

Trivia



Those born in December are lucky enough to have two different birth flowers! The first of those flowers is holly, ever-present during the holiday season. The Celts believed that holly brought good luck and protection. The second birth flower of December is the paperwhite narcissus, a cousin of the common daffodil that flowers in winter. This pure-looking flower is said to symbolize sweetness.

Greenland sharks in North Atlantic and Arctic Oceans are notable for their exceptional longevity, although they are poorly studied due to the depth and remoteness of their natural habitat. Greenland sharks have the longest lifespan of any known vertebrate, estimated to be between 250 and 500 years.

December starts on the same day of the week as September starts every year, and ends on the same day of the week as April ends every year.

A horse on average has more than one horsepower. A study showed that the maximum power a horse can produce is 18,000W, around 15 horsepower.

In shopping mall design, the Gruen transfer (also known as the Gruen effect) is when consumers enter a shopping mall or store and, surrounded by an intentionally confusing layout, lose track of their original intentions, making them more susceptible to impulse buy. It is named after Austrian architect Victor Gruen.

Those born in December can be born under one of two very different star signs. If you're born before December 23, then you have the sign of Sagittarius. Those born December 23 or later have the sign of Capricorn. If you're a Sagittarius, you're said to be energetic and idealistic while also generous and open-minded. If you're born under the sign of Capricorn, then you're said to be ambitious, realistic, persistent, and practical.

Handshakes were originally a safety measure. In fifth century Greece, handshakes were done to make sure that the other person wasn't carrying a hidden weapon. The hand clasp proved that your hand was empty and shaking it was meant to "shake out" weapons hiding in the sleeve.

Shadows are darker on the moon. On the moon there is no air or atmosphere to scatter light. As such, areas where sunlight hits are extremely bright, and areas where shadows form are eerily dark – almost like little voids. As much as they might appear like slices of darkness itself, moon shadows are not completely black.



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Dates in History

1894 On December 22, the Amateur Golf Association of the United States, later renamed the United States Golf Association, was formed in New York to govern the sport. The Amateur Golf Association of the United States became necessary when the Newport Golf Club and St. Andrews Golf Club hosted amateur tournaments in the summer of 1894 and each labeled their tournament the national championship. The following fall, the association hosted the first U.S. Amateur Championship at the Newport Golf Club as well as the first U.S. Open. As golf grew in popularity, the USGA was tasked with ensuring that only the best players would be eligible to compete for its championships. In 1911 and 1912, Leighton Calkins, a member of the USGA executive committee, introduced two important concepts to golf that remain today: handicapping and the objective of par.

1973 On December 15, Sandy Hawley became the first jockey to win 500 races in a single year. Hawley began working at Toronto race tracks when he was a teenager. He won his first race at Toronto's Woodbine race track. Hawley achieved his historic 500th win aboard Charlie Jr., in the third race at Maryland's Laurel Park race track. By season's end, he had crossed the finish line first 15 more times for a total of 515 wins, smashing the previous record of 485 set by the legendary Bill Shoemaker. At Canterbury Downs, Minnesota, in June 1986, he won his 5,000th career race aboard Mighty Massa, becoming the youngest jockey ever to reach that mark. Upon his retirement in July 1998, Hawley boasted 31,455 mounts and 6,449 wins

1992 On December 3, the first SMS text message in history was sent: Neil Papworth, a 22-year-old engineer, used a personal computer to send the text message "Merry Christmas" via the Vodafone network to the phone of a colleague. Papworth was part of a team developing a "Short Message Service Centre" (SMSC).

On the Lighter Side



Why is Santa afraid of getting stuck in a chimney? He has Claus-trophobia.

What nationality is Santa Claus?

North Polish.

What do you call a bunch of chess players bragging about their games in a hotel lobby?

Chess nuts boasting in an open foyer.

My friend won the tallest Christmas tree competition.

I thought to myself, 'How can you top that?'

How did Scrooge win the football game?

The ghost of Christmas passed.

What's the Grinch's least favorite band?

The Who.

What did the third wise man say after his friends had already presented gold and frankincense?

"But wait, there's myrrh!"

What are the best Christmas sweaters made from?

Fleece Navidad.

What's the difference between the Christmas alphabet and the ordinary alphabet?

The Christmas alphabet has No-el.

What do snowmen wear on their heads?

Ice caps.

