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Interesting Facts:

1- When astronauts return from the moon, they have to go through customs.

2- It's illegal to own a red car in Shanghai, China.

3- Chopsticks are known as "quick little fellows" in China.

4- Only two words in the English language end in "gry"- angry, hungry.

American Flag



Speaking of English

Let's face it, English is a crazy language. There is no egg in eggplant nor ham in hamburger, neither apple in pineapple. We take English for granted. But if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square and the guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig. And why is it that writers write, but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham? If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth beeth? One goose, two gees. So one moose, two meese? English was invented by people and not

computers and it reflects the creativity of the human race, which, of course, is not a race at all. That is why, when the stars are out, they are visible, but when the lights are out, they are invisible. Here are some examples of the many confusing aspects of the English language:

1. The farm was used to produce produce.
2. He could lead if he would get the lead out.
3. The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
4. Since there is not time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.

5. I did not object to the object.
6. A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
7. They were too close to the door to close it.
8. The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
9. Upon seeing the tear in the painting, I shed a tear.
10. I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.

* Most frequently used words in the English language: the, of, and, to, a, in, that, is, I, for and as.

"The Star-Spangled Banner"

During the War of 1812, the British captured the city of Washington, setting fire to the Capitol building and the White House.

In the blaze of cannon fire, Francis Scott Key, a lawyer living in Georgetown, could still

see an American flag waving over Fort McHenry. When the bombing suddenly stopped during that night, he had now way of knowing if the flag was still there or if the American stronghold had fallen to the British. But at dawn the American flag became visible, still intact over

the fort.

Key was inspired to write a poem. His brother-in-law took it to a printer and copies were circulated around the city.

"The Star-Spangled Banner" was adopted as our national anthem on March 3, 1931.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10 Evaluation	11
12	13 Columbus	14	15	16	17	18
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26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween	

- Oct. 10 - Return USA Evaluations
- Oct. 13 - Columbus Day
- Oct. 16 - National Boss's Day
- Oct. 31 - Halloween

Happy Birthday To:

- Oct. 1 - **Ji Hyun Youn**
- Oct. 4 - **Young Mo Koo**
- Oct. 6 - **Hwi Yeon Choi**
- Oct. 10 - **Afua Bema Gyamfi**
- Oct. 20 - **Khangai Ganzorig**
- Oct. 21 - **Jeong Mo Ku**



CARS VS PCS

Someone recently compared the computer industry with the auto industry by saying that if cars had kept up with technology like the computer industry has, we would be driving \$25.00 cars that got 1,000 miles to the gallon. Of course, if cars really were comparable to computers, the situation might be more like this:

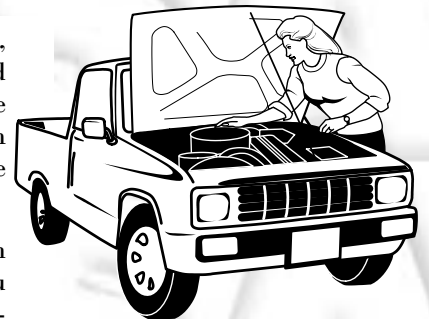
- Your car would crash at least twice a day for no apparent reason.
- Occasionally your car

would die on the freeway. You would have to pull over to the side of the road, close all of the windows, shut off the car, restart it, and reopen the windows before you could continue.

- Executing a maneuver such as a turn would sometimes cause your car to shut down and refuse to restart, in which case you would need to re-install the engine.
- Macintosh would make a car that was powered by

the sun, was reliable, five times as fast, and twice as easy to drive but it would only run on five percent of the roads.

- The air bag system would ask "Are you sure?" before deploying.
- Every time a new car was introduced, buyers would need to learn to drive all over again because none of the controls would operate in the same manner as your old car.
- And of course, you would have to press the start button to turn the engine off.



American Flag

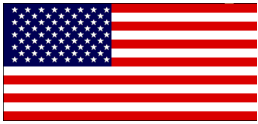
Service

If one asks me the meaning of our flag, I say to him: It means all that the Constitution of our people, organizing for justice, for liberty and for happiness, meant.

Our Flag carries American ideas, American history, and American feelings.

This American Flag was the safeguard of liberty. It was an ordinance of liberty by the people, for the people. That it meant, that it means, and, by the blessing of God, that it shall mean to the end of time!

-Henry Ward Beecher



How the Flag got its Stripes

George Washington is credited with saying: "We take the stars from heaven, the red from our mother country, separating it by white stripes, showing that we have separated from her, and the white stripes shall go down to posterity representing liberty." But in fact, the Second Continental Congress dictated in 1777 how many stars and stripes there should be on the flag: 13, one for each of the colonies.

Later, when Vermont and Kentucky joined the union, Congress added two more stars and stripes. But realizing that adding a stripe for every new state might make for a lopsided flag, the lawmakers in 1818 went back to the original 13 stripes and agreed to honor each new state with a star.

The Original Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to my Flag,

And the Republic for which it stands,

One nation indivisible with liberty

And justice for all.

- Francis Bellamy, 1892

At the first National Flag Conference in Washington, D.C., on June 14, 1923, a change was made for clarity: the words "the Flag of the United States" replaced "my flag."

In 1942 Congress officially recognized the Pledge of Allegiance.

In June of 1954 an amendment was made to add the words "under God." Presi-

dent Dwight D. Eisenhower ³ said, "In this way we are reaffirming the transcendence of religious faith in America's heritage and future; in this way we shall constantly strengthen those spiritual weapons which forever will be our country's most powerful resource in peace and war."

The Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the flag

Of the United States of America.

And to the republic for which it stands,

One nation, under God, indivisible.

With liberty and justice for all.



Halloween's Origins

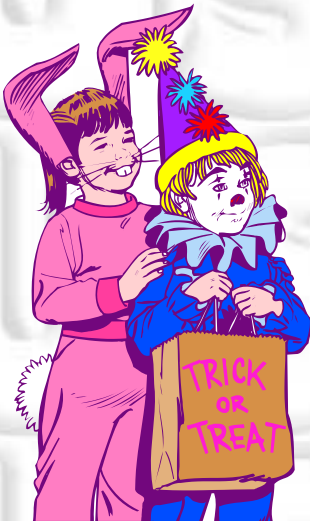
Where does Halloween come from? Here's what the "experts" say:

THE BASICS:

* The holiday was first celebrated by the ancient Celts in Ireland in the fifth century B.C. November 1st was the first day of the Celtic new year; according to historian Virginia Franco, the festival commemorating it was called "Samhain (pronounced sow-wen) - which means 'summers end.'"

* ABC News: "The Christians [co-opted] the festival in the seventh century A.D. by making November 1 a celebration of all...saints and martyrs - hence the name All Saints Day or All Hallows Day." (According to the Morris Dictionary of Words and Phrases, "Hallow" is derived from an Old English word meaning 'holy person.'")

* The night before All Saints Day was known as All Hallow E'en or Even (evening) - which was shortened to "Hallowe'en."



The Cross: What does it mean?

Take a look at the jewelry people are wearing today and you'll probably notice a lot of folks wearing crosses - on necklaces, bracelets, earrings, and pins. Many people who wear a cross as jewelry think of it as a nice ornament. But what does the cross mean? What is the significance behind the crosses we wear, or see on the gravestones of our loved ones, or find gracing local church steeples? Christians point to the cross of Jesus Christ as a reminder that He died an agonizingly painful death. In the Roman Empire the government executed criminals by nailing their hands and feet to large, wooden crosses with vertical and horizontal beams that "crossed" one another like a huge "+". Hanging on a cross was purposely designed as an excruciating and slow form of death.

When Jesus claimed to be God, the religious leaders and government officials became so angry that they had Him arrested, sentenced to death, and nailed to a cross...where He suffered and bled for six long hours before He died.

Even though Jesus didn't deserve such a horrible death, it was part of God's plan!

"And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death - even death on a cross!" (Philippians 2:8)

Jesus' death was far more than the end of a human life. As the Son of God, His death accomplished several amazing things. As He was dying, He took upon Himself the sins of the whole world.

"Christ died for the ungodly." (Romans 5:6)

As our substitute, He paid the penalty for our sins.

Jesus' death means that when you accept Him as your Savior, your sins are forgiven and you are "justified", that is, declared righteous, in God's sight.

"In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins" (Ephesians 1:7). We are "justified freely by his grace" (Romans 3:24).

Before a person believes in Jesus, he or she is God's enemy. But because of the cross, anyone can be "reconciled" to God and the

Enmity between them and God removed. 4
"When we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son" (Romans 5:10). Then you become God's child, born into His family, where you remain forever.

If you will accept Jesus as your Savior, He will give you eternal life, freedom from the power of sin and from the fear of death. "Whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). "By his death..." He frees "...those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death" (Hebrews 2:14-15).

Though the cross of Christ seems foolish to some people, those who believe in Jesus Christ find that it reveals the power of God (1 Corinthians 1:18), meaning the power to save people from sin and hell and to transform their lives.

The cross stands as the greatest symbol of the central fact of Christianity - the death of Christ in our place. But the cross represents only part of the good news. Yes, He died and was buried. But He rose from the dead! So the next time you see a cross, think of the empty tomb. And remember that Jesus died so that you can have eternal life.



The Riddler



1. What does a diamond become when it is placed in water ?
2. What did the big rose say to the little rose?
3. What kind of bird has wings, but can't fly ?
4. What two words have the most letters in them?
5. What has neither flesh nor bone but has four fingers and a thumb?
6. How many of each animal did Moses bring on the ark?
7. What is it that grows larger the more you take away from it?
8. What is the difference between here and there?
9. If two is company, and three's a crowd, what is four and five?
10. How can you divide 10 potatoes equally between 3 people?
11. How you make Holy water?