

August 1

When a baby seagull is hungry, it pecks on its parent's beak. The parent then regurgitates dinner into the young bird's mouth.

August 2

If the day before the day after tomorrow will be Friday, and the day after the day before yesterday was Wednesday, what day is today?

ANSWER:
Thursday

August 3

Danke is German for "thank you." It's pronounced *dahn-kah*.

August 4

"There are people who take the heart out of you and there are people who put it back."

— Elizabeth David

August 5

"Animals are such agreeable friends—they ask no questions, they pass no criticisms."

— George Eliot

August 6

What does "Dorito" mean in Spanish?

- a. Bet you can't eat just one.
- b. Very salty
- c. Little bits of gold

ANSWER:
c

August 7

- **Bats** always turn left when exiting a cave.
- **Owls** can't move their eyes but they can spin their heads in an almost complete circle.

August 8

What does a fly do before eating your food?

- a. Flaps its wings and buzzes in a strange ritual; this is the perfect opportunity to swat it.
- b. Tests the food with its toes to see if it's squishy.
- c. Vomits chemicals all over the food to make it more digestible.

ANSWER:
c

August 9

Match the object with its fastest speed.

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|-----------------|-------------|
| 1. automobile | a. 250 mph |
| 2. cheetah | b. 70 mph |
| 3. garden snail | c. 28 mph |
| 4. helicopter | d. 205 mph |
| 5. human being | e. 0.03 mph |

ANSWERS:
1—d; 2—b; 3—e; 4—a; 5—c

August 10

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.”

casts casts
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(Hint: Predicts)

ANSWER:
forecasts (four casts)

August 11

Barbie got her first bathing suit, a black and white model, in 1951.

August 12

Animal Facts

- **Squids** have the largest eyes in nature—up to 16 inches across.
- **Robins** become intoxicated after eating holly berries and often fall off power lines.

August 13

At age 26, Iowa farmer Charles Osborne began to hiccup. He then kept hiccupping, right through two marriages and eight children, until his death at age 95.

August 14

Complete the analogy:

EMIT : STAR :: TIME : ?

ANSWER:
RATS
(EMIT spelled backwards is TIME.
STAR spelled backwards is RATS.)

August 15

Your ears and nose never stop growing. They are the only body parts that get larger and larger with age.

August 16

1. **What** is the only English word that ends in the letters “mt”?
2. **What** is big and yellow and comes in the morning to brighten Mother’s day?

ANSWERS:
1. dreamt
2. the school bus

August 17

Opening an umbrella in the house is bad luck.

This belief arose because, at one time, umbrellas weren’t made very well. If you opened one in the house, someone could have gotten hurt.

August 18

Fleas jump 130 times their own height. That's like a person jumping over a 65-story building.

August 19

Place the fancy word in the correct blank of the not-so-fancy sentences.

1. **juglandaceous**

2. **nuddle**

3. **powsowdy**

4. **sally**

- I enjoy a _____ muffin for breakfast.
- In this party game, you get down on your knees and _____ the basketball over to the door.
- There's nothing like a bowl of _____ after a cold morning of ice-skating.
- Let's _____ to the front of the ticket line.

ANSWERS:
 1. a, juglandaceous
 2. b, nuddle
 3. c, powsowdy
 4. d, sally

August 20

Every U.S. state has at least one nickname. See some examples below:

Florida—Sunshine State

Massachusetts—The Bay State

Idaho—The Hawkeye State

California—The Golden State

Maryland—The Free State

August 21

Riddles

- What starts with a T, ends with a T, and is filled with T?
- How many jelly beans can you put in an empty jelly bean jar?

ANSWERS:
 1. Teapot
 2. Only one. After that it's not empty!

August 22

If you turn a table fan on in your bedroom for 10 minutes, how much cooler will your room be?

- 0 degrees cooler
- 5 degrees cooler
- 15 degrees cooler

a
 (The fan just moves the air around, which helps moisture to evaporate from your skin so you feel cooler. It does NOT lower the temperature.)

ANSWER:

August 23

Can you give the name for the newborn of each critter below?

human, cockroach, kangaroo, whale

ANSWERS:
 human—baby; cockroach—nymph;
 kangaroo—joey; whale—calf

August 24

Brighten up your email messages with these surfin' abbreviations:

BTW—by the way

AKA—also known as

FYI—for your information

IMHO—in my humble opinion

FWIW—for what it's worth

LOL—laughing out loud

ROTFLOL—rolling on the floor, laughing out loud

B4N—bye for now

August 25

Palindromes (words or phrases that read the same backwards as forwards):

- A nut for a jar of tuna
- Drowsy baby's word
- Wontons? Not now

August 26

Chocolate-Covered Frozen Bananas

6 bananas
small (6 oz) bag of chocolate chips
popsicle sticks
small cookie sheet
spatula

Peel bananas. Cut them in half, crosswise. Push a popsicle stick into the cut end of each half. Put bananas on cookie sheet and freeze for several hours. Melt chips in microwave. Use the spatula to spread melted chocolate on the frozen bananas. Chocolate will harden instantly. Smile and have yourself a CCFB!

August 27

Weird Laws

- In Tulsa, Oklahoma no man can walk around in public with his shirt untucked.
- In Stockton, California it's illegal to "wiggle" while dancing.

August 28

Confused by what to call the many little parts of many common things?

Parts of a...

Zipper

Eyeglasses

Scissors

include...

pull tab, slide, teeth

temples (go over ears),
budge (sits on nose),
eye wires (surround
glass)

pivot, bow handle
(large), ring handle
(small), pail ears
(where handle is
attached)

August 29

- Babe Ruth once downed 12 hot dogs between games of a doubleheader.
- In 1983, a 1,983-foot-long hot dog was made by Bill-Mar Food in Wisconsin.
- According to the theme song from "The Patty Duke Show," what makes Patty lose control? You guessed it—a hot dog!

August 30

Americans' favorite names for female cats, in order of preference, are: Samantha, Fluffy, Misty, and Muffin.

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

Kool-Aid flavor

1. Purplesaurus Rex
2. Rock-a-Dile Red
3. Sharkleberry Fin
4. Berry Blue
5. Scary Black Berry

Official French translation

- a. Cerise Noire Terrifiant
- b. Rock-o-dile Rouge
- c. Requin Drole
- d. Baies Bleu
- e. MauvoSaurus Rex

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