Humorous facts

The world is a pretty funny place. Therefore, it's always worth diving into a few of the more humorous facts life has to throw at us.

1. Read and enjoy the true facts.

A turtle can breathe from both ends.

This one's very strange but true - turtles are able to breathe through their backsides. That's multi-tasking! Watch the short video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=963t4MN80eM



One to try at home.

It's impossible to lick your elbow. You're probably trying it, anyway!

A primate once ran an English town.

Hartlepool, UK, once elected a football mascot – a monkey – as its mayor. He beat Labour's Peter Mandelson to the job!

Hitchcock brought the throne to the big screen.

The very first movie to show a toilet being flushed was Alfred Hitchcock's classic horror picture, 'Psycho'.



"My dog ate my homework" – John Steinbeck

'Of Mice and Men', one of John Steinbeck's classic novels, almost didn't make it to the publisher at all. Why? His dog ate the first draft! "The poor fellow may have been acting critically," Steinbeck mused.

Blink-182 decided to incorporate their band under a funny name – 'Poo Poo Butt LLC' – as they thought it's be funny to hear accountants use the name in important conversations on a daily basis.



"Make fun of me – off to prison with you!"

The first President of Zimbabwe – President Banana – actually brought in a law to stop people making fun of his name.

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Rabbits are competitive jumpers.

There's a competition in Sweden where pet owners take their rabbits show jumping! Why should horses and dogs have all the fun? The competition in question is Kaninhoppning.

Christmas in Spain is… slightly gross!

There's a Christmas tradition in Spain where a character called the 'pooping log' excretes presents – and you thought a fat guy coming down the chimney was weird enough!



In some areas 'down under', you can't change light bulbs yourself.

Think it's easy to change a light bulb? Try living in Victoria, Australia. You're not allowed to legally change a bulb without the help of a trained electrician.



New Zealand aviators have odd mascots.

The Royal New Zealand Air Force has an interesting logo to say the least. Why? Their main insignia is the kiwi, which, funnily enough, is a flightless bird.

Donald Duck used to be an illegal sight in Finland.

Finland once banned Donald Duck's comics from sale due to the fact he doesn't wear pants or trousers.

Say it with apples!

The ancient Greeks, apparently, used to throw apples at each other to show that they loved them.



The Queen has a swan monopoly.

The Queen of England, reportedly, owns all the country's swans. So, no, you can't take one home with you as a pet!

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Niels Bohr had a permanent supply of alcohol.

Legendary scientist Niels Bohr won more than just the Nobel Prize in 1922. Alongside this achievement, Carlsberg brewers built a permanent beer tap into his house. Now that's a prize!

Try asking for directions to this place...

The longest place name in the world is a bit of a mouthful. If you've been to New Zealand, you may have heard of Taumata Hill. However, its full name is Taumatawhakatangihangakoauauotamateaturipukakapikimaungahoronukupokaiwhenuakitanatahu!



2. Choose the correct option in the quiz bellow.

The place with the longest name in the world is in:

A Australia
B New Zealand
C England

The aquatic turtles have rather unatractive way of breething:
(watch the short video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=963t4MN80eM)

A in the winter, using their bum
B in the summer, they snore incredibly
C all the year through, using their mouth and bum simultaneously

Which famous scientist had a permanent beer tap built into his house?

A Einstein
B Bohr
C Tesla

Who owns all the swans in England?

A Baron Eric Von Rothbart
B Eon Musk

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C Queen of England

The ancient Greeks showed their love by:

A throwing apples at each other
B taking their spouses to the amphitheatre
C eating spaghetti from one plate without knives and forks

Donald Duck was banned in Finland because:

A he was quacking constantly
B he didn't wear any pants
C a lot of children in Finland copied his style and ended up at speech therapists

The Royal New Zealand Air Force has an interesting logo. It is:

A a kiwi - a bird which cannot fly
B kiwi – fruit which flies only when you throw it
C a bumerang – which always gets back to its owner

What happens when you try to change a light bulb in the part of Australia called Victoria?

A you will get electrocuted
B you will be arrested
C you willl became very popular with girls

What character is Santa Clause´s Christmas competitor in Spain?

A Father Octopus
B Mother Teresa
C a 'pooping log'



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