

May 1

You're riding along when suddenly you come to a fork in the road. One road leads to Truthful City, where *all* the people *always* tell the truth. The other road leads to a city in which *all* the people *always* lie. You want to go to Truthful City. Standing at the fork is a resident of one of those cities, but you don't know which one. You are allowed to ask her only one question. What should you ask that will get you on the correct road to Truthful City?

ANSWER: Ask, "Which road leads to the city you're from?" If she's from Truthful City, she'll point to the right road. And if she's from the city where everyone lies, she'll point to the road to Truthful City.

May 2

Why did the barber win the race?

ANSWER: He knew a short cut!

May 3

Knock, Knock!

Who's there?

Tank.

Tank who?

You're welcome!

May 4

You can figure out whether your cat is right-pawed or left-pawed with this simple experiment.

1. Put a treat in a jar or an empty cylinder like an oatmeal box.
2. Place the container on the floor and tape it down or wedge it between something so that it doesn't roll around the floor.
3. Now see which paw your cat uses to try to get the treat!

May 5

If you have **plutomania**, you have an unnatural yearning to be rich.

May 6

A queen ant can live for 13 years. Rattlesnakes live for about 18 years. Ostriches live for about 50. But a tortoise can live to be about **150 years old**, which is considerably older than even the oldest human beings.

May 7

The most popular ice cream flavor is vanilla. Chocolate comes in second, and butter pecan is third.

May 8

Match the actor with the film:

Actor

1. Adam Sandler
2. Elizabeth Hurley
3. Will Smith
4. Bill Murray
5. Gwyneth Paltrow

Film

- a. *Austin Powers*
- b. *Sliding Doors*
- c. *Happy Gilmore*
- d. *Men in Black*
- e. *Ghostbusters*

ANSWERS: 1—c; 2—a; 3—d; 4—e; 5—b

May 9

Everyone knows that Eli Whitney invented the cotton gin. But did you know these **invention-inventor** matches?

Frozen Food—Clarence Birdseye

Coca-Cola—John Pemberton

Zipper—Whitcombe Judson

Paper Clip—Johann Vaale

Video Games—Noland Bushnell

May 10

Mother's Day Gift Idea

Make your mom a jewelry box.

Get a small box with a lid. Cover the top and sides of the box by gluing on buttons. On the inside of the top of the box, glue a picture of yourself or of you and your mom.

May 11

- Ants can lift 20 times their own body weight.
- The legs of the ant are also very strong. If a man could run as fast for his size as an ant can, he could run as fast as a racehorse.

May 12

What does a diamond become when it is placed in the water?

ANSWER:
wet

May 13

The **head of the ant** has a pair of large, strong jaws. The jaws open and shut sideways like a pair of scissors. Adult ants cannot chew and swallow solid food. Instead they swallow the juice that they squeeze from pieces of food. They throw away the dry part that is left over.

May 14

- Your **brain** is 80 percent water, more watery than your blood.
- During the summer, 17 gallons of **KOOL-AID** are consumed every second.
- If your eyes are six feet above the surface of the ocean when you're standing at the beach's edge, **the horizon** is three miles away.

May 15

- **Why** are there interstate highways in Hawaii?
- **Whynot** is the name of a town in Mississippi.
- **Why** do we drive on parkways and park on driveways?

May 16

Who wrote the original story of the Frankenstein monster in 1818?

- Edgar Allan Poe, a 45-year-old American writer.
- Bram Stoker, a 52-year-old Irishman
- Mary Shelley, a 19-year-old English woman.

ANSWER:
c

May 17

1. What goes up and down and never moves?
2. What's black and white and green all over?

ANSWERS:
1. temperature
2. a moldy Oreo

May 18

- **Blue, red, and green**, in that order, are people's favorite colors—regardless of their nationality.
- The original **Levi's blue jeans** were invented for California gold miners in 1873.
- The most popular color for fast food restaurants is **orange**.

May 19

Want to Be a Dentist for a Shark?

Sharks don't chew their food. They use their four rows of teeth to bite and tear. And, as their first row of teeth wears out, teeth from the other rows move forward to replace them. New teeth are always forming.

May 20

Volcano Types and Examples

- **Shield volcano**—Mauna Loa in Hawaii
- **Stratovolcano**—Fuji in Japan; Mount St. Helens in Washington state
- **Cinder cone**—Paricutin in Mexico

May 21

1. What did the boy snake say to the girl snake?
2. What happened when the couple tried to kiss in the dense fog?
3. What did the stamp say when it fell in love with the envelope?

ANSWERS:
 1. "Give me a little hiss."
 2. They mist.
 3. "I'm stuck on you."

May 22

Do the following problems (you'll probably need a calculator).

$$1 \div 7 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$2 \div 7 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$3 \div 7 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$4 \div 7 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$5 \div 7 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$6 \div 7 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

ANSWER:
 In each answer, there's a sequence of numbers that endlessly repeats itself. See it? It's 142,857. **No other number does that.**

May 23

How many of each animal did Moses bring on the ark?

ANSWER:
 None. (It was Noah who brought them, not Moses.)

May 24

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."

ONCE
4:30 P.M.

Hint: A classic beginning.

RE-RE

Hint: My watch is running slow; I'll have to get it...

ANSWERS:
 Once upon a time;
 Repaired. RE-RE is a pair of RE's.

May 25

Tongue Twisters

Sally's selfish selling shellfish,
 So Sally's shellfish seldom sell.
 Sheep shouldn't sleep in a shack.
 Sheep should sleep in a shed.

May 26

What fruit do you find on a dime?

ANSWER: a date

May 27

"They may walk with a little less spring in their step, and the ranks are growing thinner, but let us never forget, when they were young, these men saved the world."

— President William Clinton, in Normandy, on the fiftieth anniversary of the Allied landings there.

May 28

A city kid went to a farm for the first time. "Excuse me," the kid said to the farmer. "How come some cows have horns and some don't?" The farmer replied, "There are three reasons: one, some cows are born without horns; two, sometimes we farmers remove them; and three, some have their horns knocked off while fighting." The boy pointed across the field and asked, "But what about that one over there?" The farmer said, "That's a fourth reason—that's a horse!"

May 29

Jack Quiz

Jack

1. Jackie Onassis
2. Jack-in-the-Box
3. Union Jack
4. Jacks
5. Jack London
6. *Jumpin' Jack Flash*

Description

- a. *White Fang* author
- b. British flag
- c. Classic toy
- d. Rolling Stones' song
- e. book editor and wife of Jack, born this day in 1917
- f. game of tossing and scooping

ANSWERS: 1-e (President John "Jack" F. Kennedy was born May 29, 1917); 2-c; 3-b; 4-f; 5-a; 6-d
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May 30

What kids in other countries like on their fries:

- Belgium**—mayonnaise
Canada—vinegar
Greece—salt and oregano
Mexico—hot sauce
Norway—mustard
United Kingdom—gravy

I am a country in the Middle East.

Change one of my letters and create another country in the Middle East. Who am I?

I am a country in Europe. If you change one of my letters I become another country. Who am I?

ANSWERS:
Iran or Iraq
Ireland or Iceland