



Random Trivia

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1.
In which part of the body
will you find the femur?

The thigh

The femur is also known as the thighbone. It is the strongest bone in the human body.

2.

What is the geometrical shape found at the tip of an Allen wrench?

A hexagon

An Allen wrench is a hand tool that can produce a surprising amount of torque. They are sometimes referred to as hex keys. Hex fasteners are commonly found on bicycles, motorcycle engines, and Ikea furniture.



3.

Jimmy Dorsey played the
clarinet and saxophone.

What instrument did his
brother Tommy Dorsey play?

The trombone
They had a popular
orchestra in the
1920s and '30s.



4.

**What is the only
American state that
borders more than two
Canadian provinces?**

Montana

Montana touches
British Columbia, Alberta,
and Saskatchewan.

5.

According to their
1965 slogan, you should
“Fly the friendly skies”
with what airline?

United Airlines

United Airlines was founded in Boise, Idaho, in 1926. It kept the “Fly the friendly skies” tagline for 30 years until it was replaced in 1996. After new slogans didn’t catch on, United went back to using this tagline again in 2013.

6.

**Which artist is best
known for a painting of
his mother?**

James McNeill Whistler

Whistler's most famous painting is commonly referred to as *Whistler's Mother*. However, its official title is *Arrangement in Grey and Black No. 1*. His mother, Anna Matilda McNeill Whistler, posed for the painting.

7.

Iceberg, Bibb, and Boston
are all types of what?

Lettuce

Iceberg is a crisp and hearty lettuce, but not as flavorful as others. In comparison, a head of Bibb and Boston lettuce are both of the butterhead variety.



8.

**Human cells typically
contain how many pairs
of chromosomes?**

23

In men and women, 22 of those pairs look the same; the 23rd determines one's sex.

9.

Which anniversary is known as the “silver” wedding anniversary?

25th

Gold represents the 50th wedding anniversary. Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip celebrated their platinum anniversary (70 years) in 2017.

10.

What writer, feminist,
and women's rights
activist wrote the
best-selling book *The
Feminine Mystique*?

Betty Friedan

Friedan fought for female rights and an end to sexual discrimination.

She co-founded the National Organization for Women in 1966.

11.

**Who wrote the poem
“I Wandered Lonely
as a Cloud”?**

William Wordsworth

Wordsworth was England's poet laureate from 1843 until he died in 1850.

12.

Australia is the driest
inhabited continent.

Nearly one-fifth of the
land there is considered
what type of landscape?

Desert

Nearly 70 percent of the mainland of Australia receives less than 20 inches of rain annually. This classifies it as arid or semi-arid.



13.

Clement Attlee served as Britain's prime minister from 1945 to 1951. Who was his immediate predecessor?

Hint: The same person served as his successor.

Sir Winston Churchill

Churchill had served as prime minister from 1940 to 1945. In 1945, he lost the general election to Attlee, the Labor Party leader, but five years later, Churchill was reelected.

14.

**What is the name of
a young female horse
or pony under the age
of four?**

A filly

After four years, fillies are considered adult horses and are then called mares.

15.

What famous director and producer made the following movies: *Jaws*, *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, and *The Color Purple*?

Steven Spielberg

He has been nominated for Best Director seven times. However, he has won the award only twice—for his work on *Saving Private Ryan* and *Schindler's List*.

16.

**The Audi logo is
made of how many
overlapping circles?**

Four

In 1909, when August Horch founded the company, the original logo consisted of the word *Audi* written inside an upside-down triangle with the number *1* on top.

17.

What grows on a pine tree that helps protect its seeds from animals and freezing temperatures?

The pinecone

Pinecones will even close their “scales” to protect the seeds inside. Did you know that before pinecones fall to the ground, they will sometimes cling to their respective pine trees for over 10 years?



18.

During World War II, what popular hairstyle held a woman's hair out of the way when she was working in the factories?

The victory roll

The hairstyle involved two large curls pinned on the top of the head on either side of a part. Some say the hairstyle is reminiscent of the maneuvers that were performed by fighter planes during the war.

19.

What do you call the offspring of a male lion and a female tigress: a liger, a tigon, or a jaguar?

A liger

According to the 2014 *Guinness Book of World Records*, the world's largest living cat is a liger named Hercules. He weighs 922 pounds.

20.

In 1939, Marian Anderson was not permitted to sing in Constitution Hall due to her race. On April 9 of that year, where did she sing instead?

The steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington

She sang to an audience of 75,000 people on that day. Due to this incident, Eleanor Roosevelt resigned from the Daughters of the American Revolution since the organization had denied Anderson permission to sing in Constitution Hall.

21.

What is an *hors d'oeuvre*
(pronounced “or derve”)?

An appetizer

The word *hors d'oeuvre* comes from the French language and refers to a small, typically savory dish served at the beginning of or right before a meal.



22.

**Who played the character
Hawkeye Pierce on the
television show *M*A*S*H*?**

Alan Alda

*M*A*S*H* was about a mobile army surgical hospital during the Korean War. The show ran for 11 seasons from 1972 to 1983.

23.

**What does the acronym
FAQ stand for?**

Frequently asked questions

It often refers to a list of answers to common questions and appears on websites or inside instruction manuals.

24.

What is the term for the pinkish powder women apply to their cheeks?

Blush or rouge

The ancient Egyptians documented the first use of blush.



25.

**Who was the English
physicist and mathematician
who proposed the laws
of motion?**

Isaac Newton

In 1687, Newton published the laws of motion in his influential book *Philosophiæ Naturalis Principia Mathematica* (*Mathematical Principles of Natural Philosophy*).

26.

Playboy magazine uses
the head of what animal
for its logo?

The rabbit

Art Paul designed the logo of a bunny in a bowtie. It has adorned all but the first issue of the famous magazine.

27.

What is the significance of the song that begins “O Canada! Our home and native land! True patriot love thou dost in us command”?

It is the Canadian national anthem

**“O Canada” became Canada’s
national anthem on July 1, 1980.**

28.

**What is the symbol of the
zodiac sign Pisces?**

Two fish

Pisces is the sign for those born
February 19 to March 20.



29.

Na is the chemical symbol
for what element?

Sodium

Sodium gets its chemical symbol from the Latin word *natrium*. It was discovered in 1807 by the English chemist Humphry Davy.

30.

What Looney Tunes character was often quoted saying, “Eh. What’s up, Doc?”

Bugs Bunny

Bugs Bunny often feuded with characters Elmer Fudd and Daffy Duck. Mel Blanc provided his signature voice to the cartoon.



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