

The Digestive Digest

A random collection of meaningless thoughts and puzzles to aid in the passage of time and your meal

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Bizarre Trivia & Completely Useless Information

An 1898 novel by Morgan Robertson foretold the sinking of the Titanic, 14 years before the great ship went down. In Robertson's book, a ship full of wealthy and powerful people is on its maiden voyage when it strikes an iceberg in the North Atlantic on an April night and sinks. The two ships shared many other eerie similarities. The most interesting is the name of the ship in Robertson's book: the Titan.

Five Jell-O flavors that flopped: celery, coffee, cola, apple, and chocolate.

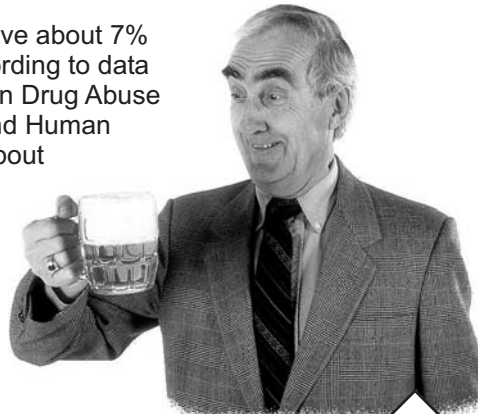
Antarctica is the only continent without reptiles or snakes.

Baskin Robbins once made ketchup ice cream. This was the only vegetable flavored ice cream produced.

One acre of hemp will produce as much paper as four acres of trees (and can be replaced next season).

Men in the U.S. who drink alcohol receive about 7% higher wages than do abstainers, according to data from the national Household Survey on Drug Abuse (United States Department of Health and Human Services). Women who drink receive about three and one-half percent higher wages than do abstainers.

I wonder if heavy drinkers earn more than moderate drinkers? Either way, I guess you need to raise your glass to get that raise.



CONTEST

A Picture is Worth 1000 Words

Figure out the phrase represented by this "word puzzle". The first 10 correct answers presented at the FEMC Booth (S-1537) after 2 p.m. on the day of the contest will receive a free gift. The answer to today's puzzle is available at our booth.

Yesterday's Puzzle:

One Another
One Another
One Another
One Another
One Another
One Another

Answer: Six of One, half a dozen of Another

Today's Puzzle:

Home



You know It's 2004 When...

1. You accidentally enter your password on the microwave.
2. You haven't played solitaire with real cards in years.
3. You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of 3.
4. You e-mail the person who works at the desk next to you.
5. Your reason for not staying in touch with friends and family is that they don't have e-mail addresses.
6. You go home after long days at work you still answer the phone in a business manner.
7. You've sat at the same desk for four years and worked for three different companies.
8. You make phone calls from home, you accidentally dial "9" to get an outside line.
10. You learn about your redundancy on the 11 o'clock news.
11. Your boss doesn't have the ability to do your job.
12. You pull up in your own driveway and use your cell phone to see if anyone is home.
13. Every commercial on television has a website at the bottom of the screen.
14. Leaving the house without your cell phone, which you didn't have the first 20 or 30 (or 60) years of your life, is now a cause for panic and you turn around to go and get it.
15. You get up in the morning and go online before getting your coffee.
16. You start tilting your head sideways to smile. :)
17. You're reading this and nodding and laughing.
18. Even worse, you know exactly to whom you are going to forward this story.
19. You are too busy to notice there was no #9 on this list.
20. You actually looked to check that there wasn't a #9 on this list.

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True Stories from Travel Agents

I had someone ask for an aisle seat so that their hair wouldn't get messed up by being near the window.

A client called in inquiring about a package to Hawaii. After going over all the cost information, she asked, "Would it be cheaper to fly to California and then take the train to Hawaii?"

I got a call from a woman who wanted to go to Capetown. I started to explain the length of the flight and the passport information when she interrupted me with "I'm not trying to make you look stupid, but Cape Town is in Massachusetts." Without trying to make her look like the stupid one, I calmly explained, "Cape Cod is in Massachusetts, Capetown is in Africa." Her response was "click."

A man called, furious about a Florida package we did. I asked what was wrong with the vacation in Orlando. He said he was expecting an ocean-view room. I tried to explain that is not possible, since Orlando is in the middle of the state. He replied, "Don't lie to me. I looked on the map and Florida is a very thin state."

I got a call from a man who asked, "Is it possible to see England from Canada?" I said, "No." He said, "But they look so close on the map."

Another man called and asked if he could rent a car in Dallas. When I pulled up the reservation, I noticed he had a 1-hour lay over in Dallas. When I asked him why he wanted to rent a car, he said, "I heard Dallas was a big airport, and I need a car to drive between the gates to save time."

A nice lady just called. She needed to know how it was possible that her flight from Detroit left at 8:20am and got into Chicago at 8:33am. I tried to explain that Michigan was an hour ahead of Illinois, but she could not understand the concept of time zones. Finally I told her the plane went very fast, and she bought that!

Unusual Phobias

Aeronaunasiphobia - fear of vomiting.

Anglophobia - fear of England, or English culture.

Anuptaphobia - fear of staying single.

Arachibutyrophobia - fear of peanut-butter sticking to the roof of your mouth.

Automatonophobia - fear of ventriloquist's dummies.

Quick Quotation:

After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him. **The moral: When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut.** -- Will Rogers.

Questions that Keep You Up At Night

1. Why do banks charge you a "non-sufficient funds fee" on money they already know you don't have?
2. Why do you press harder on a remote control when you know the battery is dead?
3. Since light travels faster than sound, isn't that why some people appear bright until you hear them speak?
4. If it's zero degrees outside today and it's supposed to be twice as cold tomorrow, how cold is it going to be?
5. Should you trust a stockbroker who's married to a travel agent?
7. Why do they call it the Department of Interior when they are in charge of everything outdoors?
8. Why is the alphabet in that order?
9. Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?
10. Why buy a product that it takes 2000 flushes to get rid of?
11. If vegetarians eat vegetables, what do humanitarians eat?
12. Why is a carrot more orange than an orange?
13. How come Superman could stop bullets with his chest, but always ducked when someone threw a gun at him?
14. What was wrong with the first 408 Formulas?
15. Isn't the best way to save face to keep the lower part shut?

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