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June 16-June 30's slides immediately follow this slide...enjoy scrolling through them!



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## It's June 16.

It's "National Fresh Veggies Day." What's the best/worst canned veggie?

Trivial Fact of the Day: Botanically speaking, the tomato is a fruit, but in 1893 the Supreme Court ruled that it was a vegetable.

Interesting Quote of the Day: "Life expectancy would grow by leaps and bounds if green vegetables smelled as good as bacon."

--Doug Larson (American columnist)

Vocabulary Word of the Day: *pontificate* (verb) – this action word means to express one's opinion in a way that sounds annoyingly pompous or egotistical. What would an ego-filled vegetable pontificate about if it was giving a speech?





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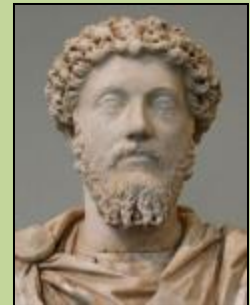
## It's June 17.

Today is “National Apple Strudel” & “National Cherry Tart” Day.

Which dessert would win if they wrestled each other?

Trivial Fact of the Day: Wrestling is considered the oldest sport on earth. It's not only referenced in the Bible, but cave drawings dating back to 3,000 B.C. depict\*\* it.

Interesting Quote of the Day: “The art of living is more like wrestling than dancing.” --Marcus Aurelius (Roman Emperor)



Vocabulary Word of the Day: *depict* (verb) – this action verb is a fancy way to say that you've represented something by drawing or painting it, but a writer can also *depict* someone or something with words. Can you *depict* a wrestling match--or some other sporting event--with words?



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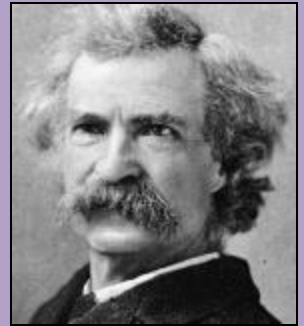
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## It's June 18.

Today is “International Sushi Day.” How could you convince someone who hates fish to sit down and enjoy a piece of sushi?

Trivial Fact of the Day: Most brands of lipstick contain fish scales.

Interesting Quote of the Day: “When you fish for love, bait with your heart, not your brain.” --Mark Twain (American humorist and writer)



Vocabulary Word of the Day: *convivial* (adjective) – if you want to describe a person with this word, he or she would have to be friendly and cheerful. If you want to describe an event with this word, it would have to be a friendly event that's full of lively behavior? The word contains the Latin root *vivere*, which meant *live*. Can you think of any other English words that might come from this Latin root?



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## It's June 19.

Today is “World Sauntering\*\* Day.” Could you write a ‘recipe’ for taking a perfectly leisurely or relaxing walk?

Trivial Fact of the Day: The longest walk around the world was completed by a retired neon salesman, Jean Beliveau. It took him 11 years to walk the 46,600 miles that took him through 64 countries.

Interesting Quote of the Day: “A line is a dot that went for a walk.”  
--Paul Klee (Swiss-German Artist)



Vocabulary Word of the Day: *saunter* (verb) – this action word means to walk in slow, relaxed manner and not be in any hurry. Where do people *saunter*? Where do people do the opposite of *sauntering*?



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## It's June 20.

Today is “Ice Cream Soda Day.” What ice cream flavor and soda flavor would you mix together to serve your worst enemy?

Trivial Fact of the Day: Regarding ice cream, the average American eats 20 quarts a year, and June is the month when more ice cream is produced than any other.

Interesting Quote of the Day: “He who believes is strong; he who doubts is weak. Strong convictions\*\* precede great actions.” --Louisa May Alcott (American author)



\*\*Vocabulary Word of the Day: *conviction* (noun) – this word is a synonym for the words *belief* or *opinion*, but it must be a belief or opinion that is held very strongly. There are no “weak convictions” out there. Or are there? Can you create a character with a weak conviction? What would he/she say or do?



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## It's June 21.

Today is “National Skateboarding Day.” Where would be the best place in the world to ride a skateboard? The worst place?

Trivial Fact of the Day: Skateboarding is a derivative\*\* of surfing; it was initially called “sidewalk surfing,” the first skateboard being introduced in the year 1950.

Interesting Quote of the Day: “Thought is the wind, knowledge the sail, and mankind the vessel.” --Augustus Hare (British writer)



\*\*Vocabulary Word of the Day: *derivative* (noun) – a very fancy synonym for something that was originally based on something else. Skateboarding *derived* from surfing. Can you think of anything else that *derived* from something else?





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## It's June 22.

It's "National Chocolate Éclair Day." What practical (or impractical\*\*) joke might you play on someone enjoying a nice chocolate éclair?

Trivial Fact of the Day: The French, well-known for their rich pastry desserts (like the éclair), are also known for their many cheeses. France has enough variety of cheeses that you could eat a different cheese every day of the year.

Interesting Quote of the Day: "Family is the one thing that is definitely not disposable." --Jenny Eclair (British comedian)



\*\*Vocabulary Word of the Day: *impractical* (adjective) – this descriptive word can go in front of a noun that is not realistic or sensible. What's an *impractical* idea that you came up with during this last week? Are you smart enough yet to know not to try out your most *impractical* ideas?





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## It's June 23.

It's "National Pink Day." Which color would protest the loudest that the color pink has its own national holiday?

Trivial Fact of the Day: Pink is a palliative\*\* color, and is often used to paint the walls in prisons and mental health care facilities to assist in calming those who might be out-of-control.

Interesting Quote of the Day: You can't move mountains by whispering at them." -- Alecia Beth Moore Hart...a.k.a. P!nk (American singer)



Vocabulary Word of the Day: *palliative* (adjective) – in medicine, this descriptive word can be used to describe something that relieves pain or helps a condition without actually dealing with the underlying cause of the problem. Ice cream is *palliative* when you have just had your tonsils taken out, isn't it? What else?



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## It's June 24.

Today is “National Fairy (or Faerie) Day.” How many fairy tales can you name that actually have fairies in them?

Trivial Fact of the Day: There are more than 700 variants\*\* of the fairy tale of Cinderella that have been collected from around the world, and it has appeared in almost every language on planet earth.

Interesting Quote of the Day: “I think people should read fairy tales, because we're hungry for a mythology that will speak to our fears.”  
--Sandra Cisneros (American writer)



\*\*Vocabulary Word of the Day: *variant* (noun) – a fancy word that means a version of something that differs just slightly from an original idea or source.



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## It's June 25.

Today is “National Catfish Day.” If a catfish had nine lives—like a cat—what advice might he offer on living an amazing, fishy life?

Trivial Fact of the Day: Ever tasted a catfish? Would you want one to taste you? Humans have about 10,000 taste buds, but catfish have 100,000. Tasty!

Interesting Quote of the Day: “Winning isn’t everything. Wanting to win is.” --James “Catfish” Hunter (American Baseball Player)

Vocabulary Word of the Day: *bottom-feeder* (noun) – this word means a fish—like the catfish—who feeds at the bottom of the lake, but it also means a person who tries to make quick profit, usually at the expense of someone else. Ever known of anyone who was a *bottom-feeder*?





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## It's June 26.

It's both "Canoe Day" and "National Chocolate Pudding Day." How might you celebrate both holidays at once? Write about it!

Trivial Fact of the Day: Robyn Benincasa of the U.S. holds the ladies' world record for greatest distance paddled in flowing water over a 24 hour period: 231.1 miles. She achieved the record paddling a kayak on Canada's Yukon River.

Interesting Quote of the Day: "Only the guy who isn't rowing has time to rock the boat." --Jean-Paul Sartre (French philosopher and writer)



Vocabulary Word of the Day: *portage* (verb) – this action word is used when boaters must pick up their vessels and carry them around obstacles or over shallow water. It comes from the French verb *porter*, which means *to carry*. Can you think of other words about *carrying* that might be related to this French verb?



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## It's June 27.

Today is “National Sunglasses Day.”

Make a list of the worst or worst places to wear sunglasses.

Trivial Fact of the Day: Some of the earliest forms of sunglasses were used by the Alaskan Inuit Tribe. They didn't use lenses like modern sunglasses; instead, they were [flattened pieces of walrus ivory](#) with small slits carved out of the eye sections.

Interesting Quote of the Day: “Yesterday is ashes; tomorrow wood. Only today the fire shines brightly.” --Eskimo Proverb

Vocabulary Word of the Day: *safeguard* (verb) – this compound action words means to protect from harm or damage with appropriate measures. *Sunglasses safeguard eyesight.* That's a 3-word sentence made up of 3 compound words. Can think up another 3-word sentences that does the same?





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## It's June 28.

Today is “National Paul Bunyan Day.” Write the beginning of an original tall tale today about someone who is tall or who has a tail!

Trivial Fact of the Day: Atropine, which is used to dilate the eyes, comes from the plant *Atropa belladonna*. Italian women used to use the leaves to dilate their eyes because they thought larger pupils made them appear more beautiful. That's why the plant is called *bella* (fair) *donna* (lady), or a beautiful woman.

Interesting Quote of the Day: “Walking with a friend in the dark is better than walking alone in the light.” --Helen Keller (American writer)



Vocabulary Word of the Day: *primadonna* (noun) – use this noun as a synonym for a person who has an inflated view of their own talent or importance.





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## It's June 29.

Today is “National Camera Day.” If Bigfoot took a selfie, would more people believe he exists? Other interesting ideas for selfies?

Trivial Fact of the Day: In 1965, Russia officially promoted Bigfoot’s popularity by placing him on their endangered species list.

Interesting Quote of the Day: “We live in a moment and a culture when reading is really endangered. There's simply no way to write well, though, if you're not reading well.” –Jennifer Egan (American novelist)



Vocabulary Word of the Day: *imperil* (verb) – this action word means to put something or someone at risk of being harmed, injured, or destroyed? What are some specific things humans do to imperil endangered species?





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## It's June 30.

It's "Meteor Watch Day." If a meteor wanted to apply for a job, what kind of qualities might he/she list on a résumé?

Trivial Fact of the Day: In space, a meteoroid fragment can be the size of a grain or sand or as large as a small car. Meteoroids are fragments still currently floating in space, meteors are fragments that have entered the earth's atmosphere, and meteorites are fragments that actually collide with the earth's surface.

Interesting Quote of the Day: "I would rather be a superb meteor, every atom of me in magnificent glow, than a sleepy and permanent planet."  
--Jack London (American author and journalist)



Vocabulary Word of the Day: *conflagration* (noun) – an extensive fire that causes great damage. Can you use *meteorite* and *conflagration* in the same sentence?

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