

Animals

Q: Your baby turkeys won't eat. Should you: (a) set an example by pecking at the mash yourself; (b) call a pediaturkeytrician; or (c) drop some marbles into the feed?

A: Turkey farmers say #c works. The baby turkeys will peck at the marbles and accidentally get enough mash to stay alive until they learn to eat

Q: You just opened your cat's favorite food. How fast can he run to get there: (a) 20 miles an hour; (b) 30 miles an hour; or (c) 40 miles an hour?

A: The average cat can hit 30 miles an hour for a short distance. Your cat may vary.

Q: According to lobsterologists, does the lobster always enter his or her burrow: (a) head first; (b) sideways; or (c) tail first?

A: Tail first.

Q: Your canary has quit singing. Should you: (a) never play another Yoko Ono album; (b) get him a canaryfriend; or (c) put him next to a running water faucet?

A: Canary musicologists recommend #c.

B: Do chickens go to bed early because: (a) there's nothing on TV that chickens like; (b) they get up early; or (c) chickens can't see at night?

A: Chickens have really terrible night vision.

Q: Has duck research at Indiana State University shown that sleeping ducks: (a) snore; (b) keep one eye open; or (c) quack in their sleep?

A: Ducks on the outer edges of a group sleep with one eye open. Those in the center of the group confidently close both eyes.

Q: If your rhino has two horns, you know it's: (a) female; (b) from India; or (c) from Africa?

A: Two horns=India; one horn=Africa.

Q: According to research at the University of Chicago, not only do birds dream, but they dream about: (a) other birds; (b) worms; or (c) songs they sing during the day?

A: Birds dream about their songs, have dream rehearsals, and sing the same songs better the next day.

Food

Q: Is the biggest selling restaurant food: (a) hamburgers; (b) French fries; or (c) pizza?

A: French fries are served with 22% of all restaurant meals. Burgers are #2 at 17% (UPI).

Q: For every dollar you spend for produce at the supermarket, how much goes to the farmer who grew the produce: (a) 5 cents; (b) 10 cents; or (c) 15 cents?

A: About 5 cents (National Campaign for Sustainable Agriculture).

Q: How many Coca-Colas will be consumed worldwide during the next hour: (a) 17-million; (b) 27-million; or (c) 37-million?

A: About 27-million. That's over 600-million per day.

Q: According to the *University of California at Berkley Wellness Letter*, do dieters say that the most difficult food to give up is: (a) ice cream; (b) chips; or (c) cheese?

A: Cheese. The average American eats 28 pounds a year, mostly Cheddar and mozzarella.

Q: Is the most recognized smell in the world: (a) popcorn; (b) peanut butter; or (c) coffee?

A: The smell more people can identify most often is coffee. Peanut butter is #2 (research reported by UPI).

Q: Your blended tea lists horse nettle as an ingredient. Should you drink it: (a) in the early morning; (b) in the afternoon; or (c) before bedtime?

A: Before bedtime. Horse nettle, from the South American nightshade plant, has sedative powers.

Q: How many teaspoons of sugar does the average North American consume every day: (a) 9 teaspoons; (b) 19 teaspoons; or (c) 29 teaspoons?

A: 19, mostly in processed food and beverages.

Q: Mait Lepik became Estonia's banana eating champion in Tallinn by wolfing down ten bananas in three minutes. To save time, did Mait: (a) eat the bananas without peeling them; (b) have a friend peel them for him; or (c) swallow the bananas whole without chewing?

A: He ate ten bananas peel and all, and won a free trip to the Canary Islands.

Movie

Q: In 1979 did actor Mel Gibson have an edge for the starring role in Mad Max because just before the audition he had: (a) dated the producer's daughter; (b) been beaten up; or (c) won a prestigious Australian acting award?

A: His face had been badly battered in a fight.

Q: Did actor Denzel Washington graduate from Fordham University with a BA in: (a) drama; (b) English; or (c) journalism?

A: Journalism.

Q: Actress Julia Roberts is a Georgia girl. Was she born in: (a) Waycross; (b) Smyrna; or (c) Swainsboro?

A: Smyrna.

Q: As a teenager, did Kevin Costner sing: (a) in a church choir; (b) in a country band; or (c) in a barbershop quartet?

A: In a church choir.

Q: As a teenager, did actor-writer Matt Damon earn extra money as a sidewalk: (a) break-dancer; (b) mime; or (c) folk singer?

A: Break-dancer.

Q: Did actress Kate Winslet, at age 11, appear in a TV cereal commercial frolicking with: (a) a honey monster; (b) a tiger; or (c) a pirate?

A: A honey monster.

Q: Did actor Richard Gere attend the University of Massachusetts on a scholarship in: (a) gymnastics; (b) drama; or (c) fencing?

A: Gymnastics.

Q: Was actress Cameron Diaz's childhood nickname: (a) Mau Mau; (b) Skeletor; or (c) Bonesie?

A: Skeletor. She was always skinny.

Q: Is actress Sandra Bullock's mother: (a) a singer; (b) a comedienne; or (c) a TV news anchor?

A: Helga Bullock is a European opera singer.

Q: Does actor Tom Hanks collect 1940s: (a) telephones; (b) typewriters; or (c) radios?

A: Typewriters.

Q: Does actor Johnny Depp have a tattoo that reads: (a) "Boozier Loser;" (b) "Wino Forever;" or (c) "Big Barf Man?"

A: Wino Forever. It used to read "Winona Forever."

Q: For his role in *Pulp Fiction*, was actor John Travolta paid: (a) \$140-thousand; (b) \$1.4 million; or (c) \$14-million?

A: Only \$140-thousand. He was not in great demand at the time.

Music

Q: Did the guitar get its name: (a) in ancient Rome; (b) in ancient Greece; or (c) in ancient Tennessee?

A: Guitar probably comes from the word kithara which was the most popular musical instrument in ancient Greece.

Q: Was rapper Snoop Dogg given the nickname "Snoop" by: (a) a disc jockey; (b) his mother; or (c) a high school teacher?

A: His mother. A cousin called himself Tate Doggy Dog.

Q: Is singer Toni Braxton's backup group composed of her three: (a) sisters; (b) college roommates; or (c) former gospel quartet members?

A: Sisters.

Q: Is singer Faith Hill's favorite food: (a) watermelon with hot fudge; (b) tomato sandwiches; or (c) baby carrots?

A: Tomato sandwiches.

Q: Was Elvis Presley's original backup band called: (a) Bubba and the Bad Boys; (b) the Blue Suede Boys; or (c) the Blue Moon Boys?

A: The Blue Moon Boys were Scotty Moore, Bill Black, and D.J. Fontana.

Q: In Krakow, Poland, will you find the Paul McCartney: (a) High School; (b) Middle School; or (c) Kindergarten?

A: At the Paul McCartney Kindergarten, children learn English through Paul's songs.

Q: Is singer Alanis Morissette's twin brother named: (a) Alan; (b) Blade; or (c) Wade?

A: Wade.

Q: According to British research, are chickens more relaxed if the henhouse boombox: (a) is turned off; (b) plays talk radio; or (c) plays music?

A: Music definitely calms the nervous chicken. Chickens prefer easy listening or Top 40 and don't like heavy metal, opera, or jazz. Though more research is needed to make sure the preferences are actually the chickens' and not the chicken farmers'.

TV Shows

Q: What cigarette brand once sponsored the primetime TV cartoon series *The Flintstones*? Was it: (a) Winston; (b) Marlboro; or (c) Kent?

A: Winston.

Q: Was comic Robin Williams' first TV appearance on: (a) *Laugh-In*; (b) *Happy Days*; or (c) *Mork & Mindy*?

A: *Laugh-In*, 1977. He first appeared as Mork on *Happy Days* in February 1978 when he landed from Ork and tried to kidnap Richie Cunningham

Q: Was actress Courtney Cox of *Friends* born in: (a) Atlanta; (b) Birmingham; or (c) New Orleans?

A: Birmingham.

Misc

Q: According to British research, which daily personal grooming activity soon may no longer be necessary: (a) tooth brushing; (b) hair combing; or (c) showering or bathing?

A: Tooth brushing. A new generation of mouthwashes, used twice a week, will prevent bacteria from sticking to teeth (Popular Science).

Q: When Bill Gates formed his first company to sell a computerized traffic counting system to cities, was he: (a) 14; (b) 16; or (c) 18?

A: He was 14. His company made \$20,000 the first year, but business dropped off when customers found out how young he was.

Q: Every day in the U.S. about 7,000 couples marry. How many couples file for divorce every day: (a) 2,300; (b) 3,300; or (c) 4,300?

A: About 3,300 (Utne Reader).

Q: How many pet owners mention their pets in their wills: (a) 8%; (b) 18%; or (c) 28%?

A: 18%.

Q: According to Dr. Herbert S. Terrace at Columbia University, have rats been taught to count: (a) to five; (b) to 25; or (c) to 45?

A: To 45 (Harper's Index).

Q: The average man laughs 69 times a day. How many times a day does the average woman laugh: (a) 55; (b) 65; or (c) 75?

A: 55 (USA Today).

Q: You are suffering from taresthesia. Does this mean: (a) your foot is asleep; (b) your lungs are completely black; or (c) you can't stop hiccuping?

A: Your foot is asleep.

Q: You suffer from hypnophobia. Do you have an abnormal fear: (a) of being seen from behind; (b) of falling asleep; or (c) of telling the truth while hypnotised?

A: You're afraid of going to sleep.

Q: According to an old Kentucky law, was it illegal for a woman to marry the same man: (a) twice; (b) three times; or (c) four times?

A: Four times was illegal.

Q: How many Americans recycle cans, bottles, or paper: (a) 66%; (b) 76%; or (c) 86%?

A: 76% (*Vitality* magazine).

Q: To help avoid injury, should you lift weights: (a) in the morning; (b) in the afternoon; or (c) in the evening?

A: In the morning. Neck and lower back muscles are more fatigued later in the day (*Vitality* magazine).

Wild

Q: How many death sentences did Texas courts uphold in the 1990s for defendants whose lawyers slept during their trials: (a) none; (b) three; or (c) six?

A: Three (*Harper's Index*).

Q: You suffer from choreomania. Are you: (a) obsessed with chorus girls; (b) unable to stop dancing; or (c) unable to stop throwing apple cores at others?

A: You can't stop dancing.

Q: Was 1999 the first summer that Japanese children could purchase from a vending machine: (a) Sumo wrestler trading cards; (b) live bugs; or (c) saki-flavored bubble gum?

A: Live bugs. Collecting live beetles is a hot summer pastime among Japanese children. They normally go into the mountains with nets and catch them themselves. Now they can buy them at the mall from a machine.

Q: Your new geegaw is missing: Should you: (a) call the police; (b) call animal control; or (c) not worry about it?

A: Fret not. A geegaw is something showy, but without value.

Q: According to the American Medical Association, is the median annual personal income for U.S. doctors: (a) \$146,000; (b) \$166,000; or (c) \$186,000?

A: \$166,000. Median income means half the doctors make less, half make more.

Q: You scratched your favorite CD. Should you gently smear the scratch with: (a) mayonnaise; (b) toothpaste; or Vaseline?

A: *Mademoiselle* magazine says rinse it with mild soap and water, dry it, then smear a tad of plain white toothpaste on the scratch. Wipe from the center out, then rinse and dry again.

Q: To whiten your teeth, should you brush vigorously after dipping your toothbrush in: (a) mashed potatoes; (b) mashed bananas; or (c) mashed strawberries?

A: Mashed strawberries (*800 Household Hints & Tips* by Pamela Gross, 1997).

Q: Each year does the Moon move away from the Earth by: (a) two inches; (b) two feet; or (c) two miles?

A: Two inches.

Q: How many months of the year does the average American woman spend trying to lose weight: (a) 4.4 months; (b) 5.4 months; or (c) 6.4 months?

A: 6.4 months (*Women's Sports & Fitness* magazine).

Q: How many stars (or suns) are in our Milky Way galaxie: (a) 200-million; (b) 200-billion; or (c) 200-trillion?

A: About 200-billion. And there are millions of galaxies, so there must be many quintillions of stars.