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Random Trivia

June 2020

1.

**Which color of bell pepper
has more nutrients:
red, yellow, or green?**

Red

Red bell peppers have been on the vine longer, and this leads to much higher levels of beta-carotene and vitamin C when compared to the green or yellow varieties.

2.

What do you call the traditional straight-cut Japanese dress that is tied at the waist with an obi?

A kimono

Kimono translates to “the thing worn,” and these dresses have been around since the late eighth century.



3.

**What does it mean if an
animal is nocturnal?**

It is only active at night

Bats, owls, and fireflies are known to be nocturnal creatures. They sleep during the day.

4.

Who was the first African American actress to be awarded an Oscar? **Hint:** She won the award for Best Supporting Actress for her work on the 1939 film *Gone with the Wind*.

Hattie McDaniel

McDaniel was also one of the first African American women to perform on the radio as well.



5.

What is the naturally occurring chemical found in tobacco plants?

Nicotine

Many people don't know this, but one drop of pure, liquid nicotine on the tongue is enough to kill you. In fact, nicotine was used as an organic pesticide for centuries.

6.

**What is the minimum number of players you need to form a team in order to be a part of the National Hockey League:
15, 20, or 25?**

20 players

Each team or club must have a roster of at least 20 players (18 skaters, and two goalies).

7.

Who popularized the songs
“White Christmas” and
“Swinging on a Star” in
the 1940s?

Bing Crosby

“White Christmas” was written by Irving Berlin and featured in the movie *Holiday Inn*, which starred Crosby.

8.

What is the largest
country in the
western hemisphere?

Canada

Canada is roughly 3,855 square miles and the second-largest country in the entire world after Russia.

9.

Where did King Louis
XIV install the French
government and court
in 1682?

The Palace of Versailles

The Palace of Versailles continued to be the seat of government until the French Revolution. Today, it is a World Heritage Site and museum celebrating France's history.



10.

What American brand of safety razors and shaving supplies used the slogan “The best a man can get”?

Gillette

Gillette started using this slogan in 1989 and kept it for 30 years. They recently changed it to “The Best Men Can Be” in 2019.

11.
What is the capital
of Scotland?

Edinburgh

The city of Edinburgh is found on the east coast of Scotland. Edinburgh replaced Scone as the capital in 1437.

12.

**Who was the first person
to go into space?**

Yuri Gagarin

The Russian astronaut accomplished this feat on April 12, 1961. The flight lasted 108 minutes.

13.

**What do you call a
deep-bowled, long-handled
spoon used for serving soup?**

A ladle

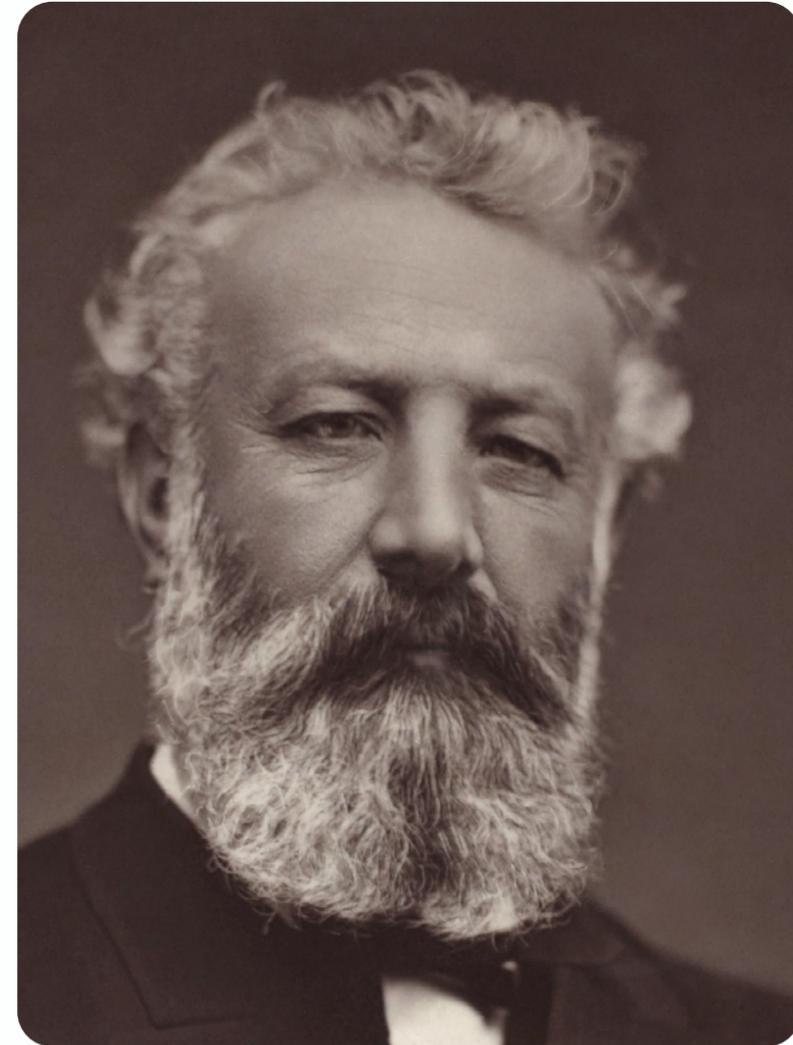
The term *ladle* comes from the Old English word *hladan*, which meant “to load” or “to draw up water.”

14.

Who wrote *Around the World in Eighty Days* and *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea*?

Jules Verne

The 19th-century French author is considered by some to be the “father of science fiction.”



15.

**Koala bears are native
only to what country?**

Australia

The indigenous people of Australia named these animals *koala*, which translates to “no drink.” This is because koalas get most of their water from the eucalyptus leaves that they eat, and so they rarely need to drink water.



16.

What game manufacturer produced the Game of Life, Scrabble, Twister, and Yahtzee?

Milton Bradley

The Milton Bradley Company was founded in 1860 by the American inventor and industrialist Milton Bradley. In 1984, Hasbro, Inc. bought the company for \$360 million.

17.

What set of laws includes
“honor thy father and
mother” and “thou shalt
not kill”?

The Ten Commandments

The Ten Commandments come from the book of Exodus in the Old Testament. According to the Bible, God issued the Ten Commandments to Moses on Mount Sinai.

18.

From what language do the words *ballet*, *café*, and *entrepreneur* come?

French

Ballet is a form of classical dance.
A *café* is usually a small, informal establishment serving various refreshments (such as coffee). An *entrepreneur* is someone who starts their own business.

19.

What humorist helped document the suburban home life of women in the latter half of the 20th century? **Hint:** She wrote the book *The Grass Is Always Greener Over the Septic Tank*.

Erma Bombeck

Bombeck wrote a newspaper column that was syndicated in roughly 700 newspapers.

20.

**Over 60% of the world's
population lives on
what continent?**

Asia

As of 2016, the estimated population for Asia was 4.4 billion people.

21.

**What is the top number
of a fraction called?**

The numerator

The bottom number of the fraction
is the denominator.

22.

What former professional Canadian ice hockey player and head coach is nicknamed “The Great One”?

Wayne Gretzky

Gretzky entered the NHL in 1979 and played for the Edmonton Oilers. During his 20-year career, he went on to play for various teams and set many league records.



23.

**What were the names of
the Three Stooges?**

Larry, Moe, and Curly

From 1934 to 1959, the three Stooges made 190 short comedy films for Columbia Pictures.

24.

What does a nephologist
(pronounced “nefologist”)
study: grass, stamps,
or clouds?

Clouds

Nephology is a branch of meteorology.

25.

Does the idiom *blessing in disguise* have a positive or negative connotation?

A positive connotation

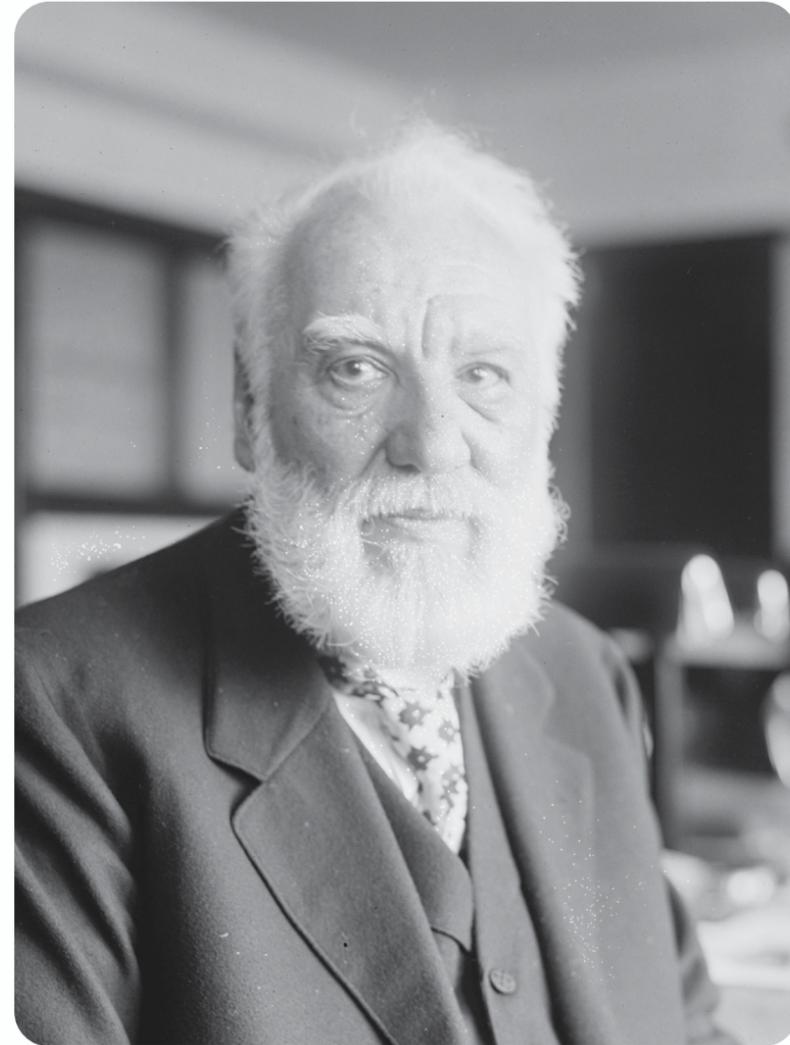
The phrase refers to something that, at first glance, seems unpleasant or unlucky but turns out to be a good thing in the long run.

26.

Who is often credited with the invention of the first practical telephone, among other scientific achievements?

Alexander Graham Bell

He founded the Bell
Telephone Company
in 1877.



27.

**In what movie did an angel
show Jimmy Stewart's
character what the world
would be like if he had
never existed?**

It's a Wonderful Life

The 1946 movie was nominated for five Academy Awards, including Best Picture, Best Director, and Best Actor in a Leading Role (Jimmy Stewart).

28.

What is the only country in South America that speaks Portuguese: Brazil, Argentina, or Paraguay?

Brazil

In Brazil, 97.9% of the population speaks Portuguese as their primary language.

29.

The famous line “Et tu, Brute?” is from what play by William Shakespeare?

Julius Caesar

“Et tu, Brute?” translates from Latin to mean “Even you, Brutus?”
In the play, Caesar says this to his friend Brutus, who has betrayed him.

30.

**Athens, Sparta, and
Corinth were all
city-states in
what country?**

Greece

Ancient Greece had over 1,000 city-states, and each had its own unique governing philosophies and interests.





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