

SPECIAL July 2020 – PUZZLES Number 23

- TRUE or FALSE?

1. The Nazis banned and burned the book *Bambi*
2. Pigtales were banned in China in 1911
3. When anaesthetic was used for the first time in childbirth in 1847, the mother named the child Anaesthesia.
4. The last time a cavalry charge was used in war was in World War I
5. Balsa wood is a hardwood
6. A pound of feathers weighs more than a pound of gold
7. Water vapour is lighter than air at the same temperature.
8. Benjamin Franklin kept a pet bear
9. The first lift was installed in 1834
10. Our eyes, nose and ears never stop growing until the day we die.
11. It takes over an hour to soft-boil an ostrich egg.
12. Toronto is the capital of Canada
13. The word Colgate when written down means "go and hang yourself" in Spanish
14. The "dark side of the Moon" is the same as the "far side of the Moon."
15. Labrador dogs were traditionally bred to retrieve waterfowl.
16. There are 14 million insects on earth for every single human being
17. Pope John-Paul 2, Arthur Conan Doyle and Che Guevara were all Soccer goalies
18. Polo mints light up when snapped in half.
19. Christopher Lee, famous for portraying Count Dracula in Hammer Horror films, was born on Halloween in 1922.
20. There are some wasps that make honey.

21. Michael Keaton was originally offered Johnny Depp's leading role in the 1990 film 'Edward Scissorhands.'
22. Marie Curie's husband was called Pierre.
23. According to Scottish law, it is illegal to be drunk in charge of a cow.
24. Stephen King's 'The Shining' was originally called 'Halloween Hotel'
25. A turtle is an amphibian
26. Popeye's nephews were called Peepeye, Poopeye, Pipeye and Pupeye
27. In ancient Rome, a special room called a vomitorium was available for diners to purge food in during meals.
28. The average person will shed 5 kilograms of skin during their lifetime
29. The Sundance Kid was Welsh
30. Henry VIII had an extra finger on each hand
31. Alfred Hitchcock had no belly button
32. Michael Jackson had a pet python called 'Crusher'.
33. Geri Halliwell named her daughter 'Bluebell Madonna'.
34. The last dynasty in China was the Chou.
35. There are only two angels mentioned by name in the Bible.
36. Walt Disney's personal favourite heroine was Cinderella
37. Peter Finch was the first actor to be nominated posthumously for an Oscar.
38. Noah's three sons are Shem, Ham and Jehosaphat
39. There are 54 different countries in the continent of Africa
40. The leaves of potato plants are poisonous
41. The Hula Hoop craze began in 1956
42. May 14 is "Save a Spider Day".
43. Michael Jackson used to sleep in an oxygen chamber
44. Japan is bigger than Victoria

45. In the book of "The Wizard of Oz", Dorothy wears silver shoes
46. John F. Kennedy was the youngest President of the United States.
47. Abraham Lincoln was the first U.S. President to be born in a log cabin
48. Bela Lugosi, famous for Horror films, was born on Halloween in 1922.
49. "China Syndrome" is what hostages experience when they feel empathy for their captors
50. Charles Rolls of Rolls-Royce fame died in a crash
51. Sir Charles Kingsford Smith was a World War 1 Fighter Ace
52. The month of June was named after a Greek Goddess
53. The youngest ever Pope was only 12 years old
54. Left-handedness is more common in men than in women
55. The square root of 1,234,321 is 1,111
56. The original colour of Coca-Cola was green
57. Cats have more vertebrae in their spine than humans do
58. The Three Musketeers were Porthos, Athos, and D'Artagnan
59. Diamond is the hardest naturally-occurring substance on earth
60. About one in every thousand people is ambidextrous
61. "*Not a lot of people know that.*" is a famous quote of Michael Caine
62. "*Bubble bubble, toil and trouble*" comes from Shakespeare's *Macbeth*
63. All Zebras are white with black stripes
64. On average, Neanderthal's brains were bigger than ours
65. The first US President to visit China was John Kennedy
66. Fingernails grow faster than toenails
67. The first ship to use the 'SOS' signal was the *Titanic*
68. The bones of a pigeon weigh less than its feathers
69. Natural propane gas has no odour

70. The highest measurement possible on the Richter scale is 10
71. The exact middle of the year is June 28th
72. The phrase 'the blind leading the blind' comes from the Bible
73. Celine Dion is one of twelve children
74. The Egyptian government banned male belly-dancing in 1837
75. In Arizona, USA, it is illegal to hunt camels
76. "AND" is the second most commonly used English word
77. Chewing gum is illegal in Singapore
78. Turkey is the world's largest producer of apricots
79. The colour orange is named after the fruit
80. George Washington had wooden teeth
81. It is illegal to pee in the ocean in Portugal
82. The space between your eyeballs is called the rasceta
83. You can lead a cow downstairs but not upstairs
84. South Africa has 25 official languages
85. Mark Twain invented the elastic waistband
86. Mark Twain invented the bra strap clasp
87. Google was originally called "Backrub"
88. McDonald's serves a MacLobster in Canada
89. Michael J Fox's middle name is Jonathon
90. SUPERCALIFRAGILISTICEXPIALIDOCIOUS has 34 letters in it
91. Tokyo has a Disneyland
92. The first word of the Manly Sea Eagles theme song is *Manly*
93. The Russian parliament building in Moscow is called the White House
94. Squirrels, beavers, chipmunks and porcupines are all rodents
95. A temperature of 1 million degrees Celsius is called an Inferno

96. A Numbat rears its young in a pouch
97. Minus 40 degrees Celsius and minus 40 degrees Fahrenheit are the same temperature
98. The name September comes from the Latin for "Autumn"
99. Nicholas Cage's son is called Kal-El (Superman's birth name)
100. Victoria's coat of arms has a kangaroo holding a crown

(Answers begin next page)

ANSWERS

1. **True**
2. **True**
3. **True**
4. **False** (*WWII*)
5. **True**
6. **True** (*different system of measurement: avoirdupois vs Troy weight*)
7. **True** *which is why clouds are so high*
8. **False**
9. **False** (*The Palace of Versailles had a lift in 1743*)
10. **False:** (*Our nose and ears never stop growing, but our eyes remain the same size our entire life.*)
11. **False:** (*recommended time is 40 minutes*)
12. **False:** (*Ottawa is*)
13. **True**
14. **False**
15. **False** (*Originally bred to retrieve fishing nets*)
16. **False** (*There are 140 million insects for every person*)
17. **True**
18. **True**
19. **False**
20. **True**
21. **True**
22. **False**
23. **True**
24. **False**
25. **False**
26. **True**
27. **FALSE** (*It was the name for the entranceway to a stadium*)
28. **False** (*more like 20 kilograms*)
29. **True**
30. **False**
31. **True** (*It was removed during surgery*)
32. **True**
33. **True**
34. **False** (*It was the Ming*)
35. **False** (*Four – Gabriel, Michael, Raphael and Lucifer*)
36. **True**

37. **False** (*James Dean was posthumously nominated in 1955 – but didn't win.*)
38. **False** (*Shem, Ham and Japeth*)
39. **True**
40. **True**
41. **False** (*1958*)
42. **False** (*It's March 14*)
43. **False**
44. **True** (*Japan: 373,000 km², Victoria 237,629 km²*)
45. **True**
46. **False** (*Theodore Roosevelt was when he became President following the assassination of William McKinley*)
47. **False** (*Abraham Lincoln was the fifth U.S. President to be born in a log cabin*)
48. **False** (*but he was born in October*)
49. **False** (*This is the "Stockholm Syndrome"; the "China Syndrome" refers to a meltdown of the core of a nuclear reactor*)
50. **True** (*a plane crash*)
51. **False:** (*he only shot down 4 enemy planes; the requirement for Ace status was 5*)
52. **False** (*a Roman Goddess, Juno*)
53. **False** (*11*)
54. **True**
55. **True**
56. **False** (*urban myth*)
57. **True**
58. **False:** (*Porthos, Athos, and Aramis*)
59. **False:** (*If answering the question strictly; the only harder substances yet found than natural diamond are some forms of synthetic diamond*)
60. **False:** (*It's about one in every hundred*)
61. **False:** (*It comes from a Peter Sellers send-up of Michael Caine*)
62. **False** (*The actual line is "Double Double, toil and trouble"*)
63. **False:** (*Some are white with black stripes, but some are actually black with white stripes*)
64. **True**
65. **False:** (*Richard Nixon*)
66. **True**
67. **False**
68. **True**

69. **True** (*They add an odour so you can tell if there's a gas leak*)
70. **False** (*Although a reading of 10 is extremely high, it's an open-ended exponential scale*)
71. **False:** (*It's July 2nd or July 1st in a Leap Year*)
72. **True**
73. **False** (*14 children*)
74. **True** (*It was too popular!*)
75. **True**
76. **False:** (*"AND" is only the fifth most common after "THE", "BE", "TO", and "OF"*)
77. **True**
78. **True**
79. **True**
80. **False** (*He had several sets of false teeth made out of a variety of substances other than wood*)
81. **True**
82. **False** (*It's called the glabella*)
83. **False** (*the other way round is true*)
84. **False** (*only 11*)
85. **False**
86. **True**
87. **True**
88. **True**
89. **False** (*It's Andrew*)
90. **True**
91. **True** (*With seven themed sections*)
92. **True**
93. **True**
94. **True**
95. **False** (*1 billion degrees*)
96. **False**
97. **True**
98. **False** (*Latin for "seven"*)
99. **True**
100. **True**