**Random questions and answers!**

*Are comets made of ice?*

They are composed of rock, dust, ice and frozen gases such as carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, methane, and ammonia. Sometimes called dirty snowballs, recent studies have shown that the ice of a comet is covered by a crust. Comets also contain a variety of organic compounds.

*Can chickens have twins in one egg?*

When two chicks hatch from the same egg, the egg usually has two yolks. Usually, one embryo out competes the other and only one chick survives to hatch. Many time both embryos die before hatch. We have no knowledge of Siamese twin chicks ever being hatched.

*Is an opossum a rodent?*

Opossums are not rodents. They are an order unto themselves, part of the "infraclass" known as marsupials. The label distinguishes marsupials from placental mammals, such as rodents.

*Why is Japan called The Land of the Rising Sun?*

So from the continental point of view, Japan is in the direction of the sunrise. This is why the Japanese began to call their country Nihon or Nippon, literally meaning "source of the sun" and often translated into English as "land of the rising sun."

*What percentage of our brain do we use?*

The popularly and widely spread belief that we only use or have access to 10 percent of our brain's power is often used to speculate about the extent of human abilities if only we could utilize our brain's full capacity. In reality, this claim is 100 percent myth. We use all of our brain.

*How fast is a lightning bolt?*

Its can depend on air conditions, but the typical lightning bolt moves at 224,000 mph -- or about 3,700 miles per second. However, the light you see from the lightning obviously travels at the speed of light, which is roughly 670 million mph, or 186,000 miles per second.

*What colour is a baby's eyes at birth?*

Babies of African and Asian descent are usually born with brown eyes that stay brown. Caucasian babies are often born with steel grey or dark blue eyes; they may stay grey or blue or turn green, hazel, or brown by the time they're 9 months old.