

June 1

What familiar eating utensil would not have been found at the Pilgrims' harvest feast of 1621?

ANSWER: The Pilgrims didn't use forks. They used a knife, a spoon, a large napkin, and their fingers, and sometimes shared plates and drinking vessels.

June 2

How can you divide 10 potatoes between 3 people?

ANSWER: Mash them

June 3

What did the little rose say to the big rose?

ANSWER: "Hey, Budi!"

June 4

What is the difference between an old dime and a new penny?

What kind of fruit did Noah eat on the ark?

What do bullies like to drink?

ANSWERS: nine cents; pears; punch

June 5

Which side of the pitcher is the handle on?

ANSWER: the outside

June 6

- 1. How** could a girl be born in June, although her birthday is in July, and grow up to marry her father?
- 2. How** can you cut a wheel of cheese into eight equal portions with just three straight cuts of a knife?

ANSWERS:

1. She could be born in the town of June, in Missouri (or in June, Oregon) in the month of July. Assuming the girl grew up to be a member of the clergy and her father was then widowed or divorced and decided to re-marry, she could marry her father (perform the marriage ceremony).
2. Cut the wheel into quarters (that will take two cuts), stack the quarters on top of one another, and cut that stack in half.

June 7

What two words have the most letters in them?

ANSWER:
Post Office

June 8

Canada has more doughnut shops per capita than any other country on Earth—one for every 9,000 of its 30 million residents.

June 9

Literature Trivia

The title of the first book in *The Chronicles of Narnia* is *The Magician's Nephew*.

June 10

Looking for a special way to sign autograph books and school yearbooks? Try these "Yours" phrases:

- **Yours** 'til butter flies.
- **Yours** 'til lip sticks.
- **Yours** 'til France fries Turkey in Greece.
- **Yours** 'til the kitchen sinks.

June 11

"When I was growing up I always wanted to be someone. Now I realize I should have been more specific."

— Lily Tomlin

June 12

The common pet gerbil originated in Mongolia. Like all rodents, a gerbil has front teeth that are constantly growing, so it must chew on things to keep them filed down to sharp points.

June 13

A cat whose tail is twitching at the tip is probably mad about something.

June 14

Match the state with its slogan:

State

1. Utah
2. Vermont
3. West Virginia
4. Wisconsin
5. New Hampshire

Slogan

- a. Live Free or Die
- b. America's Dairyland
- c. Wild, Wonderful
- d. Green Mountain State
- e. Greatest Snow on Earth

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

ANSWERS:

June 15

Bored with your toys and books?

Organize a swap meet with your friends! Find a place and set a date. Ask your friends to get together any books, games, or toys that they no longer want and bring them to the swap meet to trade them. Just make sure that everyone checks with his or her parents first.

June 16

In Chicago it's against the law to bring a French poodle with you to an opera house.

June 17

Place the fancy word in the correct blank:

- Hey, that's one _____ apple tree!
- By the end of the long dinner, the fresh flowers were _____.
- We really enjoyed your weird uncle's _____ stories.
- I can't stand talking about movies with her; she's so _____.

Word

- droll
- eristic
- fecund
- flaccid

ANSWERS:
 1. c, droll: oddly comical
 2. d, eristic: argumentative
 3. a, fecund: fruitful
 4. b, flaccid: soft and limp

June 18

UNICEF Voices of Youth

www.unicef.org/voy

Share your ideas on issues! Communicate electronically with kids from around the world.

June 19

In the late 1950s, the Wham-O toy company began preliminary introduction of its plastic "Flyin' Saucer" toy to students at Yale. Wham-O quickly discovered that students were already playing with "Frisbies." Wham-O liked that name better, changed the spelling, and soon launched a national craze.

June 20

Knock, Knock!

Who's there?

Radio.

Radio who?

Radio not, here I come!

June 21

Match the **Kool-Aid** flavor with its official French translation:

Flavor

1. Cherry
2. Strawberry
3. Grape
4. Incrediberry
5. Pink Swimmingo Rose

French translation

- a. Magicolore
- b. Flambant
- c. Raisin
- d. Cerise
- e. Fraise

ANSWERS:
1—d; 2—e; 3—c; 4—a; 5—b

June 22

Make a wish...

- Each time you eat a green M&M
- On the first star you see tonight
- On the first robin you see in the spring
- Before wearing a new pair of shoes
- Before throwing a coin into a fountain
- Before blowing out your birthday candles
- On Midsummer's Eve (June 23)

June 23

Name the only country in Europe that starts with the letter D.

ANSWER:
Denmark

June 24

The English people who came to Plymouth, Massachusetts were not the first Europeans to come to New England. European traders and fishermen had been coming to New England for at least 100 years before the *Mayflower* landed.

June 25

- There are about **800 tombstones** in Tombstone, Arizona.
- In 1610, the **population of the American colonies** was 350. (Just 349 people less and Solitaire would have been the card game!)
- Annie Oakley, the best sharpshooter (male or female) in the Old West, used to pin an Ace of Hearts to a tree **25 yards away** and fire 25 shots in 27 seconds to shoot away the heart spot.

June 26

Did you know that you can tell the temperature by counting cricket chirps? The warmer the temperature, the faster a cricket chirps. Using a watch with a second hand, count the chirps for 15 seconds and add 40 to that number. You'll have the temperature in Fahrenheit degrees!

Impress your friends and family! Tell them you can tell the temperature just by looking at your watch!

June 27

- More than **3 million rivets** were used to build the *Titanic*.
- The *Titanic* used **14,000 gallons** of drinking water every 24 hours.

June 28

The territory of killer bees is growing by 300 miles per year.

June 29

World's Best Hot Fudge Float

- 2 tablespoons of your favorite hot fudge sauce
- 1 cup milk
- 1 small scoop of ice cream (your favorite flavor)
- 3-5 miniature marshmallows

Measure the fudge sauce into a large coffee mug. Heat the milk in a saucepan over low heat. (Do not let it boil!) Pour the hot milk into the cup and stir until the fudge is completely blended. Place the ice cream on top. Top with marshmallows.

June 30

What do you call a cow that cuts grass?

ANSWER:
A lawn mower!