

January 1

Remember Your Roman Numerals?

1 = I; 2 = II; 3 = III, 4 = IV; 5 = V; 6 = VI; 7 = VII; 8 = VIII; 9 = IX; and 10 = X.

Can you correct this equation without taking away, adding to, or changing the number?

$$I + XI = X$$

ANSWER:
See what happens when you look at the equation upside down.

January 2

What's "Dad" spelled backward? How about "wow"? A palindrome is a word or phrase that is spelled the same backward and forward:

Yo! Bozo boy!

Sit on a potato pan, Otis.

Can you make up some palindromes?

January 3

Thought for the Day

Everyone smiles in the same language.

January 4

Solve the Word Puzzle below. The letters and words are arranged to give you clues to find the answer. For example: **cheditorief** stands for the phrase "editor in chief."

S P A C E S

Hint: Texans love...

ANSWER:
wide-open spaces

January 5

Try This Out On Your Parents!

May I please do additional chores for five minutes each day? Seriously! It's the new me! And by the way, do you mind paying me just 1¢ the first day? Just one penny. And then, to keep it interesting, could you pay me twice as much the next day and twice as much the next day? 2¢, 4¢, and so on. That's all. Okay?

(1) 1¢ (\$327.68)
(2) 2¢ (\$655.36)
(3) 4¢ (\$1,310.72)
(4) 8¢ (\$2,621.44)
(5) 16¢ (\$5,242.88)
(6) 32¢ (\$10,485.76)
(7) 64¢ (\$20,971.52)
(8) \$1.28 (\$41,943.04)
(9) \$2.56 (\$83,886.08)
(10) \$5.12 (\$167,772.16)
(11) \$10.24 (\$335,544.32)
(12) \$20.48 (\$671,088.64)
(13) \$40.96 (\$1,342,177.20)
(14) \$81.92 (\$2,684,354.40)
(15) \$163.84 (\$5,368,708.80)

ANSWER:
Way to go! In just one month, you're going to be a multimillionaire! Check it out:

January 6

If you've got a friend who hasn't yet grasped the notion that movies are filmed out of sequence, have them watch *The Wizard of Oz* carefully. Dorothy's hair changes from long to short as the movie progresses.

January 7

Thought for the Day

"This world belongs to the man who is wise enough to change his mind in the presence of facts."

— Roy L. Smith

January 8

Bees are more likely to sting people on windy days than in any other kind of weather.

January 9

Why do they call computer goofs

"**bugs**"? The story is that Grace Murray Hopper, a pioneer computer scientist, found a moth in an experimental computer at Harvard in 1945. "From then on," Grace said, "when anything went wrong with a computer, we said it had *bugs* in it."

January 10

If you put 40 fireflies in a jar, you should be able to read by the light they make.

January 11

If ants were human-size, they could run five times as fast as a record-breaking Olympic runner.

January 12

1. **What's** the next letter in this series: A B D O P Q __ ?
2. **What** comes next in this series: George, John, Thomas, James, James, John, Andrew, Martin, William, John, James, _____?

ANSWERS:
1. R, because it is the next letter of the alphabet that is totally or partially closed.
2. Zachary, the first name of the 12th president, Zachary Taylor.

January 13

Dragonflies can fly 35 miles per hour—faster than any other insect.

January 14

Top 5 Ways to Stop the Hiccups

- #1 Drink a glass of water while you're upside-down.
- #2 Suck on a lemon.
- #3 Have someone surprise you.
- #4 Suck on crushed ice.
- #5 Swallow a teaspoon of sugar.

January 15

It costs 3 cents to make a dollar bill and 7.8 cents to make a half-dollar coin.

January 16

How to Get a Bug Out of Your Ear

1. Take a flashlight.
2. Go into the closet.
3. Shut the door.
4. Aim the flashlight at your ear.
5. Turn on the flashlight.
6. The bug will head for the light and fly out of your ear.

January 17

Match the Country with Its Currency

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| 1. Australia | a. peso |
| 2. Mexico | b. euro |
| 3. Turkey | c. yen |
| 4. France | d. dollar |
| 5. Japan | e. lira |

ANSWERS:
1-d, 2-a, 3-e, 4-b, 5-c

January 18

"I was kind of lonely at the time. My girlfriend was back in Los Angeles. I remember saying to myself, 'What I really need is a friend I can talk to—somebody who can give me all the answers.'"

— Steven Spielberg,
on the birth of his film *E.T.*

January 19

Total allowances for American kids add up to \$8.6 million!

January 20

All products of 9 have digits that, when added together, equal 9.

Like $9 \times 6 = 54$ and $5 + 4 = 9$ or
 $3 \times 9 = 27$ and $2 + 7 = 9$

January 21

Would you like your homonym

toasted? Try to guess these words that have the same sound, but different spelling:

breakfast food—in a series

select—masticates

breakfast drinks—taunt

egg—harness

ANSWERS:
cereal—serial
choose—chews
teas—tease
yolk—yoke

January 22

What word is it that when you take away the whole, you have some left?

ANSWER:
wholesome

January 23

The only thing worse than a quitter is someone who is afraid to begin.

January 24

Max and Ruby were leaving the restaurant. Max paid his bill, but Ruby handed the cashier a piece of paper with the number 1004180 on it. The cashier studied the number carefully and then let Ruby leave without paying. Why?

ANSWER:
1004180 translates to "I owe nothing for I ate nothing."

January 25

How many quarts of blood are in your body?

ANSWER:
Divide your weight by 6 and you will get the number of quarts of blood in your body.

January 26

A plane crashed directly on the border between the United States and Canada. In which country will the unidentified survivors be buried?

ANSWER:
Neither. Survivors are not buried.

January 27

Butterflies have 12,000 eyes.

January 28

What did one torpedo say to the other torpedo?

ANSWER:
Are you sinking what I'm sinking?

January 29

Melissa says, "Adam, give me a dollar, and then I'll have as much as you." Adam replies, "No, Melissa. You give me a dollar, and then I'll have twice as much as you." How much does each person have?

ANSWER:
Melissa has five dollars; Adam has seven.

January 30

The African bush elephant stands over ten feet tall and weighs over six tons.

January 31

Match the Actor with the Movie

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| 1. Tom Hanks | a. <i>Star Wars</i> |
| 2. Julia Roberts | b. <i>The Mask</i> |
| 3. Harrison Ford | c. <i>Big</i> |
| 4. Jim Carrey | d. <i>While You Were Sleeping</i> |
| 5. Sandra Bullock | e. <i>Runaway Bride</i> |

ANSWERS:
1-c; 2-e; 3-a; 4-b; 5-d