

Trivia

did you know that ...

Pumpkins originated in Central America.

The name pumpkin originated from “pepon”- the Greek word for “large melon.”

Eighty percent of the pumpkin supply in the United States is available in October.

Pumpkin flowers are edible.

The largest pumpkin pie ever made was over five feet in diameter and weighed over 350 pounds. It used 80 pounds of cooked pumpkin, 36 pounds of sugar, 12 dozen eggs, and took six hours to bake.

Pumpkins are used for animal feed.

In early colonial times, pumpkins were used as an ingredient for the crust of pies, not the filling.

Pumpkins were once recommended for removing freckles and curing snake bites.

The largest “official” pumpkin ever grown weighed 1,340 pounds.

Native Americans flattened strips of pumpkin, dried them and made mats.

Pumpkins are 90 percent water.

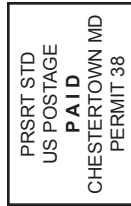
Colonists sliced off pumpkin tips; removed seeds and filled the insides with milk, spices, and honey. This was baked in hot ashes and is the origin of pumpkin pie.

The Connecticut field variety is the traditional American pumpkin.

Native Americans called pumpkins “isquoutm, or isquotersquash.”

Pumpkins are fruit.

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Dates in History

- 1775** The United States Navy was officially authorized on October 13th. The first fleet consisted of a handful of sailing ships as our sole sea-going line of defense.
- 1792** On October 13th, President George Washington laid the cornerstone of the Executive Mansion in Washington, D.C. He started the project, but he wasn't around to see it completed; he died in 1799. John Adams became the mansion's first resident in 1800.
- 1813** Writing to his friend and colleague John Adams on October 28th, Thomas Jefferson had a few kind words to say about the aristocracy. "I agree with you," he wrote, "that there is a natural aristocracy among men. The grounds of this are virtue and talents." More important than what he said, is what he did not say. Jefferson did not associate aristocracy with lineage, birthright, and wealth. He did not attribute it to certain groups, but to all men with virtue and talents.
- 1918** There was a famous American First World War fighting unit known as the Lost Battalion. It earned its name when trapped in the Argonne Forest of France—surrounded by the Germans—on October 1st in 1918. The unit members held out against unbelievable odds until they were rescued on October 8th.
- 1957** On October 4th, the Russians launched the first Sputnik satellite into orbit around the earth. It was a startling scientific achievement. The event jolted the United States into an all-out effort to expand its limited space technology.

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On the Lighter Side

A police officer attempts to stop a car for speeding and the guy gradually increases his speed until he's topping 100 mph. The man eventually realizes he can't escape and finally pulls over. The cop approaches the car and says, "It's been a long day and my shift is almost over, so if you can give me a good excuse for your behavior, I'll let you go." The guy thinks for a few seconds and then says, "My wife ran away with a cop about a week ago. I thought you might be that officer trying to give her back!"

A boy with a monkey on his shoulder was walking down the road when he passed a policeman who said, "Now, now young lad, I think you had better take that monkey to the zoo." The next day, the boy was walking down the road with the monkey on his shoulder again, when he passed the same policeman. The policeman said, "Hey there, I thought I told you to take that monkey to the zoo!" The boy answered, "I did! Today I'm taking him to the cinema."

Two factory workers are talking. The woman says, "I can make the boss give me the day off." The man replies, "And how would you do that?" The woman says, "Just wait and see." She then hangs upside down from the ceiling. The boss comes in and says, "What are you doing?" The woman replies, "I'm a light bulb." The boss then says, "You've been working so much that you've gone crazy. I think you need to take the day off." The man starts to follow her and the boss says, "Where are you going?" The man says, "I'm going home, too. I can't work in the dark."

Q: Why does Humpty Dumpty love autumn?
A: Because Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.

Q: Did you hear about the man with a broken left arm and broken left leg?
A: Don't worry he's "ALRIGHT" now!

Q: What did the big chimney say to the little chimney?
A: "You're too young to smoke."

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