

Are You Smarter Than a Fifth-Grader? Trivia With a Twist

An Information Literacy event

Wednesday, November 05, 2014

How confident are you that you know the answer to these questions?

A

I am confident
that I do **NOT**
know the answer

B

C

D

E

I am confident
that I **KNOW** the
answer

1. Why do rats constantly gnaw at things like phone cables and electrical wires?
2. What is the only state that can be typed on one row of the keyboard?
3. Who was president of the United States when Uncle Sam first got a beard?
4. What does the term “dinosaur” actually mean?
5. There are three countries of the world that are located entirely inside another country. Name any one of them.
6. What is the Latin term for a blank slate, which usually refers to an empty mind ready for filling with information?
7. What mammal sleeps longer than any other mammal?
8. What do these people have in common? Albert Einstein, Isaac Newton, Charles Darwin, and Benjamin Franklin.
9. What was the first product to have a bar code?
10. What King in a standard deck of cards does not have a mustache?
11. What is the only planet in our solar system that rotates clockwise?
12. Name one real person who has been featured on a Pez dispenser.
13. Approximately 90% of the world’s recoverable helium is located in the ground in what state?
14. What is philematology?
15. What do these have in common: shoes, chairs, the rear half of a horse, a box of nails, a torpedo, drums, and bottles of wine?
16. Which Dr. Seuss book uses only 50 different words?
17. What country has the largest coastline?
18. What restaurant chain has the most locations throughout the world?
19. Who is the largest distributor of toys in the world?
20. Toilet paper was invented in this country.

How curious are you about the answers to these questions?

A

I am **NOT**
interested at all
in the answer

B

C

D

E

I am very much
INTERESTED in
the answer

Rating scales and questions # 3 and # 4 are from the following:

Gruber, M.J., Gelman, B.D., & Ranganath, C. (2014). States of curiosity modulate hippocampus-dependent learning via the dopaminergic circuit. *Neuron*, 84(2), 486-496. doi:10.1016/j.neuron.2014.08.060