

Trivia

The dianthus caryophyllus is the birth flower of January, more commonly known as the carnation. The carnation comes in several different colors, which convey different meanings, much like roses.



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- Light red - Admiration
- Dark red - Love
- White - Innocence
- Pink - Affection, A mother's love
- Purple - Capriciousness
- Yellow - Disappointment, Rejection
- Striped - Regret

The diameter of the earth is 12,742 kilometers or 7,917 miles.

The first video game ever played in space was Tetris, it was in 1993 by a Russian astronaut on his way to the MIR space station.

The first movie to be rated PG-13 was "The Flamingo Kid" however "Red Dawn" was the first movie to premiere in theaters with the PG-13 rating in 1984.

A group of porcupines is called a prickle.

The name for January comes from the Roman god, Janus, who is always depicted with two heads. He uses one head to look back on the year before, and the other head to look forward into the New Year.

In Pasadena, California, there has been a Rose Parade held every year since 1890. It has since been broadcasted worldwide and is typically viewed in over 100 countries around the globe.

A "Jiffy" is an actual unit of time, it is defined as the amount of time it takes light to travel one centimeter in a vacuum, which is about 33.4 picoseconds or one trillionth of a second.

The most money ever paid for a cow at auction was 1.3 million dollars.



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Dates in History

- 1521** On January 3rd, Pope Leo X issued the papal bull Decretum Romanum Pontificem, excommunicating Martin Luther, the German priest whose questioning of certain Roman Catholic practices initiated the Protestant Reformation.
- 1776** On January 10th, Thomas Paine published Common Sense, a 50-page pamphlet that sold more than 500,000 copies within a few months and called for a war of independence that would become the American Revolution.
- 1788** On January 26th, Arthur Phillip, sailed into what is now Sydney Cove with a shipload of convicts, hoisted the British flag and established the first permanent European settlement on the continent of Australia.
- 1892** On January 1st, Ellis Island opened its doors allowing for the immigration of more than 20 million people into the United States.
- 1905** On January 25th, at the Premier Mine in Pretoria, South Africa, a 3,106-carat diamond was discovered during a routine inspection by the mine's superintendent. Weighing 1.33 pounds, and christened the "Cullinan," it was the largest diamond ever found.
- 2002** On January 1st, the euro, the monetary unit of the European Union, was introduced with the issuance of both currency and coins, and by March 2002 it was the sole legal tender of participating member states.

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On the Lighter Side



What happens to a frog's car when it breaks down?
It gets toad away.

Why couldn't the leopard play hide and seek?
Because he was always spotted.

What do you call a pig that does karate?
A pork chop.

A man got hit in the head with a can of soda, but he was alright because it was a soft drink.

What do computers eat for a snack?
Microchips.

If you ever get cold, just stand in the corner of a room for a while. They're normally around 90 degrees.

Teacher: "What is the chemical formula for water?"

Student: "HIJKLMNO."

Teacher: "What are you talking about?"

Student: "Yesterday you said it's H to O!"

What do you get when you cross a fish and an elephant?
Swimming trunks.

What do cats eat for breakfast?
Mice krispies.

How do trees access the internet?
They log in.

What happens once in a minute and twice in a moment but never in a decade?
The letter "M."

Why are hairdressers never late for work?
Because they know all the short cuts.



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