

# Trivia



The etymology behind the word “April” comes from the verb “aperire,” which means “to open.” It’s commonly believed that the word refers to the season of trees and flowers begin to “open” or bloom.

It takes 247.9 Earth years for Pluto to make one orbit around the Sun.

Brain freeze, or sphenopalatine ganglioneuralgia is a form of headache commonly associated with consumption (particularly quick consumption) of cold beverages or foods such as ice cream.

Cleopatra, the last active pharaoh of Ptolemaic Egypt, represented herself as the reincarnation of the Egyptian goddess Isis who was revered as the ideal mother and wife as well as the patroness of nature and magic.

A parsec is a unit of length used to measure large distances to objects outside our Solar System. One parsec is equal to about 3.26 light-years (31 trillion kilometers or 19 trillion miles) in length.

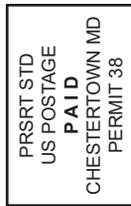
Herpetology (from the Greek meaning "to creep") is the branch of zoology concerned with the study of amphibians and reptiles.

Alexander the Great spent most of his ruling years on an unprecedented military campaign through Asia and northeast Africa, and by the age of thirty he had created one of the largest empires of the ancient world, stretching from Greece to northwestern India. He was undefeated in battle and is widely considered one of history's most successful military commanders.

The electricity of a lightning strike does not have a temperature, per se, but the air around a bolt of lightning can reach a temperature of 54,000°F (29,982°C), which is 5 times hotter than the surface of the sun, which is a mere 10,000°F (5,537°C). The central region of the sun, however, is much hotter than lightning at 27 million degrees Fahrenheit (14,999,982°C).



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## Dates in History

- 1775** On April 18th, Paul Revere, a renowned silversmith, better remembered as a folk hero of the American Revolution, during the night made a dramatic ride on horseback to warn Boston-area residents of an imminent attack by British troops.
- 1800** On April 24th, the Library of Congress was officially founded as U.S. President John Adams approved the \$5,000 appropriated to acquire "such books as may be necessary for the use of congress." It eventually became the largest library in the world.
- 1860** On April 3rd, the first pony express mail, traveling by horse and rider relay teams, simultaneously left St. Joseph, Missouri, and Sacramento, California. Ten days later, on April 13th, the westbound rider and mail packet completed the approximately 1,800-mile journey and arrived in Sacramento, beating the eastbound packet's arrival in St. Joseph by two days and setting a new standard for speed mail delivery.
- 1912** On April 16th, American aviator Harriet Quimby became the first woman to fly across the English Channel, guiding her French Blériot monoplane through heavy overcast from Dover, England to Hardelot, France.
- 1970** On April 22nd, millions of Americans celebrated the very first Earth Day in the United States. The first Earth Day increased environmental awareness in America, and in July of 1970, the Environmental Protection Agency was established by executive order to regulate and enforce national pollution legislation.

[History.com](http://History.com), [Britannica.com](http://Britannica.com)

## On the Lighter Side



Every morning I tell my wife I'm going jogging  
It's a running joke

My internet connection on my farm was terrible until I moved the router in the horse barn.  
Now I have stable Wi-Fi

My boyfriend bought me a diamond ring; the stone was cut in the shape of a four leaf clover. I wore it all the time to show him how much it meant to me. One day, I got curious and had it valued at a jeweler's. Unfortunately, they told me that my boyfriend had been swindled, as the diamond was actually a cubic zirconia.  
It was a sham rock

To say I enjoy making meteorology puns...  
Would be a thunderstatement

Not all construction work is equally enjoyable. For instance, drilling a large hole is boring, but fastening two pieces of metal together is riveting.

I used to work for a submarine manufacturing company.  
Unfortunately, it went under

Why did they release Star Wars episodes 4, 5 & 6 before episodes 1, 2 & 3?  
In charge of the schedule Yoda was

Why do people who live on dead end roads have trouble charging their phones?  
Because there's no outlet

Why do sharks eat underwater internet cables?  
They were advised to have more fiber in their diet

How much does a text message weigh?  
A telegram



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