

# Don't you know that ...

Interesting facts in English!  
Become a real Know-all with the help of  
English!



**It's against the law to have a pet dog in  
Iceland!**



**Hummingbirds can't walk.**



**Mosquitoes prefer children to adults, blondes to brunettes.**



**Dolphins are better adapted to the sea than most fish.**



**Most penguin chicks have fluffy feathers.**



**Whales do not drink seawater; instead, they extract water from their food by metabolizing the fat.**



Hippo milk is pink.





**The octopus is  
considered to be the  
smartest animal among  
invertebrates**



**Flamingos pee on their  
legs to cool themselves  
off.**



**Monkeys can grasp with  
both their fingers and  
their toes.**



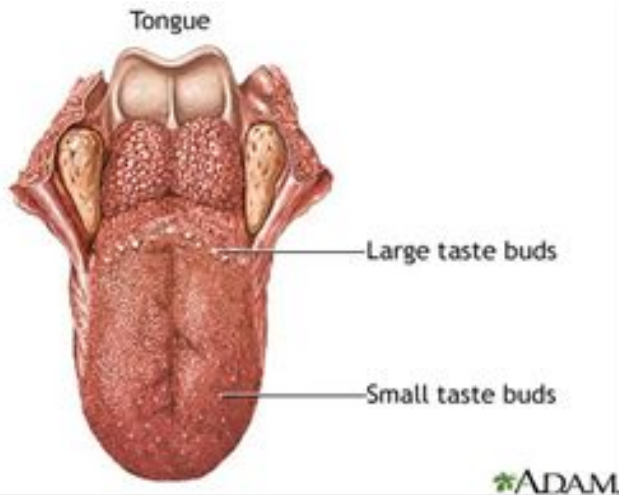
**The oldest goldfish is 41  
years old, named Fred.**



**Bees can count  
to four.**



**Black Whales are born white.**



**Like fingerprints, everyone's tongue print is different!**



**The longest subway in the world is the London Underground, often referred to as the “tube.” It is the oldest too, having begun in 1863.**





**Milk was delivered in glass bottles until plastic containers were invented in 1964.**



**Alcohol remains in the  
body for up to six hours  
after drinking.**



Coca-Cola was originally green.



**The smaller the berry,  
the sweeter it is.**



**The color of a chili will not indicate its degree of spiciness. Usually the size indicates the spiciness. The smaller the chili or pepper, the hotter it will be.**



Temperature can affect your appetite.



**Lemons contain more sugar than  
strawberries!**



**The rose family also  
includes pears, apples,  
cherries, plums, peaches,  
apricots, and almonds**





**Chewing gum while  
peeling onions will keep  
you from crying.**



**The onion is named after a Latin word  
meaning "large pearl".**



**McDonald's is the world's largest distributor  
of toys!**

**If you put a raisin into a  
glass of champagne, it'll  
bounce up.**





**A moth has no stomach.**



**Strawberries have more vitamin C in them  
than oranges.**



**Milk costs more than  
gasoline in many areas  
of the United States.**



**It takes about half a gallon of water to cook macaroni, and about a gallon to clean the pot.**





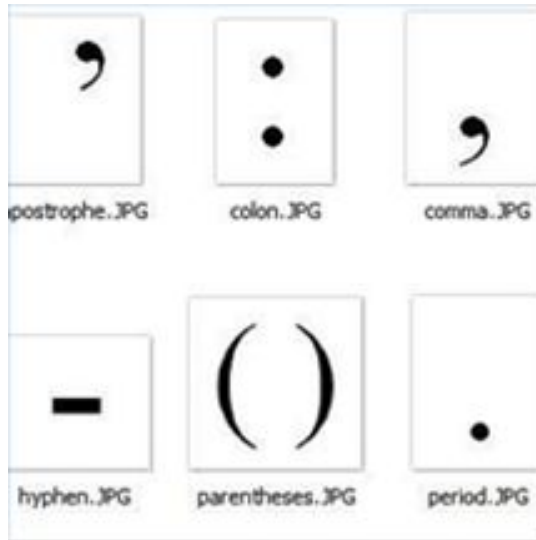
**Tablecloths were originally meant to serve as towels with which guests wiped their hands and mouths after dinner**



**Blueberry juice boosts memory.**



**The word "taxi" is spelled the same in  
English, German, French, Swedish, Spanish  
and Portuguese.**




**There was no punctuation until the 15th century.**



**"Almost" is the longest word  
in the English language with  
all the letters in alphabetical  
order.**



**What is called a "French kiss" in the English speaking world is known as an "English kiss" in France.**

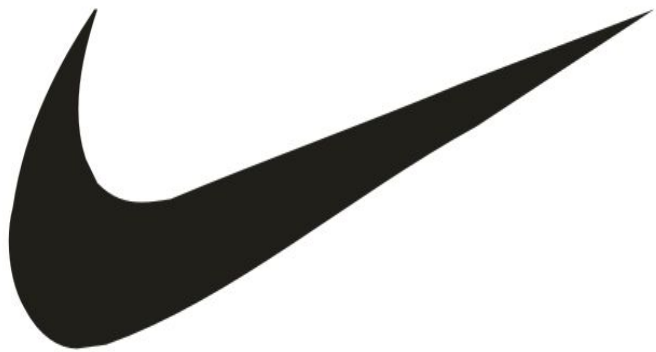


**Most tulips have two to  
six leaves, but a few  
species can have up to 12  
leaves.**



**New York City was the  
U.S. capital from 1789 to  
1790.**





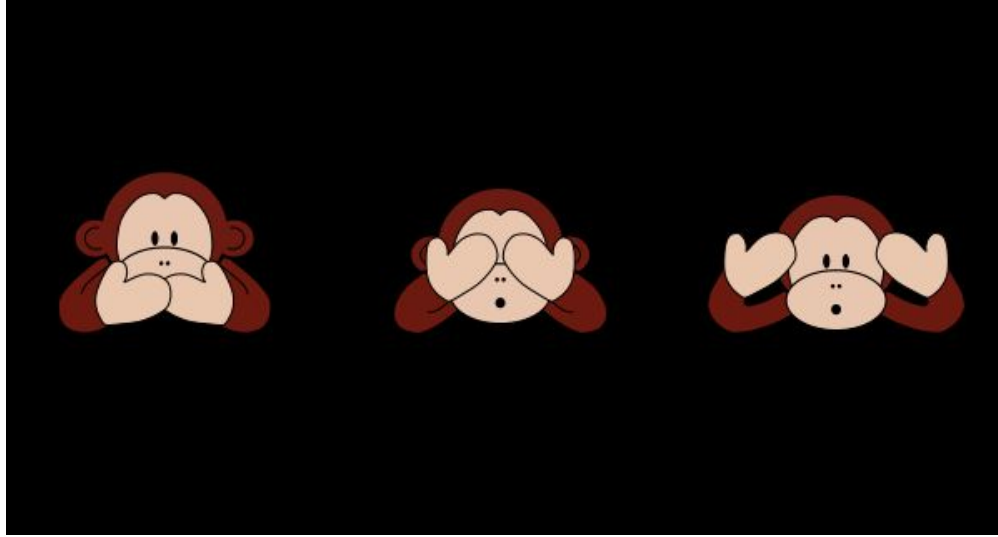
**The creator of the NIKE  
Swoosh symbol was paid  
only \$35 for the design.**



**Joanne Rowling is the first person to become a billionaire (U.S. dollars) by writing book**



**It was illegal to sell E.T. dolls in France because there is a law against selling dolls without human faces.**



**Do you know the names of the three wise monkeys? They are: Mizaru (See no evil), Mikazaru (Hear no evil), and Mazaru (Speak no evil).**



**The color blue has a calming effect. It causes the brain to release calming hormones.**



**The roar that we hear when we place a seashell next to our ear is not the ocean, but rather the sound of blood surging through the veins in the ear.**



Mercedes-Benz

**The Mercedes-Benz motto is “Das Beste oder Nichts” meaning “the best or nothing”.**



**It takes about 20 seconds  
for a red blood cell to  
circle the whole body.**





**Jimmy Carter was the first president who was born in a hospital.**



**Women's hearts beat faster than male hearts.**



**Sunflowers are able to  
soak up radiation.**



**Wearing yellow makes you look bigger on camera; green, smaller.**



**Approximately one-third of the population  
can't snap their fingers!**



**In Eastern Africa you can buy banana beer.  
This beer is brewed from bananas.**



**When you walk down a steep hill, the pressure on your knees is equal to three times your body weight.**



85% of the population can curl their tongue  
into a tube.





**Attics were invented in Attica.**

attic - чердак

Attica - Аттика (округ в современной Греции с центром в Афинах)



**The word "salary" comes from "salt!" Salt, our oldest preservative, was extremely rare in the past. So rare, in fact, that it was often used as pay.**



**During a lifetime the average person eats  
about 35 tonnes of food.**



**Just 3% of all pregnant women will give  
birth to twins.**



**The E-mail is older than the World Wide Web.**



**Ellis Island served as an immigration station from 1892 to 1954. More than 12 million immigrants entered the United States through Ellis Island.**



**Sweden is a country with the highest percentage of Internet users (75%).**



**One of every 8 married couples in the US last year met online.**

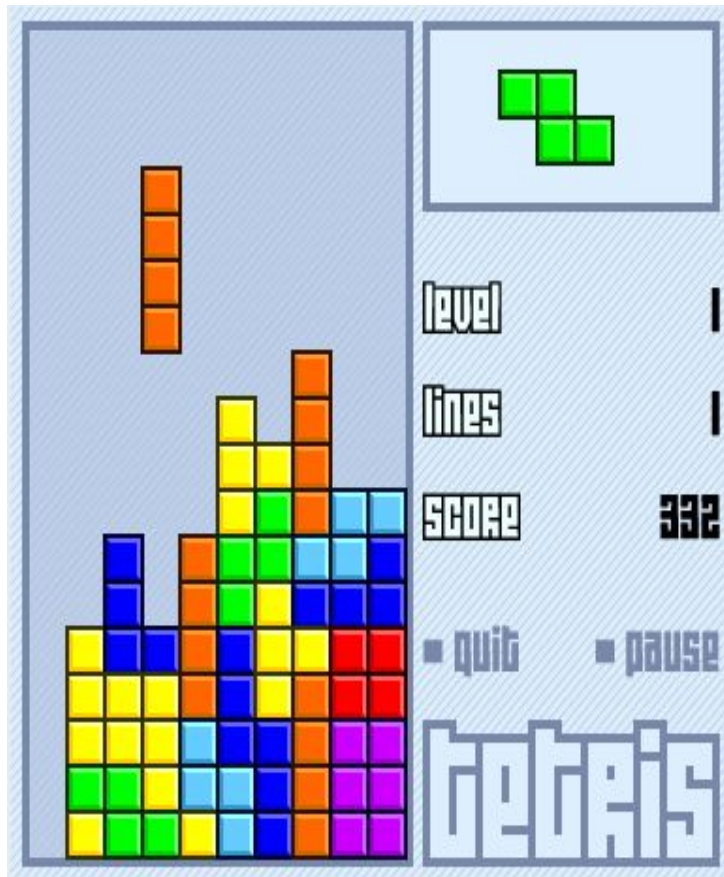




**The Canary Islands were not named after a bird called the canary. They were named after a breed of dogs!**



**IKEA shops are  
deliberately set out to  
confuse people**



**Tetris was created and  
programmed by Alexey  
Pajitnov in June 1985 in  
the Soviet Union in  
Moscow**



**90 percent of  
all e-mail is  
spam**



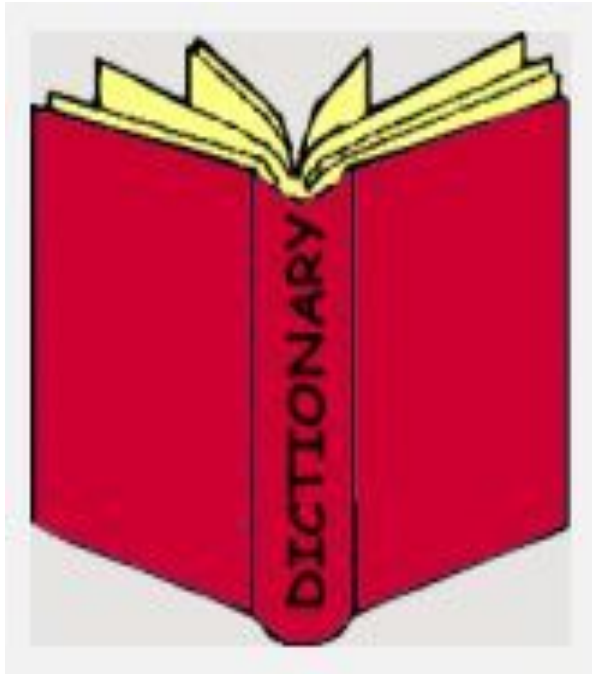
**Nearly 30% of NBA  
players have tattoos**



**The Great Wall of China  
is not seen from the  
space.**

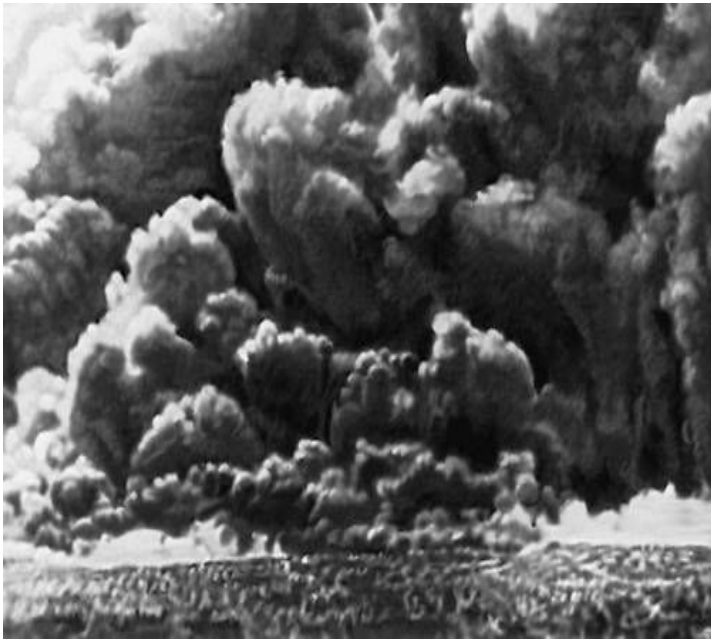


**The word "galaxy" comes from the Greek word for milk, "gala".**



**The feminine version of  
“Dude” is “Dudine”.**





**Switzerland has not  
been involved in a  
war since 1515.**



**Rain contains vitamin B12.**