

# Trivia

1. What was the first published Sherlock Holmes story written by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle?
2. What is the name of Dr. Seuss's egg-hatching elephant?
3. What souvenir did New York Giant linebacker Lawrence Taylor request from a referee after he played his last game in January 1994?
4. How many of the four Grand Slam trophies in tennis are gold; how many are silver?
5. How many fingers does Mickey Mouse have on each hand?
6. What was the name of the horse-ghost buddy of cartoon character Casper, the Friendly Ghost?
7. What product was first introduced in 1906 as Blibber-Blubber?
8. What is the average temperature at the South Pole?
9. What do you fear if you have nephophobia?
10. Who dubbed the voice of Darth Vader in the movies Star Wars and The Empire Strikes Back?

*Answers:*

1. *A Study In Scarlet, in 1887.* 2. *Horton.* 3. *The referee's yellow flag. Taylor said he felt he deserved it because the refs "throw it against me often enough."* 4. *Only the Wimbledon trophy is gold; the others—for the U.S. Open, the French Open and the Australian Open—are silver.* 5. *Four.* 6. *Nightmare.* 7. *Bubblegum. Developed and marketed by the Frank H. Fler Corporation, it was soon abandoned because it was too sticky and brittle. In the 1920s the company came up with a winning formula, which it marketed under the name Dubble Bubble.* 8. *-56° F. At the North Pole, the average temperature is -21° F.* 9. *Clouds.* 10. *James Earl Jones*

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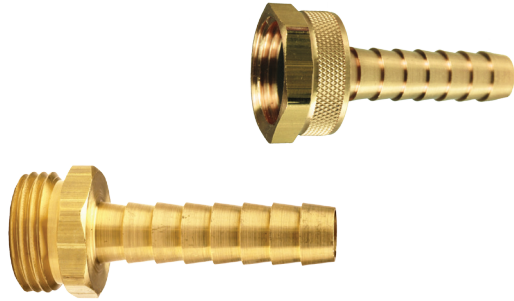
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## Dates in History

**1541** On May 8, south of present-day Memphis, Tennessee, Spanish conquistador Hernando de Soto reached the Mississippi River, one of the first European explorers to ever do so. After building flatboats, de Soto and his 400 ragged troops crossed the great river under the cover of night, in order to avoid the armed Native Americans who patrolled the river daily in war canoes. From there the conquistadors headed into present-day Arkansas, continuing their fruitless two-year-old search for gold and silver in the American wilderness.

**1804** On May 14, one year after the United States doubled its territory with the Louisiana Purchase, the Lewis and Clark expedition left St. Louis, Missouri, on a mission to explore the Northwest from the Mississippi River to the Pacific Ocean. Even before the U.S. government concluded purchase negotiations with France, President Thomas Jefferson commissioned his private secretary Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, an army captain, to lead an expedition into what is now the U.S. Northwest.

**1926** According to their claims, polar explorer Richard E. Byrd and co-pilot Floyd Bennett fly over the North Pole on May 9th, in the Josephine Ford, a triple-engine Fokker monoplane. It would have been the first time an aircraft flew over the top of the world. The pair had taken off from Spitsbergen, Norway, and reportedly covered the 1,545-mile trip to the pole and back in 15 hours and 30 minutes. For the achievement, both men were awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor and acclaimed as national heroes.

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## On the Lighter Side

A lady noticed her husband standing on the bathroom scale, sucking in his stomach. She commented, "I don't think that's going to help." "Sure it will," he said. "It's the only way I can see the numbers."

Summer was over and the teacher was asking the class about their vacations.

She turned to little Johnny and asked what he did over the Summer. "We visited my grandmother in Minneapolis, Minnesota," he said.

"That sounds like an excellent vocabulary word," the teacher said, "Can you tell the class how you spell that?" Little Johnny thought about it and said, "Come to think of it, she lives in Ohio."

Giving a man his physical, a doctor noticed several dark, ugly bruises on the man's shins.

He asked, "Do you play hockey, rugby, or any physical sport?"

"No. I just play bridge with my wife."

After spending 3½ hours enduring the long lines, surly clerks and insane regulations at the Department of Motor Vehicles, I stopped at a toy store to pick up a gift for my son.

I brought my selection - a baseball bat - to the cash register.

"Cash or charge?" the clerk asked.

"Cash," I snapped. Then apologizing for my rudeness, I explained, "I've spent the afternoon at the motor-vehicle bureau."

"Shall I gift wrap the bat?" the clerk asked sweetly, "or are you going back there?"

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