

In English, "to be blue" is to be sad, while in German, "to be blue" is to be drunk and in Russian, "to be light blue" is to be homosexual.

A study suggests that music takes 13 minutes to help you process feeling sad, and 9 minutes to make you happy.

Word of the day: TÅGSKRYT (Swedish) — 'train bragging', boasting that you have taken a more eco-friendly train ride instead of a less planet-conscious air flight.

To HAVE THE MOLLYGRUBS is to be vaguely unwell - not enough that you are truly sick, but certainly sick enough to be grumpy about it.

Magenta doesn't exist on the visible colour spectrum - your brain makes it up.

It takes, on average, 1.71 days for a Lego head to pass through your digestive system.

During prohibition, some grape growers would sell grape concentrate with the warning "After dissolving the brick in a gallon of water, do not place the liquid in a jug away in the cupboard for twenty days, because then it would turn into wine".

No engineer could design something as multifunctional and fine tuned as an anus. To call someone an asshole is really bragging him up. ROBERT ROSENBLUTH

Word of the day: CUSHLAMACHREE - sweetheart, adapted from Gaelic "cuisle mo chroidhe", literally "vein of my heart"

Word of the day: NASCHEN (German) - to snack or to eat sweets when no one else is looking

The Parliament of New Zealand maintains a list of insults banned by the Speaker.

It includes:

- "his brains could revolve inside a peanut shell for a thousand years without touching the sides"
- "energy of a tired snail returning home from a funeral"
- "duck shoving"

In ancient Rome, gladiator sweat was sold as an aphrodisiac.

There is a corrosion engineer in the US called Rusty Strong.

The word ESQUIVALIENCE appears in the New Oxford American Dictionary with the definition "the wilful avoidance of one's official responsibilities". It is an entirely made up word, designed as a copyright trap, so that anyone copying the dictionary's contents will be found out.

Elvis Presley was known to wear a cross, a Star of David and a Hebrew chai at the same time as he "didn't want to miss out on Heaven on a technicality".

Since returning from the International Space Station, the body of astronaut Christine Koch is about 9.3 milliseconds younger than it would be if she'd stayed on Earth.

The average bank robber only makes £12,706.60 per bank robbery.

Katherine Parr, Henry VIII's final and surviving wife, ruled alone for 4 months during wartime and was the first Englishwoman to publish a book under her own name in English.

In AD 67, the Roman Emperor Nero competed in the Olympic chariot race. He didn't finish the race because he was thrown from his chariot, but he was declared the winner anyway on the basis that he would have won if he had not been thrown off.

Room 101, the infamous torture chamber in Orwell's 1984, is named for a conference room at BBC Broadcasting House, where Orwell would have to sit through tortuously boring meetings.

Roughly as many Americans own cats as have had threesomes.