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LANGUAGE

The longest one-syllable word in the English language is "screeched."

No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver or purple.

"Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt".

Maine is the only state whose name is just one syllable.

There are only four words in the English language which end in "-dous": tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous.

Stewardesses' is the longest word that is typed with only the left hand.

Typewriter is the only ten letter word you can type on the top of your keyboard.

MONEY

There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.

On a Canadian two dollar bill, the flag flying over the Parliament Building is an American flag.

All 50 states are listed across the top of the Lincoln Memorial on the back of the \$5 bill.

A dime has 118 ridges around the edge.

On an American one-dollar bill, there is an owl in the upper left-hand corner of the "1" encased in the "shield" and a spider hidden in the front upper right-hand corner.

MOTHER NATURE

Two-thirds of the world's eggplant is grown in New Jersey.

A shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.

There are more chickens than people in the world.

Almonds are members of the peach family.

A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.

An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.

Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.

A dragonfly has a lifespan of 24 hours.

A goldfish has a memory span of three seconds.

The giant squid has the largest eyes in the world.

ENTERTAINMENT

Los Angeles's full name is "El Pueblo de Nuestra Senora la Reina de los Angeles de Porciuncula". And can be abbreviated to 3.63% of its size, "L.A."

All of the clocks in the movie Pulp Fiction are stuck on 4:20.

Mr. Rogers is an ordained minister.

John Lennon's first girlfriend was named Thelma Pickles.

The characters Bert and Ernie on Sesame Street were named after Bert the cop and Ernie the taxi driver in Frank Capra's "It's A Wonderful Life".

The name for Oz in the "Wizard of Oz" was thought up when the creator, Frank Baum, looked at his filing cabinet and saw A-N and O-Z, hence "Oz."

When the University of Nebraska Cornhuskers play football at home, the stadium becomes the state's third largest city.

SCIENCE

Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.

Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite.

It is impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.

The average person falls asleep in seven minutes.

There are 336 dimples on a regulation golf ball.

The microwave was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket.

MISCELLANEOUS

The national anthem of Greece has 158 verses. No one in Greece has memorized all 158 verses.

The average secretary's left hand does 56% of the typing.

Winston Churchill was born in a ladies' room during a dance.

In most advertisements, including newspapers, the time displayed on a watch is 10:10.

Al Capone's business card said he was a used furniture dealer.

In England, the Speaker of the House is not allowed to speak.