

Trivia



If you've ever felt uneasy around feather blankets or pillows, you may have Pteronophobia. Pteronophobia is the fear of feathers tickling you. In extreme cases, it can involve the fear of feathers in general.

If you lift a kangaroo's tail off the ground, it can't hop. Kangaroos use their tails for balance while hopping. So if you elevate their tail, they have no balance and fall over.

The London Bridge, originally constructed in 1831, began to fall apart by the 1960s. As a result, the City of London decided to sell it and build another. In 1963, American entrepreneur Robert P. McCulloch bought the bridge. He dismantled it and shipped it to the United States piece by piece. The bridge moved to Lake Havasu City in Arizona. McCulloch founded Lake Havasu City, and he wanted the bridge to serve as a tourist attraction.

A sheep, a duck, and a rooster were the first passengers to take a trip in a hot air balloon. The inaugural flight took animal passengers as it was unknown how flying at high altitudes would affect people. The flight was a complete success, and the animals landed safely and mostly unharmed. Although, the sheep managed to land on the rooster.

Some insects and small birds see the world in slow motion. This is because they can take in more information per second than other, larger animals. It allows them to move rapidly and with precision, which is vital to escape from predators.

Bananas are curved because they grow towards the sun. Bananas go through a process called "negative geotropism." This process causes the fruit to grow upwards towards the sun instead of towards the ground. This, in turn, gives the banana its familiar curved shape.



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Product Spotlight

King Safety Cables



Hose-to-Hose Service



Hose-to-Tool Service

- Application:**
- Secures tools and hoses to help prevent harm in the event of an unintentional disconnect or a hose failure
- Sizes:**
- Hose I.D. - 1/2" to 4"
 - Cable - 1/8", 3/16", 1/4", and 3/8"
 - Length - 20-1/4", 28", 38", and 44"
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- Specifications:**
- Maximum operating pressure: **200 PSI**

NOTE: Must be installed in the extended position (no slack)

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Dates in History

1779 On February 25th, in order to capture Fort Sackville, George Clark relied on his men's expert marksmanship and a classic military bluff. Although he commanded only two hundred buckskin-clad pioneers, Clark raised flags enough for a company of six hundred. Believing himself overwhelmed, Hamilton surrendered and was imprisoned at Williamsburg. The British never regained control of the fort.

1942 On February 20th, Lt. Edward O'Hare took off from the aircraft carrier *Lexington* in a raid against the Japanese position at Rabaul and minutes later became America's first World War II flying ace. The *Lexington's* radar picked up Japanese bombers headed straight for the carrier so O'Hare and his team went into action, piloting F4F Wildcats. In just four minutes, O'Hare shot down five Japanese G4M1 Betty bombers bringing an end to the attack. Edward O'Hare was awarded the Medal of Honor for his bravery. In 1949, Chicago officials named the O'Hare International Airport after him.

2006 On February 22nd, a gang of at least six men, some of them armed, stole £53 million (\$100 million) from the Securitas bank depot in Kent, Great Britain. It was the largest such theft in British history. The gang kidnapped Colin Dixon, the depot manager, and his family and used him to help them avoid the building's security system. They proceeded to tie up 14 depot staff members, load the £53 million into a truck and drive away. No one was injured in the robbery. The next day, three people, one man and two women, were arrested in connection with the case; one had attempted to deposit £6,000 (\$11,000) into a local bank that was bound in Securitas depot tape. However, all three were later released without being charged.

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On the Lighter Side

I was going to tell a carpentry joke.
But I couldn't find any that woodwork.



Just found out the company that produces yardsticks won't be making them any longer.

Engineers have made a car that can run on mint.
Hopefully, they can make buses and trains run on thyme.

Plagiarism:
Getting into trouble for something you didn't do.

A lawyer told a judge, "My client is trapped inside a penny." The judge said, "What?"
The lawyer said, "He's in a cent."

Two men are on opposite sides of the river. The first man shouts, "How do I get to the other side of the river?" The other man yells, "You ARE on the other side of the river."

How good are you with PowerPoint?
I Excel at it.
Was that a Microsoft Office pun?
Word.

What's a pirate's favorite content?
WebinARRRRRRR!

What's a foot long and slippery?
A slipper.

70% of the earth is water, and virtually none of it is carbonated. So the earth is, in fact, flat.



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