

# Trivia Matching

## Exercise

See if you can do this matching exercise. Look at the list of things (1 to 12), and the photos (A-L). Write a letter next to the name of each thing in the list below. Answers are on page 24.

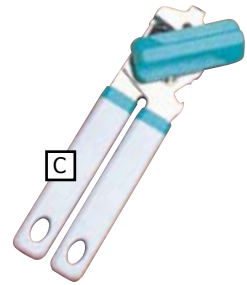
1. A backside \_\_\_\_
2. A barking dog \_\_\_\_
3. Bare feet \_\_\_\_
4. A shipwreck \_\_\_\_
5. A tin opener \_\_\_\_
6. A cavalry \_\_\_\_
7. A magic wand \_\_\_\_
8. A skunk \_\_\_\_
9. A porcupine \_\_\_\_
10. A truck \_\_\_\_
11. To sneeze \_\_\_\_
12. An office photocopier \_\_\_\_



A



B



C



E



G



D



F



H

Atishoo!

Bless you!



I



J



K



L

## This is another part in our mini-series on strange facts. Whoever thought the world was so astonishing?

American adults with university degrees have, **on average**, three more teeth than those without a university degree.

The **restaurant chain** McDonald's originally started out making **hotdogs**, but **switched over** to hamburgers shortly afterwards. Understandably, the McDog never really **caught on**.

Talking of dogs, in the Hawaiian island of Kauai there is a beach called the "**Barking Sands**". This is because the sand makes a sound like a barking dog when you walk on it with **bare feet**.

In 1900, in the USA, the government declared that American families with two **servants** or less were classed as lower middle class. So, how many servants do you have?

More than 6,000 **shipwrecks** lie at the bottom of the Great Lakes in North America. **There's something funny going on down there**.

**Tinned food** was first introduced in 1812 but it wasn't until 1862 that the first **tin opener** was invented.

An electronics company once introduced a **curling iron** into Germany with the name "Mist-Stick", which translates into German as "**Manure Wand**".

On a similar note, a Greek company once tried selling a fizzy drink called "**Zit**".

**A skunk** can **spray** its scent to a distance of more than 3 metres, which is useful to know.

According to a British law passed in 1845, attempting to commit suicide was a **capital offence**. This meant that **offenders** could be hanged for trying.

All **porcupines** float in water, which gives them a competitive advantage over other land-based mammals.

During the beginning of the 20th century, factories were making 1 trillion matches every year.

In China, during the middle ages, the guards who worked on the Great Wall spent their whole life there. They were born there, **raised** there, married there, and even buried there within the walls.

The **trucking company** Elvis Presley worked for as a young man was owned by Frank Sinatra. **What a small world!**

A law passed during World War I made it illegal to say "gesundheit", which is German for "bless you" (something you say when someone **sneezes**). This law was never **repealed** so it is still in force. German speakers beware!



A survey revealed that 24% of office workers in Britain have at some time secretly photocopied a part of their body on the office **photocopier**. And of these, 35% admitted to having photocopied their **naked backsides**.

The only recorded case where cavalry captured an entire navy took place in Holland in 1795. That year, it was so cold that the salt waters of the Zuider Zee had **frozen over**. This allowed French **cavalry** troops to cross the thick ice and surround the Dutch fleet, which was helplessly frozen in. Shocked at seeing the French cavalry riding around their ships, the **Dutch** commanders had no choice but to **surrender**. Poor Dutchmen!

### GLOSSARY

**on average** *exp*

normally

**a restaurant chain** *n*

a number of restaurants owned by the same company

**a hotdog** *n*

food that consists of a sausage in a rectangular bun (piece of bread)

**to switch over to something** *exp*

to start using a new system

**to catch on** *phr vb*

to become popular

**to bark** *vb*

dogs "bark" when they are angry/happy/excited, etc and they are making a loud noise

**bare feet** *n*

with no shoes or socks

**a servant** *n*

a person who works and lives in someone's house doing the cleaning, etc

**a shipwreck** *n*

the remains of a ship after it has been destroyed

**there's something funny going on** *exp*

there is something strange happening here

**tinned food** *n*

food that is in a tin (a metal container)

**a tin opener** *n*

an object used to open a tin (see above)

**a curling iron** *n*

an electrical appliance used to make your hair curly (with little circles)

**manure** *n*

excrement from a horse/cow, etc

**a wand** *n*

a stick used by magicians to make magic

**a zit** *n informal*

an area of grease on your face. Also known as a "spot"

**a skunk** *n*

a black and white animal that produces a terrible smell

**to spray** *vb*

to force a liquid out of a container (or body, in this case)

**a capital offence** *n*

a crime whose punishment is execution

**an offender** *n*

a person who commits a crime

**a porcupine** *n*

an animal with sharp points all over its body

**to raise someone** *exp*

to educate and care for someone

**a trucking company** *n*

a transport company. A "truck" is a large vehicle for transporting goods

**what a small world** *exp*

people often say this when they meet a friend suddenly and unexpectedly in an unusual place

**to sneeze** *vb*

to force liquid involuntarily out of your nose - usually because you have a cold

**to repeal (a law)** *exp*

to change a law so it doesn't exist any longer

**a photocopier** *n*

a machine for copying documents

**naked** *adj*

with no clothes on

**a backside** *n*

the part of your body that you sit on

**to freeze over** *phr vb*

if a river or sea "freezes over", it becomes ice

**cavalry** *n*

soldiers on horses

**Dutch** *n*

from Holland (NOT Germany)

**to surrender** *vb*

to stop fighting formally