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- TRUE or FALSE?

1. Sylvester Stallone has been nominated for both an Academy Award for 'Best Actor' and a Razzie Award for 'Worst Actor' for playing the same role.
2. '*Call Me Huck*' is the first line of the book '*Huckleberry Finn*'.
3. In the UK version of the game 'Monopoly', the colour of Oxford Street is green
4. Before becoming Governor of Texas, George W. Bush was co-owner of a professional baseball team
5. An elephant can smell water up to 3 miles away.
6. The TV Show '*All in the Family*' was based on a British TV Show
7. In the Opera, Carmen is strangled to death by Don José
8. Estonia's unit of currency is the Kroon
9. Before the book '*Peter Pan*', the name Wendy had never been used.
10. During World War II, the Oscars were made of plaster.
11. They used to speed up the action sequences in Bruce Lee movies
12. The Wright Brothers' plane was called Kitty Hawk
13. The abbreviation for Los Angeles International airport is LAS
14. The prefix 'giga' means a million
15. Czar Nicholas II was executed in 1917.
16. Saturn is the third largest planet after Jupiter and Neptune
17. Shirley was once a boy's name
18. George Eliot was the man who wrote the books *Silas Marner* and *Middlemarch*
19. Girls are born with more fat cells than boys
20. A man's brain is on average bigger than a woman's brain

21. The brain does not feel any physical pain
22. Drinking alcohol raises the body's temperature
23. Golden retrievers are the world's most popular breed of dog (in numbers purchased)
24. Skunks eat bees
25. Strawberries have more Vitamin C than oranges
26. Niagara Falls is the highest waterfall in the world
27. Harvard is the oldest college in the United States
28. On average, the 'eye muscles' move 300,000 times a day
29. The bulletproof vest was created by a woman
30. No cast member on '*M*A*S*H**' served in Korea
31. The actor Paul Newman dropped out of high school
32. Motown music began in Detroit
33. The first U.S. president to die in office was Abraham Lincoln
34. The tongue has distinct sections that are exclusively responsible for detecting certain tastes
35. Alfred Nobel, for whom the Nobel Prizes were named, invented dynamite
36. The megahit musical *Cats* was based on the poetry of T.S. Eliot
37. Red grapes can make white wine
38. White grapes can make red wine
39. Dinosaurs were the largest animals in history.
40. "S.O.S.," the Morse code distress signal, originally stood for "*Save Our Ship*"
41. Napoleon Bonaparte was killed at the Battle of Waterloo
42. American Football was saved from extinction by President Theodore Roosevelt

43. Halle Berry was the first African American woman to win an Academy Award
44. Drinking warm milk induces sleep
45. The liver is the human body's largest organ
46. Mahatma Gandhi began his nonviolent crusade in South Africa
47. Tapas are common Scandinavian appetizers
48. The "Strawberry Fields" memorial, dedicated to musician John Lennon, is in Liverpool
49. "Magma" is the scientific name for lava.
50. Basketball is the only major sport completely American in origin.
51. NASCAR traces its origins to bootleggers outrunning the police during Prohibition
52. Abu Ghraib was the ringleader of the 9/11 conspirators
53. The five Olympic rings signify the five sports hosted at the first Olympics in ancient Greece
54. The pointed spire of the Empire State Building was designed to moor Zeppelin airships
55. The Pyramids of Giza are the only one of the "Seven Wonders of the Ancient World" that remains substantially intact
56. The "i" in Apple products (as in "iPad" and "iPhone") stands for "ingenuity"
57. Hair grows back thicker and darker after it's cut
58. Coca-Cola originally contained cocaine
59. Marathon was the name of a Greek messenger who ran cross country to report news of Persia's defeat in 490 BC
60. Elephants walk as quietly as cats
61. The "Ring of Fire" - where most volcanoes are located and most earthquakes occur - encircles the Pacific Ocean

62. The biceps muscle in the upper arm is the strongest muscle in the human body
63. The first Melbourne Cup was held in 1861
64. The first Melbourne Cup has always been held on a Tuesday
65. The smallest field in the Melbourne Cup was seven starters
66. Flemington, where the Melbourne Cup is raced, was named after a Scottish village
67. The first Melbourne Cup Week Fashions On the Field was in 1962
68. The first female jockey to ride in the Melbourne Cup was in 1985
69. The youngest winning Melbourne Cup jockey was 14 years old
70. The Melbourne Cup did not run in 1942 -1944 because of the war
71. The Cup was first broadcast in 1925
72. The first photo finish result for the Melbourne Cup was shot with a camera which was incorrectly aligned
73. In one year, two horses with the same name ran in the Melbourne Cup.
74. The first successful launch, orbit and recovery of a spacecraft by a private company is performed in 2010
75. On Band Aid's song "*Do They Know It's Christmas*" the opening words "*It's Christmas time...*" were sung by David Bowie.
76. Reindeer lose their antlers every year
77. There's a Russian version of Santa Claus called "Dead Morose"
78. Oliver Cromwell deployed his army to conduct house to house searches for illicit Christmas dinners
79. In 2000 the USA ate more turkey per head than any other country in the world
80. In Finland, Santa rides on a horse called UKKA
81. Margaret Thatcher was once enraged to hear the tune of the socialist anthem "*The Red Flag*" playing from her family Christmas tree
82. The stuff that makes Christmas Crackers crack is a dangerous explosive
83. Shakespeare never mentions the word "Christmas" in his plays
84. In the Roman Catholic Church, New Year's Day is the Feast of the Circumcision
85. In 1997, Manchester Airport's security machines were found to be unable to tell Christmas puddings from Semtex

86. More people commit suicide at Christmas than at any other time of the year
87. Christmas cards were invented in 1843
88. White Christmas is the biggest-selling song of all time
89. Julius Caesar was the first Roman Emperor
90. Sir Francis Drake was beheaded for treason
91. The Magna Carta was written in 1215
92. Australia's first radio station was built in 1913
93. King Ptolemy I of Egypt was a Macedonian
94. Marco Polo described China under the rule of Kublai Khan
95. The Chinese used to use tea as money
96. Australia's first television station was Channel 7 in Sydney
97. Alexander the Great became Pharaoh of Egypt
98. The Parthenon was built before the Colossus of Rhodes
99. Napoleon was taller than average
100. Sliced Bread was invented in 1931

ANSWERS

1. **True** (*Best actor for Rocky and worst actor for Rocky Balboa*)
2. **False**
3. **True**
4. **True** (*The Texas Rangers*)
5. **True**
6. **True** (*Till Death Us Do Part*)
7. **False** (*stabbed*)
8. **True**
9. **False** (*It was not common, and may have been a boy's name like Marian*)
10. **True**
11. **False:** (*actually they used to slow some of them down so you could see what moves he was making*)
12. **False:** (*It was called the Wright Flyer and first flew at a place called Kittyhawk*)
13. **False** (*LAX*)
14. **False** (*short-form billion or 10^9*)
15. **False** (*arrested in 1917, executed in 1918*)
16. **False** (*It's the second largest planet*)
17. **True**
18. **False** (*George Eliot was a woman*)
19. **True**
20. **True**
21. **True**
22. **False**
23. **False** (*Labradors are more popular*)
24. **True**
25. **True**
26. **False**
27. **True**
28. **False** (*only about 100,000*)
29. **True**
30. **False** (*Jamie Farr / Corporal Klinger served in Korea in 1959, well after the war was finished*)
31. **False** (*He was a graduate of Yale University*)
32. **True**

33. **False** (*In 1841, William Henry Harrison delivered his long inaugural address outdoors without a hat or coat, caught pneumonia, and died a month later.*)
34. **False** (*"Tongue maps" are a myth; all areas of the tongue can recognize each of the four basic tastes, though some areas are slightly more sensitive to certain tastes than others.*)
35. **True**
36. **True**
37. **True**
38. **False**
39. **False** (*The Blue Whale is considered to be the largest ever animal*)
40. **False** (*Just an easy sequence of dot and dashes to remember*)
41. **False**
42. **True** (*It was losing favour due to death and injury; Roosevelt supervised the regulation of the sport to make it safer*)
43. **False** (*Hattie McDaniel won one for supporting role in Gone With The Wind*)
44. **True**
45. **False** (*The Skin is*)
46. **True**
47. **False** Spanish
48. **False** (*It's in New York*)
49. **False** (*Lava is molten rock expelled by a volcano; magma is molten rock contained below the Earth's surface.*)
50. **True**
51. **True**
52. **False** (*Abu Ghraib is an Iraqi prison*)
53. **False** (*The rings represent the five major regions of the world: Asia, Africa, Europe, the Americas, and Oceania.*)
54. **True**
55. **True**
56. **False** (*According to Apple it stands for both INTERNET and INDIVIDUAL*)
57. **False**
58. **True**
59. **False**
60. **True**
61. **True**
62. **False** (*The masseter in the jaw is the strongest*)

63. **True**
64. **False** (*The first cup was held on Thursday 7th November*)
65. **True** (1863)
66. **True** (The property that was acquired for the racecourse was called Flemington)
67. **True**
68. **False** (*1987 Maree Lyndon on Argonaut Style?*)
69. **False** (12)
70. **False** (However, it was run on Saturday rather than the usual Tuesday)
71. **True**
72. **True**
73. **False** (*That happened TWICE! (Two Falcons in 1866, two Tom Whifflers in 1867.)*)
74. **True**
75. **False** (Paul Young)
76. **True** (Males before Xmas, females after)
77. **True** (It means Grandfather Frost)
78. **True**
79. **False** (Israel was first with 10kg per head, America a distant second)
80. **False** (Ukka is a goat)
81. **True** (It's the same tune as *O Christmas Tree*)
82. **True** (Silver fulminate)
83. **False**
84. **True**
85. **True**
86. **False**
87. **True**
88. **True**
89. **False** (Augustus was)
90. **False** (Died of dysentery)
91. **True**
92. **False** (1912)
93. **True**
94. **True**
95. **True**
96. **False** (Channel 9)
97. **True**
98. **True**
99. **True**
100. **False** (1927)