

Abraham Lincoln only had a beard for the last five years of his life.

The cleopatra gene in fruit flies is only fatal if the asp gene is also present.

The Queen of England is related to Vlad the Impaler.

In 1811, nearly a quarter of all the women in Britain were named Mary.

HOLLOWAYS are roadways that have sunk into the earth with use over hundreds of years.

Between 1908 and 1965, Winston Churchill drank 42,000 bottles of champagne.

Oxford University was over 300 years old when the Aztec Empire was founded.

So please, oh please, we beg, we pray  
Go throw your TV set away  
And in its place you can  
install A lovely bookshelf on the wall... ROALD DAHL

Napoleon, Mussolini and Hitler were all scared of cats.

Honeybees can count to four and understand the concept of zero.

In 1907, Australian dancer Victor Goulet had one of his Achilles tendons replaced with a wallaby's.

Ikea has sponsored our local primary school.....now assembly takes forever. (Tony Blackburn)

After toilets in a Geneva bank and 3 restaurants were blocked 2 weeks ago, it was discovered that 100,000 euros had been shoved down them.

Pigeons are better at multitasking than people are.

The English word 'squirrel' is particularly difficult for Germans to pronounce.

(Edit – The German word for squirrel is Eichhornchen.....quite difficult for English people to say!!!)

The letter Q was illegal in Turkey for 85 years.

A male capuchin monkey will have sex with any female that throws a stone at him.

In German, 'my mobile phone' is 'mein Handy'.

5% of cats are allergic to their humans.

There is only one stop sign in the whole of Paris.

Aston Martin has developed a luxury submarine.

In the Second World War, the Allies had a plan to drop boxes of poisonous snakes on enemy troops.

In 2016, there were 69 baby girls born in the UK who were named Khaleesi. A further 4 were named Daenerys.

The Chinese for dolphin is 'ocean piglet'.

Oh God! If there be cricket in Heaven, let there also be rain. ALEC DOUGLAS-HOME

The more rivers an area has, the more languages will evolve there.

Word of the day: ROORBACK (19th century) - a lie told for political effect

In Singapore and Japan, there are 24-hour library vending machines -for all your 2 AM book needs.

"Women and cats will do as they please, and men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea." ROBERT HEINLEIN

In 1959, the United States government issued a memo specifying that yeti can be only killed in self-defense.

Mordor is a real place - on Pluto's moon, Charon. It appears one cannot simply walk into Mordor after all.

The world's oldest library is at the University of Al Quaraouiyine. It has been in operation for 1158 years.

Japanese companies are obliged by law to measure the waistlines of employees aged between 40 and 70.

Wealthy ancient Egyptians slept with neck supports rather than pillows to preserve their hairstyles.

In 1941, there were only 11 democracies in the world.

Every leaf speaks bliss to me Fluttering from the autumn tree. EMILY BRONTE