopause – the region of space in which solar wind isn't hot enough to push back the wind of particles coming from distant stars – is often considered the “boundary wall” of the Solar System and interstellar space.

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## Dates in History

**1872** On March 1st, President Grant signed a bill creating the nation's first national park at Yellowstone. The Yellowstone Act of 1872 set a precedent and popularized the idea of preserving sections of the public domain for use as public parks. Congress went on to designate dozens of other national parks, and the idea spread to other nations around the world.

**1888** On March 11th, one of the worst blizzards in American history struck the Northeast. It ended up dumping as much as 55 inches of snow in some areas. New York City ground to a near halt in the face of massive snow drifts and powerful winds from the storm. On March 10th, temperatures in the Northeast hovered in the mid 50s. But on March 11th, cold Arctic air from Canada collided with Gulf air from the south and temperatures plunged. Rain turned to snow and winds reached hurricane-strength levels. By midnight on March 11th, gusts were recorded at 85 miles per hour in New York City. Along with heavy snow, there was a complete whiteout in the city when the residents awoke the next morning.

**1968** On March 15th, construction started on the north tunnel of the Eisenhower/Johnson Memorial Tunnel on Interstate 70 in Colorado. Located at an elevation of more than 11,000 feet, the project was an engineering marvel and became the world's highest vehicular tunnel when it was completed in 1979. Four months after opening, one million vehicles had passed through the tunnel; today, some 10 million vehicles drive through it each year.

## On the Lighter Side



How can you tell it's a dogwood tree?  
By the bark.

I had a date last night and it was perfect.  
Tomorrow, I'll have a fig.

Why do bees have sticky hair?  
Because they use a honeycomb.

Which state has the most streets?  
Rhode Island.

I've been thinking about taking up meditation.  
I figure it's better than sitting around doing nothing.

Why did Waldo go to therapy?  
Because he needed to find himself.

Where do you learn to make ice cream?  
At sundae school.

I told my doctor I heard buzzing.  
He said it's just a bug going around.

I've been bored recently, so I decided to take up fencing.  
The neighbors keep demanding that I put it back.

How do you know when a chicken is evil?  
It lays deviled eggs.

