

# Trivia



Apple pie isn't actually American at all. The next time someone calls something "as American as apple pie," consider the fact that neither apple pies nor apples originally came from America. Apples are in fact native to Asia, and the first recorded recipe for apple pie was actually written in England.

The unicorn is the national animal of Scotland. Although it's a fabled creature it was chosen because of its association with dominance and chivalry as well as purity and innocence in Celtic mythology.

The largest known living organism is an aspen grove. Pando (Latin for "I spread out") is a group of genetically identical quaking aspens in Utah with an interconnected root system. It's an estimated 80,000 years old and takes up more than 100 acres.

You can hear a blue whale's heartbeat from more than 2 miles away. The world's largest animal's heart weighs about 400 pounds, approximately the size of a small piano.

Four times more people speak English as a second language than as a native one. It's the most widely spoken tongue in the world, with nearly two billion people learning it as a second language and only 360 million people speaking it natively.

The lyrebird can mimic almost any sounds it hears including chainsaws. Wildlife watchers have recorded the Australian species copying not only other birds but other animals, like koalas, and artificial sounds such as car alarms and camera shutters.

The speed of a computer mouse is measured in "Mickeys." A British scientist first invented the roller-ball device in 1946 while working for the Royal Navy, but the word "mouse" didn't get coined until 1965.

Fear of the number 13 is called triskaidekaphobia.

A \$1 bill costs 5 cents to make.



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# Product Spotlight

## Mill Hose



- Applications:
- Ideal for use in open-end water discharge applications, not intended for fire fighting service
  - Construction site de-watering
- Sizes:
- Hose size: 2-1/2", 3", 4", 6"
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- Feature:
- Available in both single and double jacket
- Materials:
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- Specification:
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# Dates in History

- 1477** On November 18th, William Caxton printed the first book in the English language, *The Dictes and Sayengs of the Philosophers*.
- 1837** On November 8th, one of the first institutions of higher education for women in the United States, Mount Holyoke Female Seminary (now Mount Holyoke College) opened in Massachusetts.
- 1965** On November 9th, at 5:16 p.m., the Great Blackout of the Northeast began as a tripped circuit breaker at a power plant on the Niagara River causing a chain reaction sending power surges knocking out interconnected power companies down the East Coast. The blackout affected over 30 million persons, one-sixth of the entire U.S. population. Electricity also failed in Ontario and Quebec.
- 1969** On November 19th, legendary soccer pro Pelé scored his 1,000th goal in competition, making him the first (and only) player to score 1,000 or more soccer goals. By the end of his career, the Brazilian had made 1,281 goals and was voted the Athlete of The Century by the International Federation of Football History & Statistics in 1999.
- 1994** On November 14th, the first paying passengers traveled on the new rail service through the Channel Tunnel linking England and France.
- 1995** On November 22nd, Pixar's *Toy Story*, the first entirely computer-animated feature-length film, was released and became a critical and commercial hit.

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# On the Lighter Side

A kid finds a magical lamp. He rubs the lamp, and a genie appears and says, "What is your first wish?" The kid says, "I wish I were rich!" The genie replies, "It is done!" What is your second wish, Rich?"



A waiter gives a gentleman a cup of coffee. The gentleman takes a sip and spits it out. He turns to the waiter and says, "Waiter! This coffee tastes like mud!" The waiter, looking surprised, turns to the gentleman and says, "But, sir, it's fresh ground!"

What do you call a million rabbits walking backwards?  
A receding hareline!

Why do chicken coops only have two doors?  
Because if they had four, they would be chicken sedans!

I made a playlist for hiking. It has music from Peanuts, the Cranberries, and Eminem. I call it my trail mix.

Why did the family put the turkey and chicken at opposite ends of the table?  
They sensed fowl play.

Why don't you ever want to run in front of a car?  
You'll get tired.

Why don't you ever want to run behind a car?  
You'll get exhausted.

Of all the inventions of the last 100 years, the dry-erase board has to be the most remarkable.

Where do you take someone who's been injured in a peekaboo accident?  
To the ICU.

Why did the illiterate witch get kicked out of the coven?  
She couldn't spell.

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