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In the long run and we shape our lives and we shape ourselves. The process never ends until we die and the choices we make are ultimately our own responsibility.

Eleanor Roosevelt

A new month is with us, so here are some facts about the month of May.

The month May was named for Maia, the Greek goddess of fertility.

In any given year, no month ever begins or ends on the same day of the week as May does

In 1644 maypoles were banned in England as a 'heathenish vanity'. Local officials who defiantly put them up could be fined five shillings a week.

In 1661, a maypole 123ft tall was put up in the Strand, London for the return of Charles II. Isaac Newton later used it as a support for his telescope.

"Let no man boast himself that he has got through the perils of winter till at least the seventh of May."
(Anthony Trollope).

According to the roman poet Ovid:
"Bad girls wed in May."

According to old Cornish superstition, it is unlucky to buy a broom during the month of May.

No US president has ever died during the month of May. Harry S Truman and John F Kennedy are the only ones born in May.

. In response to May 1 being Labour Day, the first World Tramps Congress in Argentina in 1966 named May 2 as the International Day of Idleness.



This rather magnificent model truck was scratch built by Matt H at the hub



Have you got a photograph of anything you have made that we can include in the newsletter?





The **2014 FIFA World Cup** will be the 20th FIFA World Cup an international men's football tournament that is scheduled to take place in Brazil from 12 June to 13 July 2014. will be the second time that Brazil has hosted the competition, the previous being in 1950. Brazil was elected unchallenged as host nation in 2007 after the international football federation, FIFA, decreed that the tournament would be staged in South America for the first time since 1978 in Argentina, and the fifth time overall.

The national teams of 31 countries advanced through qualifications competition that began in June 2011 to participate with the host nation Brazil in the final tournament. A total of 64 matches are to be played in twelve cities across Brazil in either new or redeveloped stadiums, with the tournament beginning with a group stage. For the first time at a World Cup Finals, the matches will use goal-line technology.

With the host country, all world champion teams since the first World cup in 1930 (Uruguay, Italy, Germany, England, Argentina, France and Spain) have qualified for this competition. Spain is the defending champion, having defeated the Netherlands 1–0 in the 2010 World Cup Final to win its first World title. The previous four World Cups staged in South America were all won by South American teams

On 7 March 2003, FIFA announced that the tournament would be held in South America for the first time since 1978 in line with its then-active policy of rotating the right to host the World Cup among different confederations. The decision meant that it would be the first time that two consecutive World Cups will be staged outside Europe.

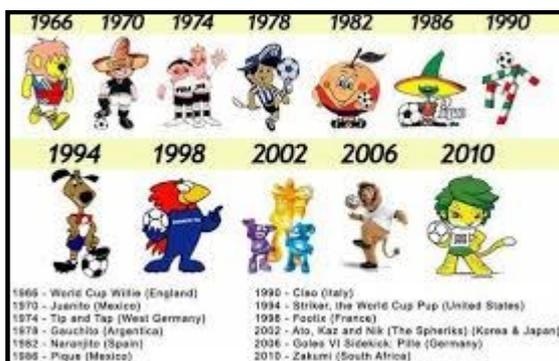
On 3 June 2003, the South American Football Confederation CONMEBOL initially announced that Argentina, Brazil, and Colombia wanted to host the finals, but by March 2004, the CONMEBOL associations had unanimously voted to adopt Brazil as their sole candidate.

During the intervening months, Colombia decided that it would enter its own bid, and formally declared its candidacy in December 2006. A week earlier Brazil had also formally announced its interest.

However, Colombia officially withdrew its bid in April 2007, leaving Brazil as the only host candidate. On 30 October 2007 FIFA officially confirmed that Brazil would host the event.

The allocation of places for the final tournament was decided on 3 March 2011, with the distribution of the 31 places determined through the qualification process unchanged from that of the previous tournament. The qualification draw for the 2014 World Cup was held at the Marina de Gloria in Rio de Janeiro on 30 July 2011.^[14] As the host nation, Brazil automatically qualified for the tournament.

203 of the 208 FIFA national teams at the time participated in the qualification stages, which began on 15 June 2011 and concluded on 20 November 2013. 24 of the 32 eventual qualifiers were present at the previous tournament, with the only debutant being Bosnia and Herzegovina, which qualified for the first time as an independent nation. The highest-ranked absentee in the FIFA World Rankings at the time of the draw for the tournament was Ukraine while the OFC will have no representation at a World Cup Finals for the first time since 2002.



The following 32 teams, shown with October 2013 rankings used for seeding in the draw, qualified for the final tournament.

-  [Australia](#) (57)
-  [Iran](#) (49)
-  [Japan](#) (44)
-  [South Korea](#) (56)
-  [Algeria](#) (32)
-  [Cameroon](#) (59)
-  [Ghana](#) (23)
-  [Ivory Coast](#) (17)
-  [Nigeria](#) (33)
-  [Costa Rica](#) (31)
-  [Honduras](#) (34)
-  [Mexico](#) (24)
-  [United States](#) (13)
-  [Argentina](#) (3)
-  [Brazil](#) (11) (hosts)
-  [Chile](#) (12)
-  [Colombia](#) (4)
-  [Ecuador](#) (22)
-  [Uruguay](#) (6)
-  [Belgium](#) (5)
-  [Bosnia and Herzegovina](#) (16)
-  [Croatia](#) (18)
-  [England](#) (10)
-  [France](#) (21)
-  [Germany](#) (2)
-  [Greece](#) (15)
-  [Italy](#) (9)
-  [Netherlands](#) (8)
-  [Portugal](#) (14)
-  [Russia](#) (19)
-  [Spain](#) (1)
-  [Switzerland](#) (7)



COOL AND WEIRD FACTS

You breathe on average about 5 million times a year.

Months that begin on a Sunday always have a Friday the 13th in them.

You are born with 300 bones, by the time you are an adult you will have 206.

The average lead pencil will write a line about 35 miles long or write approximately 50,000 English words.

One fourth of the bones in your body are in your feet.

The average person spends 2 weeks of their lifetime waiting for the light to change from red to green.

It takes more calories to eat a piece of celery than the celery has in it.

The present population is expected to rise to 15 Billion by the year 2080.

The largest recorded snowflake was 15 inches wide and 8 inches thick.

The tip of a bullwhip moves so fast that the sound it makes is actually a tiny sonic boom.

Native Americans used to name their children after the first thing they saw as they left their tepees after their children were born, hence the names Sitting Bull and Running Water.

The Matami Tribe of West Africa play their own version of football, instead of a normal football they use a human skull.

Coca-Cola would be green if the food colorant wasn't added.

During the 17th Century, the Sultan of Turkey ordered his harem of women to be drowned and replaced with a new one.

Coffins used for cremation are usually made with plastic handles.

Almost 'is' is the longest word in the English language with all the letters in alphabetical order.

Human thigh bones are stronger than concrete.

Cockroaches can live several weeks with their heads cut off.

It is impossible to sneeze with your eyes open. We dare you, give it a try!

A Ten Gallon Hat will only hold 3/4 of a Gallon.

Of all the words in the English language, the word "SET" has the most definitions.

It is against the law to burp, or sneeze inside a church in Nebraska.

In 1386 a pig in France was executed by public hanging for the murder of a child.

Earth is the only planet not named after a god.

The world's oldest piece of chewing gum is over 9,000 years old!

Scientists have tracked butterflies travelling over 3,000 miles.

The silkworm consumes 86,000 times its own weight in 56 days.

If removed from the stress of the modern world, the average human would sleep about 10 hours a day.

To produce a single pound of honey, a single bee would have to visit 2 million flowers.

A colony of 500 bats can eat approximately 250,000 insects in an hour.

One in Five adults believe that aliens are hiding in our planet disguised as humans.

Travelling masseuses in ancient Japan were required by law to be blind.

The bloodhound is the only animal whose evidence is admissible in court.

James Fixx, the man who popularized jogging in America died of a heart attack while running.

The average American spends about a year and a half of his or her life watching commercials on television.

What are you doing?! Get out and spend that year and a half doing something productive!

There are no naturally occurring blue foods, even blueberries are purple!

The skeleton of Jeremy Bentham is present in all the important meetings of the University of London.

The elephant is the only mammal that can't jump!

Just like fingerprints, everyone's tongue is different.

The longest recorded flight of a chicken is 13 seconds.

400 Quarter Pounders can be made from a single cow.

Only 38% of Americans eat breakfast every day.

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11% of the World is left handed.

A "Jiffy" is the scientific name for 1/100th of a second.

A Boeing 747's wingspan is longer than the Wright brothers' first flight.

A broken clock is right two times a day.

A duck's quack doesn't echo anywhere, no one knows why