

MoNdAy FuNnIeS

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Our attempt to help you smile every Monday Morning

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## Wisdom For The Week :

Our actions of the present (good or bad), are tied to our opportunities of the future.

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(Contributed by Ross Flanders... Thanks Ross - you stumped most of us)

How many of these do you know?

First of all did you know that:

111,111,111 × 111,111,111 = 12,345,678,987,654,321

(WOW !!!!!!! That is amazing - Cordell)

And did you know that:

In the 1400's a law was set forth that a man was not allowed to beat his

wife with a stick thicker than his thumb. Hence we have "the rule of thumb"

Many years ago in Scotland, a new game was invented. It was ruled

"Gentlemen Only...Ladies Forbidden"...and thus the word GOLF

entered into
the English language.

The first couple to be shown in bed together on prime time TV
were Fred and
Wilma Flintstone.

Every day more money is printed for Monopoly than the US
Treasury.

Men can read smaller print than women can; women can hear
better.

Coca-Cola was originally green.

It is impossible to lick your elbow.

The State with the highest percentage of people who walk to
work: Alaska

The percentage of Africa that is wilderness: 28% (now get this...)
The percentage of North America that is wilderness: 38%

The cost of raising a medium-size dog to the age of eleven:
\$6,400

The average number of people airborne over the US any given
hour: 61,000

Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.

The first novel ever written on a typewriter: Tom Sawyer.

The San Francisco Cable cars are the only mobile National
Monuments.

Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from
history:

Spades - King David

Hearts - Charlemagne

Clubs - Alexander, the Great

Diamonds - Julius Caesar

If a statue in the park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle. If the horse has one front leg in the air the person died as a result of wounds received in battle. If the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.

Only two people signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4th, John Hancock and Charles Thomson. Most of the rest signed on August 2, but the last signature wasn't added until 5 years later.

Q. What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers, and laser printers all have in common?
A. All invented by women.

Q. Half of all Americans live within 50 miles of what?
A. Their birthplace

Q. Most boat owners name their boats. What is the most popular boat name requested?
A. Obsession

Q. If you were to spell out numbers, how far would you have to go until you would find the letter "A"? One, two, three, etc.

A. One thousand

Q. What is the only food that doesn't spoil?

A. Honey

Q. Which day are there more collect calls than any other day of the year?

A. Father's Day

In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes. When you pulled on the ropes the mattress tightened, making the bed firmer to sleep on. Hence the phrase..... "goodnight, sleep tight."

It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride's father would supply his son-in-law with all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer and because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the honey month ... which we know today as the honeymoon.

In English pubs, ale is ordered by pints and quarts... So in old England, when customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them "Mind your pints and quarts, and settle down."

It's where we get the phrase "mind your P's and Q's"

Many years ago in England, pub frequenters had a whistle baked into the rim, or handle, of their ceramic cups. When they needed a refill, they used the whistle to get some service. "Wet your whistle" is the

phrase
inspired by this practice.

Many years ago before there was air conditioning, steamships transported many people from England to India. That being the 19th century when India was a colony of the British Empire, and before independence in 1947.

The voyage could be unbearably hot, especially at certain times of the year. The people of privilege had the best cabins on and above the main deck. The prevailing cooling winds were such that they occupied rooms on the port side of the ship going out, and the starboard side of the ship returning home. Thus we have the word POSH, meaning 'luxurious and fashionable, elegant.'

Also, most people do not know how many expressions they use on a daily basis that are derived from sailors and the sea. There is a book out that lists many of them, but I'll just give you one, you may or may not know. "Blue Monday," Many think the term is because of having to return to work after being off the weekend. Not so. The Boatswain on sailing ships of long ago kept a daily record of various infractions, and the number of lashes they earned. Then the first thing each Monday morning the crew was assembled, and the guilty men were secured to the mast and stripped to the waist. They were then given the lashes with the cat-o'-nine-tails, which was a whip for flogging. Thus we have Blue Monday!

AND FINALLY DID YOU KNOW THAT: At least 75% of people who read this will try to lick their elbow

(I wont tell anyone if you were among the 75%.....
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# Consumer Tips

When you put things like hot dogs, stakes, fish or other things that are in pieces in the freezer if you just put them in separate baggies or put wax paper between each individual piece first, then when you get them out, if you only want to use part of them, they will be easy to get apart and you can just leave the rest of them in the freezer.



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