



the Perk

DAILY

Today's **perk** is

Pink Cadillac Day

Rhe Pink Cadillac's iconic place in American culture is attributed to Elvis Presley's mention of a pink Cadillac in his 1955 single, "Baby Let's Play House." That year Elvis bought his first pink Cadillac—which sadly, was later destroyed in a roadside fire.



Elvis' second Cadillac, a 1955 Fleetwood, was blue with a black roof which he had a neighbor paint pink. He presented this to his mother Gladys, but since she didn't have a driver's license Elvis did most of the driving. Eventually he had the top changed from black to white. At the time, Ford was the only manufacturer offering pink as a standard color. The attention to Elvis' car caused many car owners to paint their cars pink.

Though not his most famous Cadillac, this gorgeous pink and white 1955

Fleetwood has been on display at his family home, Graceland, for more than 30 years. In 2006 the car appeared at the front entrance of Graceland during the visit of President George W. Bush and the Prime Minister of Japan. The celebrated "Caddy" also left Graceland once in 2015 as part of an Elvis exhibit in London.

Once again, upon returning home from his service in Germany, Elvis bought a white with pink roofed 1961 Cadillac Coupe de Ville. ♪

perks in history



1972 American Bobby Fischer beats Russia's Boris Spassky to become world chess champion.

1979 The US Pioneer 11 becomes the first spacecraft to visit Saturn.

1985 A joint US-French expedition locates the wreck of the Titanic 560 miles off the coast of Newfoundland.



perk fact

Mary Kay Ash, founder of Mary Kay Cosmetics, had a blush pink Cadillac made for herself, then began gifting them to her \$100,000 sellers.

perk pun

A man who runs behind car will get exhausted, but man who runs in front of a car will get tired.

Values are like fingerprints. Nobody's are the same, but you leave 'em all over everything you do.

Elvis Presley

Perk Puzzle

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid. The words may be hidden in any direction.

Looks at Those Fins!



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☐ AMERICAN
☐ BLUSH
☐ BUSH
☐ CADILLAC
☐ COSMETICS
☐ CULTURE
☐ DRIVE
☐ ELVIS

☐ ENTRANCE
☐ EXHIBIT
☐ FORD
☐ GORGEOUS
☐ GRACELAND
☐ ICONIC
☐ JAPAN
☐ LICENSE

☐ LONDON
☐ MOTHER
☐ PINK
☐ PRESIDENT
☐ ROADSIDE
☐ SERVICE
☐ STANDARD
☐ THE PERK

Yesterday's Perk Puzzle Solution

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Today's **perk** is National Blueberry Popsicle Day

Get ready to see lots of oddly blue tongues today—it's Blueberry Popsicle Day. Actually, most of the time you see a blue popsicle it's not blueberry at all; it's blue raspberry. And yes, it's a blue berry, but it's not a blueberry. Are you following this? So if you can ever get your mouth on an *actual* blueberry popsicle, it's worth celebrating. As you go searching for a blueberry popsicle today, don't be discouraged from all the blue raspberry ones you see! There will be at least one type of blueberry popsicle, even if it is combined with some other fruit. It's actually very



common to see blueberries mixed with acai berries or even with pomegranate seeds. But pure blueberry popsicles are out there, they're just a little harder to find!

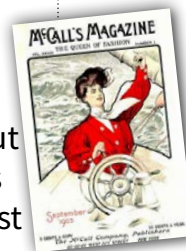
If you can find a popsicle that contains actual blueberries, not just some blueberry flavoring, then you might be in for a nutritious treat! Blueberries have been found to have things in them which can keep cancer and inflammation at bay.

Ah yes, your popsicle might even slow down your aging process! It's crazy what those blueberries are capable of, but now you have a few more reasons to locate your blueberry popsicle.

The hunt is on! ☞

perks in history

1775 Hannah, the first American war vessel, is commissioned by General George Washington.



1897 The first issue of "McCall's" magazine is published. The magazine had been known previously

as "Queens Magazine" and "Queen of Fashion."

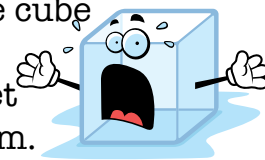
1901 Theodore Roosevelt, then Vice President, says "Speak softly and carry a big stick" in a speech at the Minnesota State Fair.

perk fact

The ice pop was introduced to the public at an Oakland ball for firemen in 1922.

perk pun

The angry ice cube boiled with anger, then let off some steam.



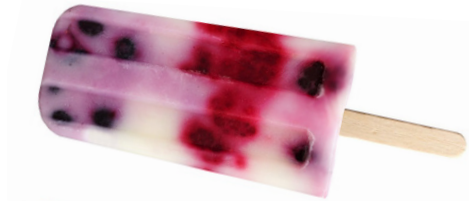
Don't spend time beating on a wall, hoping to transform it into a door.

Coco Chanel

Perk Puzzle

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Pop Goes the Blueberry



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☐ ACAI
☐ ANTIOXIDANT
☐ BERRY
☐ BLUE
☐ COLD
☐ DRIP
☐ FLAVOR
☐ FROZEN

☐ FRUIT
☐ HEALTHY
☐ JUICE
☐ MELT
☐ NUTRIENT
☐ POMEGRANATE
☐ POPSICLE
☐ RASPBERRY

☐ SPECIAL
☐ STICK
☐ SUMMER
☐ TONGUE
☐ TREAT
☐ UNIQUE
☐ WRAPPER
☐ THE PERK

Yesterday's Perk Puzzle Solution

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World Skyscraper Day

World Skyscraper Day takes place today because it is the birthday of Louis H. Sullivan (1856), the architect credited with the first skyscrapers. Because of Sullivan's remarkable accomplishments in design and construction at such a critical point in architectural history, he has sometimes been described as the "father" of the American skyscraper. In truth, many architects had been building skyscrapers before or at the same time as Sullivan.

There is no official definition or height above which a building may be classified as a skyscraper. However, one common feature of skyscrapers is having a steel framework that supports "curtain" walls.

Where land is expensive (think New York City), skyscrapers are a common sight because

they provide a high ratio of rentable floor space per unit area of land. They are built not just for economy of space, though; like temples and palaces of the past, skyscrapers are considered symbols of a city's power. Not only do they define the skyline, they help to define the city's identity. The 10 tallest skyscrapers in the world are:

1. Burj Khalifa, Dubai, 2717 ft.
2. Merdeka 118, Malaysia, 2227 ft.
3. Tokyo Skytree, Japan, 2080 ft.
4. Shanghai Tower, China, 2073 ft.
5. Canton Tower, China, 1982 ft.
6. Makkah Royal Clock Tower, Saudi Arabia, 1972 Feet
7. Ping An Finance Center, China, 1966 ft.
8. Lotte World Tower, South Korea, 1819 ft.
9. One World Trade Center, United States, 1776 ft.
10. Guangzhou CTF Finance Center, China, 1739 ft. 0



perks in history



1838 Frederick Douglass boards a train in Maryland on his way to freedom from being a slave.

1895 The first professional football game is played in Pennsylvania.



1954 "The Lone Ranger" is heard on radio for the final time after 2,956 episodes over a period of 21 years.

1976 NASA's robotic spacecraft, Viking II, lands on Mars.

perk fact

A 57 story skyscraper in China was built in just 19 days using pre-made modular sections.

perk pun

Hanging out with skyscraper builders is so boring! It's story after story after story.

Creativity is intelligence having fun.

Albert Einstein

Perk Puzzle

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid. The words may be hidden in any direction.

Room With a View



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☐ ARCHITECTURE
☐ BUILDING
☐ BUSINESS
☐ CITY
☐ DOWNTOWN
☐ ELEVATOR
☐ EMPIRE
☐ EXPENSIVE

☐ FLOOR
☐ FRAMEWORK
☐ HEIGHT
☐ IDENTITY
☐ LAND
☐ NYC
☐ SKYSCRAPER
☐ SPACE

☐ STEEL
☐ STORIES
☐ SULLIVAN
☐ TALL
☐ TEMPLE
☐ WALLS
☐ WORLD
☐ THE PERK

Yesterday's Perk Puzzle Solution

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Today's **perk** is

National Wildlife Day

National Wildlife Day was founded in 2005 in the memory of animal lover and conservationist Steve Irwin. The day brings awareness to the number of endangered animals globally that need to be preserved and rescued each year. This observance also serves to acknowledge outstanding zoos, animal sanctuaries, and organizations for their efforts to preserve this planet's animals, as well as to educate the public about conservation—especially to children—who will become future caretakers and conservationists.

The World Wildlife Fund, among other organizations, believes that within the next 15 to 40 years it is likely that the

following animals will become extinct in the wild: polar bear, chimpanzee, elephant, snow leopard, tiger, mountain gorilla, orangutan, giant panda, rhino, and even the koala bear. While this seems hard to imagine, there are trends towards

extinction that can't be ignored, including hunting, poaching, and even loss of natural habitat. It is so critical that we do our part to help stop these devastating trends so future generations can admire the beauty of all these amazing creatures.

In 2019 an additional National Wildlife Day was added on February 22 to honor the birthday of wildlife lover and conservationist, the late Steve Irwin. ♂



perks in history

1888 George Eastman registers the name “Kodak” and patents his roll-film camera.

1957 The Ford Motor Co. begins selling the Edsel. It was taken off the market only two years later.

1967 “Gilligan’s Island” airs for the last time. It ran for 98 shows.



perk fact

The fingerprints of a koala are so indistinguishable from humans that they have on occasion been confused at a crime scene.



perk pun

The number of kangaroos and wallabies meant for the new wildlife enclosure grew by leaps and bounds.

Optimism is the one quality more associated with success and happiness than any other.

Brian Tracy

Perk Puzzle

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid. The words may be hidden in any direction.

World of Wonder



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F	O	R	E	S	T	A	I	Y	U	T	O	J	O	L
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☐ ANIMAL
☐ CHIMPANZEE
☐ CONSERVE
☐ EDUCATE
☐ ELEPHANT
☐ ENDANGERED
☐ FOREST
☐ GORILLA

☐ HUNT
☐ IRWIN
☐ KOALA
☐ MOUNTAINS
☐ OBSERVE
☐ PANDA
☐ POLAR BEAR
☐ PRESERVE

☐ RESCUE
☐ RHINO
☐ SANCTUARY
☐ SNOW LEOPARD
☐ TIGER
☐ WILDLIFE
☐ ZOO
☐ THE PERK

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National Cheese Pizza Day



Mama Mia! Today is a delicious one. On average, Americans eat about 3 billion pizzas every year—that's about one-third of global pizza consumption. Whether you prefer thin crust, deep dish, or regular style, today is the day to celebrate one of the most popular meals in the country.

In the 1800s, most Italians thought of pizza as a peasant meal. That changed when a baker named Raffaele Esposito created a Margarita pizza for visiting royalty. The king and queen were impressed by the colors of the Italian flag represented by the pizza's white

mozzarella cheese, red tomato sauce, and green basil. Pizza became fashionable overnight and was soon a staple in restaurants all across the country.

Today, there are hundreds of different pizza types and toppings, but they all originated with the classic cheese pizza. I bet the Perk can guess what you'll be having for lunch or dinner today.

If you do decide to indulge in a delicious pizza, ask around... there are lots of deals and discount on "pies" today. 🍕

perks in history

1881 The American Red Cross provides relief for a disaster for the first time. The disaster is the Great Fire of 1881 in Michigan.

1962 Canada pledges \$5 million in cash and commodities to kick off the Canada-US-sponsored World Food Bank.

1984 The Space Shuttle Discovery lands after its maiden voyage.

perk fact

The first pizzeria in the US was Lombardi's in New York City, opened in 1905.



perk pun

Tony attempted to merge his thin crust pizza company with Zimo's Thick Crust Pizza, but it just didn't pan out.

Always keep your eyes open. Keep watching. Because whatever you see can inspire you.

Grace Coddington

Perk Puzzle

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A Cheesy Slice of Pie



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☐ BASIL
☐ BOX
☐ CHEESE
☐ CRUST
☐ DEEP DISH
☐ DELIVERY
☐ ESPOSITO
☐ ITALIAN

☐ MARGARITA
☐ MOZZARELLA
☐ PARMESAN
☐ PEASANT
☐ PEPPER
☐ PIE
☐ PIZZA
☐ POPULAR

☐ ROUND
☐ SAUCE
☐ SLICE
☐ THICK
☐ THIN
☐ TOMATO
☐ TOPPING
☐ THE PERK

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the Perk

DAILY

Today's perk is National Read a Book Day

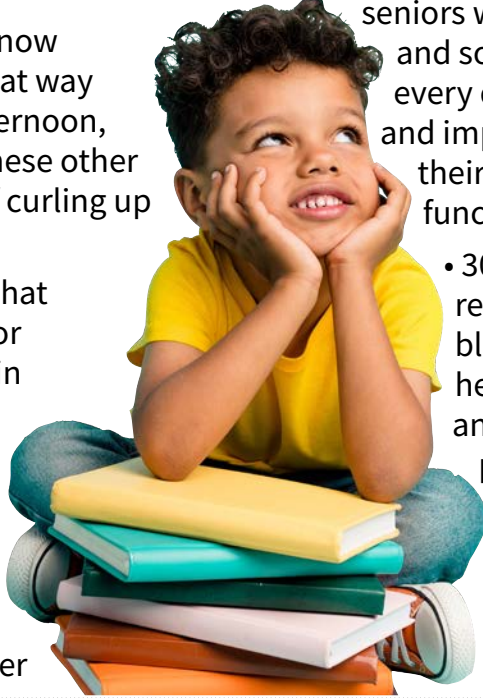
Once upon a time, librarians traversed mountains with books stuffed in saddlebags for readers in remote regions. But that's hardly the case today. Just about everyone can access vast libraries contained in cellphones and tablets...and good, old fashioned brick-and-mortar libraries! (The Perk loves the smell of dusty libraries and old bookshops.)

We know that *you* know that reading is a great way to spend a quiet afternoon, but did you know these other amazing benefits of curling up with a good book?

- Brain scans show that while reading and for days afterward, brain connectivity increases.
- Research has shown that people who read literary fiction—stories that explore the inner

lives of characters—show a heightened ability to understand the feelings and beliefs of others.

- Researchers have found that people who read books regularly, beginning at a young age, gradually develop large vocabularies.
- Although research hasn't proven conclusively that reading books prevents diseases like Alzheimer's, studies show that



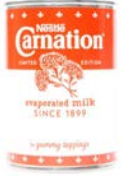
seniors who read and solve puzzles every day maintain and improve their cognitive functioning.

- 30 minutes of reading lowers blood pressure, heart rate, and feelings of psychological distress just as effectively as yoga does!

perks in history

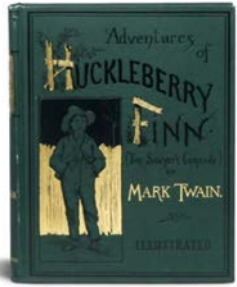
1620 The Pilgrims leave on the Mayflower from Plymouth, England to settle in the New World.

1899 Carnation processes its first can of evaporated milk.



1997 The funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales, takes place in London. Well over a million people lined the streets and 2.5 billion watched around the world on television.

perk fact



The first book ever written using a typewriter was "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer."

perk pun

I wrote a novel about a fellow who had a small garden. It didn't have much of a plot.

What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you *become* by achieving your goals.

Henry David Thoreau

Perk Puzzle

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid. The words may be hidden in any direction.

A Real Page-Turner



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☐ AUTHOR
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☐ MYSTERY
☐ NOVEL
☐ PAPERBACK
☐ PEACE
☐ POPULAR

☐ QUIET
☐ READ
☐ RELAX
☐ SHORT STORY
☐ TELL ALL
☐ WRITER
☐ TRUE
☐ THE PERK

Yesterday's Perk Puzzle Solution

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the Perk

DAILY



Today's **perk** is

Neither Snow Nor Rain Day

Good, old-fashioned “snail mail”—there’s nothing like it. Sure, it’s great to get a photo in your email in-box, but the Perk thinks its still better to get a card or letter by post.

Neither Rain nor Snow Day is celebrated on September 7th of each year in honor of the United States Postal Service and all they do to keep the world moving—from bills to birthday cards. While USPS has no official creed or motto, an inscription on the James Farley Post Office in New York City reads:

Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays

these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds.

What many of us didn’t know (until today), is that his phrase derives from a quote from Herodotus’ *Histories*, referring to the courier service of the ancient Persian Empire:



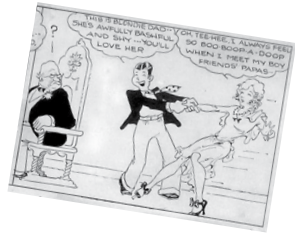
It is said that as many days as there are in the whole journey, so many are the men and horses that stand along the road, each horse and man at the interval of a day’s journey; and these are stayed neither by snow nor rain nor heat nor darkness from accomplishing their appointed course with all speed. ♀

perks in history

1813 The nickname “Uncle Sam” is first used as a symbolic reference to the US in an editorial in the New York’s “Troy Post.”

1888 Edith Eleanor McLean becomes the first baby to be placed in an incubator.

1930 The cartoon “Blondie” makes its first appearance in the comics.



1998 Google is founded.

perk fact

The very first post office in Colonial America was established in 1639 in the Boston home—which was also a tavern that sold “stronge water”—of a man named Richard Fairbanks.

perk pun

The snowstorm arrived at a fortuitous moment. It was white on time.

If the plan doesn’t work, change the plan, but never the goal.

Author Unknown

Perk Puzzle

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid. The words may be hidden in any direction.

Wait a Minute, Mr. Postman



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- ☐ BOX
- ☐ CARD
- ☐ EXPRESS
- ☐ GLOOM
- ☐ HANDWRITTEN
- ☐ HERODOTUS
- ☐ INVITATION
- ☐ LETTER

- ☐ MAIL
- ☐ MOTTO
- ☐ NIGHT
- ☐ PACKAGE
- ☐ PAPER
- ☐ PERSIAN
- ☐ PRIORITY
- ☐ RAIN

- ☐ SERVICE
- ☐ SNAIL
- ☐ SNOW
- ☐ SPECIAL
- ☐ STAMP
- ☐ STATIONERY
- ☐ USPS
- ☐ THE PERK

Yesterday's Perk Puzzle Solution

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thePerk

DAILY

Today's **perk** is

National Star Trek Day

Today "Trekkies" celebrate the 1966 premiere of *Star Trek: The Original Series*, and the hope-filled vision of the future in Gene Roddenberry's *Star Trek* universe.

The series that boldly went where no other show had gone before achieved high ratings during its original three season run on NBC. It became the cult classic it is today via syndication throughout the 1970s. One of the best-known sci-fi franchises ever created, *Star Trek*, set in the twenty-third century, had devotees savoring the adventures of the Starship USS Enterprise, captained by James. T. Kirk, played by William Shatner.

A few facts you may not have known about the beloved show:

- The show's pilot, "The Cage," didn't feature Kirk, but instead Captain Pike and Spock. NBC turned down the first pilot of the show, but commissioned a



second, which introduced Kirk, Scotty and Sulu.

- The show holds a number of Guinness Records including recognizing Klingon, as "the most widely spoken fictional language." James Doohan, (Scotty) was its creator.
- The show set records in syndication. By 1986, twenty years after it was canceled, the original run of *Star Trek* episodes were making Paramount \$750,000 per airing.
- Fictional Captain Kirk and William Shatner share a March 22 birthday. ⚡

perks in history

1866 The first recorded birth of sextuplets takes place in Chicago, IL to parents are James and Jennie Bushnell.



1892 An early version of "The Pledge of Allegiance" appears in "The Youth's Companion."

1952 The Ernest Hemingway novel "The Old Man and the Sea" is published.

perk fact

William Shatner claims he has never watched an episode of "Star Trek" or any of the "Star Trek" movies.

perk pun

If you break the Law of Gravity, do you get a suspended sentence?

Live long and prosper.

S'chn T'gai Spock (Dr. Spock from Star Trek)

Perk Puzzle

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid. The words may be hidden in any direction.

Beam Me Up, Scotty



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☐ ADVENTURE
☐ BOLDLY
☐ CAPTAIN
☐ CLASSIC
☐ CULT
☐ DEVOTEES
☐ ENTERPRISE
☐ EPISODES

☐ FICTIONAL
☐ FRANCHISE
☐ KIRK
☐ KLINGON
☐ LANGUAGE
☐ MOVIES
☐ PILOT
☐ SCOTTY

☐ SERIES
☐ SHATNER
☐ SPOCK
☐ STARSHIP
☐ SYNDICATION
☐ TREKKIES
☐ UNIVERSE
☐ THE PERK

Yesterday's Perk Puzzle Solution

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the Perk

DAILY

Today's **perk** is

Wonderful Weirdo Day

Today we raise a glass and toast to the delightfully bizarre, the fabulously quirky, and the unapologetically odd—Happy Wonderful Weirdo Day! This is the one day of the year when we celebrate those who march to the beat of their own kazoo.

Weirdos are the spice of life. Without them, we'd all be sipping plain oatmeal lattes and wearing beige. Today honors the folks who collect rubber ducks, name their houseplants, or insist on wearing a wizard hat to the grocery store. Imagine a world without the guy at the park playing a recorder while rollerblading—dull, right? Weirdos keep the universe colorful, and

today, we crown them with a metaphorical tiara made of bottle caps and dreams.

The origins of this day are as mysterious as a cat wearing sunglasses, but that's part of its charm. Some say it started when a group of friends decided to wear mismatched shoes to a picnic, sparking a movement.

Others claim it's a cosmic nod to those who dare to be different. Either way, it's a day to embrace your inner oddball.

Try eating cereal with orange juice, or declare the dog the mayor of your community. The weirder, the better!

Today, let's salute the misfits who make life a little less predictable. Let's be honest, we're all a little weird—and today, that's not just okay, it's wonderful. 🍷



perks in history

1776 The second Continental Congress officially makes the term “United States,” replacing the previous term “United Colonies.”

1850 California becomes the 31st state.

1969 In Canada, the Official Languages Act is enacted, making French equal to English throughout the Federal government.



2015 The late Queen Elizabeth II becomes longest reigning British monarch.

perk fact

Babies are born with 300 bones which fuse into 206 by adulthood.

perk pun

I accidentally parked in a spot reserved for witches, but I only got a warning saying “you will be toad”.



You're braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think.

Christopher Robin

Perk Puzzle

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid. The words may be hidden in any direction.

"Oh, the Weird and the Wonderful"



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☐ BIZARRE
☐ BONES
☐ CELEBRATE
☐ COLORFUL
☐ CULTURAL
☐ DIFFERENT
☐ DOWNRIGHT
☐ DUCK

☐ FRIENDS
☐ FUSE
☐ HAPPENINGS
☐ HARMLESS
☐ HUMOROUS
☐ MISFITS
☐ MOVEMENT
☐ ODDBALL

☐ OUTSIDE
☐ PERCEPTION
☐ QUIRKY
☐ SILLY
☐ SPICE
☐ WEIRD
☐ THE PERK

Yesterday's Perk Puzzle Solution

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the Perk

DAILY

Today's **perk** is

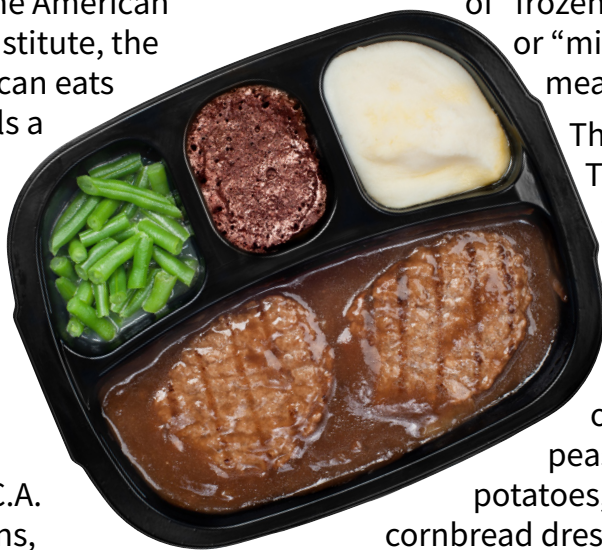
National TV Dinner Day

Freeze! Today is National TV Dinner Day. If you're too tired to cook and just feel like vegging out in front of the TV, you're not alone. According to the American Frozen Food Institute, the average American eats six frozen meals a month.

The term TV Dinner, or more specifically TV Brand Frozen Dinner, is a registered trademark to C.A. Swanson & Sons, and has been since 1954. While Swanson didn't invent the compartmented meal—the idea of separated tray compartments for food was already being used by airlines—they are credited with being the first to mass market it.

Originally they were packed in aluminum trays and heated in

the oven, but as microwaves became more popular, the aluminum trays were done away with. Over time, the name TV Dinner was also dropped in favor of “frozen meals” or “microwave meals.”



The very first TV dinner available was an ode to Thanksgiving and consisted of turkey, peas, sweet potatoes, and cornbread dressing.

Eventually meals like Salisbury steak, meatloaf, and fried chicken were added. Desserts started showing up on the trays in 1960.

In 1987, a representative tray was added to the Smithsonian to honor the TV dinner's impact on American culture. ☺

perks in history

1794 The US's first nondenominational college is chartered. Blount College later became The University of Tennessee.

1913 The Lincoln Highway opens. It is the first paved coast-to-coast highway in the US.



1955 “Gunsmoke” premieres on CBS.



perk fact

More than 10 million TV Dinners were sold in the first year of production.

perk pun

When the TV repairman married the cable saleswoman, the reception was excellent.

Grandparents are a delightful blend of laughter, caring deeds, wonderful stories and love.

Unknown

Perk Puzzle

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid. The words may be hidden in any direction.

Dinner and a Movie



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☐ AIRLINE
☐ ALUMINUM
☐ CHICKEN
☐ COMPARTMENTS
☐ CORNBREAD
☐ CUISINE
☐ DESSERT
☐ DINNER

☐ FROZEN
☐ MEAL
☐ MICROWAVE
☐ PACKAGE
☐ PEAS
☐ PLASTIC
☐ POPULAR
☐ POTATOES

☐ SALISBURY
☐ SWANSON
☐ TELEVISION
☐ TINFOIL
☐ TRAY
☐ TURKEY
☐ VARIETY
☐ THE PERK

Yesterday's Perk Puzzle Solution

C	E	L	E	B	R	A	T	E	S	C	T	H	D	V
O	X	O	E	M	D	D	S	C	D	U	N	U	Y	E
Q	U	C	Z	R	K	U	M	I	N	L	E	M	L	R
Y	F	T	I	H	F	C	F	P	E	T	M	O	J	R
P	P	E	S	J	A	F	U	S	I	U	E	R	M	A
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C	B	H	E	L	O	E	Y	L	S	L	M	S	E	B
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P	T	L	S	T	I	F	S	I	M	S	A	O	Q	C
T	Y	J	O	D	D	B	A	L	L	Z	S	F	C	I
I	I	L	N	R	T	H	G	I	R	N	W	O	D	V
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C	I	Z	Z	D	S	J	L	Z	Z	H	D	Z	C	H



the Perk

DAILY

Today's **perk** is **Patriot Day**

On Patriot Day, we pay our solemn respect to those who lost their lives September 11, 2001, due to the largest ever terrorist attack on American soil. A bi-partisan bill to make September 11 a national day of mourning was introduced, requesting that each President designate September 11 of every year as Patriot Day. President Bush proclaimed September 11, 2002, as the first Patriot Day.

From 2009 to 2016, President Obama proclaimed September 11 as Patriot Day, as well as a National Day of Service and Remembrance, in observance of the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act.

From 2017 to 2019, President Trump proclaimed September

8–10 as National Days of Prayer and Remembrance, and proclaimed September 11 as Patriot Day. President Biden has followed suit. The flag of the United States is flown at half-staff on U.S. government buildings worldwide. A moment of silence is observed corresponding with the first attack at 8:46 a.m. (EDT), when the first plane, American Airlines Flight 11, struck the North Tower of



the World Trade Center.

Although not a federal holiday, ceremonies across the country allow us to honor those who were lost and to express our gratitude to first responders and courageous Americans who left their families to help at Ground Zero. *DP*

perks in history

1951 Florence Chadwick becomes the first woman to swim the English Channel from both directions.

1959 The U.S. Congress passes a bill authorizing the creation of food stamps.

1974 “Little House On The Prairie” makes its television debut.



perk fact

It took eight years for workers to fully complete both of the World Trade Center Towers. The buildings opened in 1970 and were dreamed up by the chairman of the Chase Manhattan Bank, David Rockefeller and former Governor of New York Nelson Rockefeller.

Courage is contagious. When a brave man takes a stand, the spines of others are often stiffened.

Billy Graham

Perk Puzzle

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid. The words may be hidden in any direction.

Never Forget



E	L	B	I	D	E	R	C	N	I	Y	G	E	D	P
C	N	I	T	C	A	P	F	E	A	O	E	N	I	N
I	S	O	Y	E	M	T	C	L	V	Y	F	I	S	A
V	R	K	I	U	R	N	T	E	A	F	K	L	A	T
R	E	H	R	T	E	R	R	A	A	G	N	T	S	I
E	M	T	R	L	U	N	O	T	C	R	A	N	T	O
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J	M	S	O	E	D	F	O	S	I	O	T	R	R	E
X	B	H	N	I	L	I	P	S	N	S	Q	F	I	Q
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Yesterday's Perk Puzzle Solution

☐ ATTACK
☐ BUSH
☐ DISASTER
☐ FLAG
☐ FRONT LINE
☐ GOVERNMENT
☐ HALF STAFF
☐ HONOR

☐ INCREDIBLE
☐ NATION
☐ NOBLE
☐ OBSERVE
☐ PATRIOT
☐ PRIDE
☐ REMEMBRANCE
☐ RESOLUTION

☐ RESPONSE
☐ SACRIFICE
☐ SERVICE
☐ SILENCE
☐ TERRORIST
☐ THANK
☐ TRUMP
☐ THE PERK

W	C	D	C	B	Y	T	B	U	C	F	M	S	O	T
G	L	H	I	O	I	R	T	A	R	T	U	W	C	E
K	Q	K	I	N	M	W	U	O	S	E	N	A	U	L
S	N	I	F	C	N	P	Z	B	C	C	I	N	I	E
Z	R	O	A	N	K	E	A	O	S	K	M	S	S	V
A	I	R	L	I	N	E	R	R	S	I	U	O	I	I
L	S	Z	W	X	P	N	N	E	T	M	L	N	N	S
C	A	O	V	K	B	R	O	E	J	M	A	A	E	I
I	E	S	A	R	J	T	H	Q	I	L	E	E	S	O
T	P	G	E	V	A	W	O	R	C	I	M	N	V	N
S	L	A	A	T	T	R	E	S	S	E	D	S	T	A
A	D	A	O	K	P	O	P	U	L	A	R	U	D	S
L	M	P	E	S	C	Y	T	E	I	R	A	V	Y	P
P	U	B	G	M	L	A	T	H	E	P	E	R	K	W
Y	E	K	R	U	T	C	P	T	R	A	Y	P	P	D



the Perk

DAILY

Today's **perk** is Video Games Day

Video games are the foremost interactive means of entertainment and an integral part of our society. Which were your favorites?

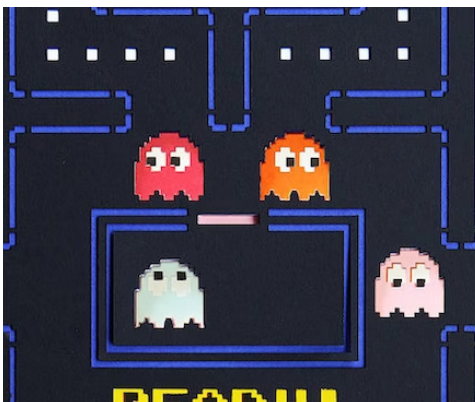
During the 1950s - 60s, scientists experimented with the creation of the forerunners of video games. In 1971 Nolan Bushnell and Ted Dabney created the first commercial arcade game, Computer Space, later creating Atari, and Pong. "The father of home video games," Ralph Baer, licensed his multi-program prototype to Magnavox which sold 100,000 units the first year. In 1980, Pac-Man was introduced by Japan, followed by Donkey Kong in 1981—the first game to feature the character Mario.

Eventually the video game market "crashed" due to over-saturation of multiple consoles, competition from computers, and low-quality games. However, when Nintendo Entertainment System (NES) was

released in 1985, their graphics and improvements reinvigorated consumers. Nintendo pioneered handheld video games by releasing Game Boy in 1989.

The mid 1990s ushered in three-dimensional characters, CDs replaced cartridges and Sony PlayStation was a huge success. Xbox 360 with its online gaming capabilities and Wii with motion-sensitive controllers were in demand by the mid 2000s. By the 2010s, gaming spread to mobile devices and social media.

Today we celebrate the wonderful form of entertainment that can be both educational and super fun! 🎮



perks in history

1954 "Lassie" makes its television debut on CBS. The last show would air on September 12, 1971.



1957 Canada and the US form North American Air Defense Command—(NORAD) for air defense.

1963 The last episode of "Leave it to Beaver" airs. The show debuted on October 4, 1957.

perk fact

Five million video games have been published since the 1970s. Minecraft is the best-selling game ever.

perk pun

The astronomer's research didn't win him the coveted Galaxy Award, but he did receive a constellation prize.

Take your dreams seriously.

Author Unknown

Perk Puzzle

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid. The words may be hidden in any direction.

Finger on the Button



P	R	O	T	O	T	Y	P	E	M	C	E	I	S	S
G	N	I	M	A	G	F	W	W	O	C	T	N	C	J
T	H	Z	H	M	K	P	A	M	I	E	I	T	I	V
C	M	S	A	O	E	R	P	V	C	I	S	E	H	Q
X	K	R	A	D	S	U	E	H	O	D	O	R	P	M
S	I	C	A	R	T	D	T	P	O	R	C	A	A	P
O	T	C	H	E	C	F	A	C	E	J	I	C	R	F
W	R	I	R	A	R	I	E	O	D	H	E	T	G	E
A	E	M	N	I	R	R	R	M	I	V	T	I	E	A
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C	A	R	T	R	I	D	G	E	I	R	Y	A	D	E
E	N	T	E	R	T	A	I	N	M	E	N	T	S	R

☐ ARCADE
☐ CARTRIDGE
☐ CHARACTER
☐ COMPETE
☐ COMPUTER
☐ CONTROLLER
☐ CRASH
☐ CREATE

☐ DEVICE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT
☐ FAVORITE
☐ FEATURE
☐ FRIENDS
☐ GAMING
☐ GRAPHICS
☐ INTERACTIVE

☐ MARIO
☐ MOBILE
☐ PROTOTYPE
☐ SOCIETY
☐ TECH
☐ UNITS
☐ VIDEO
☐ THE PERK

Yesterday's Perk Puzzle Solution

E	L	B	I	D	E	R	C	N	I	Y	G	E	D	P
C	N	I	T	C	A	P	F	E	A	O	E	N	I	N
I	S	O	Y	E	M	T	C	L	V	Y	F	I	S	A
V	R	K	I	U	R	N	T	E	A	F	K	L	A	T
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U	E	E	L	B	O	N	T	Q	E	A	K	X	H	I
E	V	R	E	S	B	O	U	I	R	N	I	K	K	T



the Perk

DAILY

Today's perk is National Grandparents Day

Welcome to the 48th annual Grandparents Day, created by federal proclamation in 1978, then passed by Congress and signed into law by President Jimmy Carter. All this means that it is a "real" holiday.

Marian McQuade, a West Virginia mother of 15, grandmother of 43, and great-grandmother of 15, began a campaign for Grandparents Day in 1970. Three years later, her home state created the first Grandparents Day in the nation.

The movement for a national holiday stalled, however, so McQuade and her supporters rallied the media and urged organizations for older Americans to support the cause. They finally succeeded eight years later.



The purpose of Grandparents Day, according to the original proclamation, is "to honor grandparents, and to give grandparents an opportunity to show love for their children's children." Notice that the celebration flows two ways: Grandchildren honor their grandparents, and grandparents honor their grandchildren.

Today, whether you are a grandparent to your children's children, or grandparent in spirit to children you know and love, take time to celebrate these very special relationships. ☺

perks in history

1948 Margaret Chase Smith is elected to the US Senate and becomes the first woman to serve in both houses of Congress.

1969 The classic cartoon "Scooby-Doo, Where Are You?" premieres on TV.



1970 The first New York City Marathon takes place. Fireman Gary Muhrucke wins the race.

perk fact

Approximately 13% of grandparents in the US are the child's primary caregiver.

perk pun

A grizzly's grandparents are his forebears.



There is no way to happiness. Happiness is the way.

Thich Nhat Hanh

Perk Puzzle

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid. The words may be hidden in any direction.

These Parents are Grand



Y	G	C	M	R	U	T	M	K	Y	P	E	M	D	R
X	L	I	O	P	S	N	R	T	R	F	V	C	A	V
B	C	X	F	C	I	E	V	I	I	E	O	Q	D	T
E	H	P	F	T	P	R	M	A	L	M	L	U	D	R
M	R	U	I	E	S	A	S	G	C	W	E	A	Z	O
Y	N	A	H	H	R	P	I	E	U	A	C	D	N	P
Z	A	T	C	Y	S	D	I	U	I	Y	T	E	E	P
W	T	U	R	K	I	N	W	F	A	R	R	I	S	U
M	F	B	F	X	W	A	O	L	Q	D	O	H	O	S
C	A	R	T	E	R	R	P	I	L	F	A	T	F	N
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T	V	V	V	Y	M	M	O	M	N	Y	F	E	Y	O
H	K	R	F	Z	H	N	P	H	Y	U	Z	P	R	R

☐ CARE
☐ CARTER
☐ CHILDREN
☐ DAD
☐ FUN
☐ GIFTS
☐ GRANDPARENT
☐ HONOR

☐ LOVE
☐ MCQUADE
☐ MOM
☐ PLAY
☐ PRECIOUS
☐ PRIMARY
☐ PURE
☐ RELATIONSHIP

☐ SHARE
☐ SPECIAL
☐ SPOIL
☐ STORIES
☐ SUPPORT
☐ TIME
☐ VACATION
☐ THE PERK

Yesterday's Perk Puzzle Solution

P	R	O	T	O	T	Y	P	E	M	C	E	I	S	S
G	N	I	M	A	G	F	W	W	O	C	T	N	C	J
T	H	Z	H	M	K	P	A	M	I	E	I	T	I	V
C	M	S	A	O	E	R	P	V	C	I	S	E	H	Q
X	K	R	A	D	S	U	E	H	O	D	O	R	P	M
S	I	C	A	R	T	D	T	P	O	R	C	A	A	P
O	T	C	H	E	C	F	A	C	E	J	I	C	R	F
W	R	I	R	A	R	I	E	O	D	H	E	T	G	E
A	E	M	N	I	R	R	R	M	I	V	T	I	E	A
Z	X	M	E	U	K	A	C	P	V	Y	Y	V	A	T
G	Q	N	E	Y	D	I	C	E	D	O	O	E	L	U
S	D	R	E	L	L	O	R	T	N	O	C	V	O	R
S	E	L	I	B	O	M	D	E	E	R	O	C	X	E
C	A	R	T	R	I	D	G	E	I	R	Y	A	D	E
E	N	T	E	R	T	A	I	N	M	E	N	T	S	R



the Perk

DAILY

Today's **perk** is

National Coloring Day

Today, pull your crayons, markers, and colored pencils out of the closet for National Coloring Day. Founded in 2015, the day celebrates the simple, accessible pleasure of adding color to blank pages—whether in a printed book or freehand on paper.

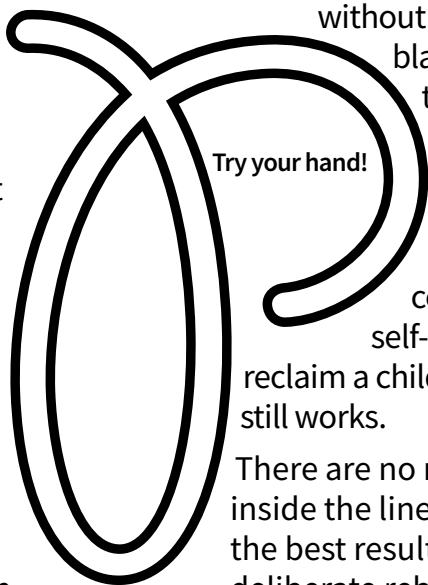
The McLoughlin Brothers produced some of the earliest American coloring books in the 1880s. Crayola crayons, introduced in 1903, made the activity affordable and widespread. For decades it was largely seen as children's fare. Then, in the 2010s, adult coloring books exploded in popularity, offering intricate mandalas, nature scenes, and fantasy designs that doubled as portable stress relief. Science supports

what many colorists already feel: the focused, repetitive motion of filling shapes can lower anxiety, improve concentration, and promote a meditative state similar to mindfulness practice. Fine motor skills get a quiet workout, creativity is sparked

without the pressure of a blank canvas, and the finished page delivers a small but tangible sense of accomplishment. Children gain coordination and self-expression; adults reclaim a childhood pastime that still works.

There are no rules about staying inside the lines, sometimes the best results come from deliberate rebellion. National Coloring Day offers something rare: permission to be quiet, playful, and imperfect. A box of colors and a few free minutes are enough to brighten both the page and the mood. 🎨

Try your hand!



perks in history

1866 George K. Anderson patents the typewriter ribbon.



1899 In New York City, Henry Bliss becomes the first automobile fatality.

1901 The first ever bodybuilding contest is held in London.

1985 "The Golden Girls" premieres on TV.



perk fact

The name "Crayola" combines the French word "craie" (chalk) with "ola" from oleaginous (oily).

perk pun

Stay sharp, stay colorful, and never let anyone erase your vibe.

Joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls.

Mother Teresa

Perk Puzzle

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid. The words may be hidden in any direction.

Color Me Happy!



C	H	W	K	A	X	G	W	C	M	E	P	X	D	W
Y	H	L	I	N	E	S	Q	R	L	A	A	C	N	Y
M	T	I	A	K	L	R	T	B	G	L	R	U	A	S
O	Q	I	L	Q	Z	H	A	E	E	A	H	K	H	U
T	N	G	V	D	D	D	S	R	Y	K	H	A	E	S
I	H	A	F	I	R	B	O	O	K	S	P	R	E	R
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N	E	R	F	C	S	C	N	L	S	A	T	J	F	V
S	R	F	A	O	T	G	A	Q	E	A	F	O	T	K
C	A	K	P	L	L	X	L	I	C	N	E	P	C	T
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N	B	C	L	E	A	T	O	H	Z	S	A	T	A	U
C	P	A	J	E	N	E	L	P	M	I	S	G	J	Q
E	L	I	H	I	S	Z	M	R	H	C	F	L	W	C

Yesterday's Perk Puzzle Solution

Y	G	C	M	R	U	T	M	K	Y	P	E	M	D	R
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B	M	N	P	R	E	C	I	O	U	S	L	S	Z	N
T	V	V	V	Y	M	M	O	M	N	Y	F	E	Y	O
H	K	R	F	Z	H	N	P	H	Y	U	Z	P	R	R

☐ ACTIVITY
☐ ADULTS
☐ AFFORDABLE
☐ BOOKS
☐ CHILDREN
☐ COLOR
☐ CRAYON
☐ CREATIVE

☐ FREEHAND
☐ INTRICATE
☐ LINES
☐ MARKER
☐ MOTION
☐ PAGES
☐ PENCIL
☐ POPULAR

☐ QUIET
☐ RELAX
☐ RELIEF
☐ RULES
☐ SCIENCE
☐ SHAPES
☐ SIMPLE
☐ THE PERK



the Perk

DAILY

Today's **perk** is

International Dot Day

Observed annually since 2009, International Dot Day is a holiday in which people of all ages are encouraged to harness their own creativity and confidence as they make their mark on the world. On this day, you are encouraged to embrace your talents—regardless of whether that's writing, painting, drawing, or some other creative medium—and share your Dot Day inspiration with others.

Even if you believe you are not creative at all, today is a day to put your fears aside and embrace your inner Van Gogh.

International Dot Day began on September 15, 2009, when teacher Terry Shay brought the book entitled "The Dot" by Peter H. Reynolds to his class.

He introduced to his students, in a simple picture book, a young girl who says she cannot draw. When she tells her teacher, she says to "make a mark and see where it takes you." The student draws a dot on her paper, and her teacher then says "now sign it." The next week she is

surprised to see her dot framed on display in the teacher's office.

Seeing her dot, she says "I can make a better dot than that." She then starts drawing elaborate, colorful dots and realizes she is indeed an artist.

"The Dot" has been adapted into a film which was awarded the 2005 Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Children's Video. It is estimated that one million educators and students celebrate International Dot Day annually.

The Perk is sharpening our pencil! 



perks in history

1883 The University of Texas at Austin opens.

1949 "The Lone Ranger" premieres on ABC. Clayton Moore is the Lone Ranger and Jay Silverheels is Tonto.



1971 Greenpeace is founded.

1982 The first issue of "USA Today" is published.



perk fact

The dot was the first punctuation mark, created in the 3rd Century B.C.

perk pun

I thought I saw a leopard
but it was just a dotted line.

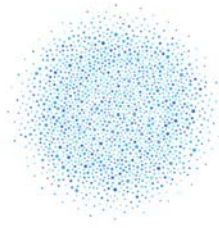
Every block of stone has a statue inside it and it is the task of the sculptor to discover it.

Michelangelo

Perk Puzzle

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid. The words may be hidden in any direction.

Just a Simple Dot



E	G	Q	L	D	S	N	E	S	S	W	F	O	N	C
S	E	T	V	O	P	I	U	Y	S	N	A	Q	Z	L
D	V	C	H	P	G	R	Q	T	E	O	L	R	Z	Z
Y	I	A	A	E	P	W	R	I	N	D	I	C	D	M
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☐ ARTISTS
☐ CARNEGIE
☐ CIRCLE
☐ CLASS
☐ COLORFUL
☐ CREATIVITY
☐ DRAW
☐ EMBRACE

☐ FEAR
☐ HARNESS
☐ INSPIRE
☐ JOY
☐ PAINT
☐ PENCIL
☐ REYNOLDS
☐ SHAY

☐ STUDENTS
☐ SURPRISE
☐ TALENT
☐ TEACHER
☐ THE DOT
☐ VAN GOGH
☐ WRITE
☐ THE PERK

Yesterday's Perk Puzzle Solution

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the Perk

DAILY

Today's **perk** is National Guacamole Day

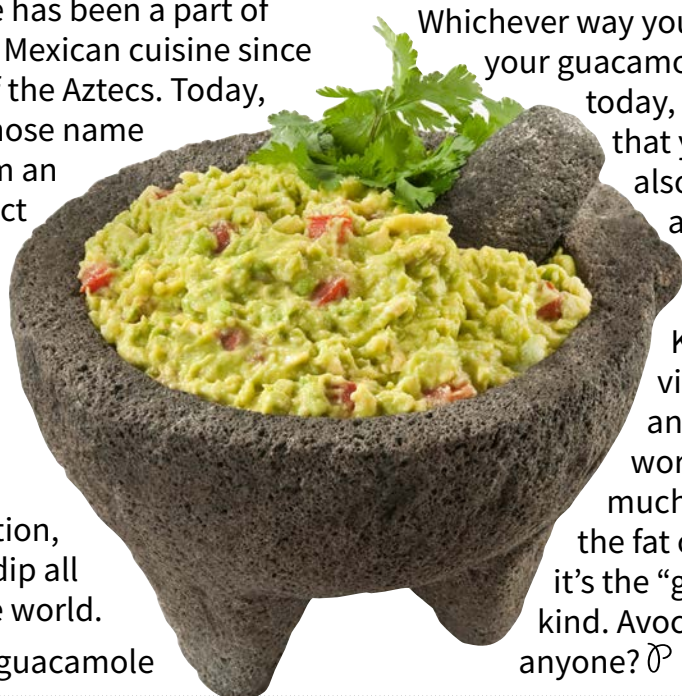
Did you know that the avocado was originally called the “alligator pear” because of the texture of its skin? Well, then, today is the day to mash up some alligator pears, add in chopped onions, tomatoes, garlic, lemon juice, and cumin and serve yourself some healthy, delicious guacamole!

Usually eaten as a side-dish, guacamole has been a part of traditional Mexican cuisine since the time of the Aztecs. Today, the dip, whose name comes from an Aztec dialect Nahuatl and means *avocado sauce*, is a popular side-dish, salad addition, and party dip all around the world.

Try eating guacamole

a different way today— it’s perfect for breakfast, lunch, dinner, and even dessert. Have it with your bacon and eggs for breakfast, use it as a spread for your sandwich at lunch, add it your salad at dinner.

Have you ever tried to make a sweet guacamole? In Sri Lanka, mashed avocado is mixed with milk and sugar or syrup and eaten as a dessert.



Whichever way you enjoy your guacamole today, know that you’re also getting a healthy dose of vitamins K and vitamin B, and don’t worry too much about the fat content— it’s the “good” kind. Avocado toast anyone? 🥑

perks in history

1908 William Durant creates General Motors.



1916 Prohibition goes into effect in Ontario, after a night when liquor stores and saloons sell out all their stocks.



1932 Gandhi begins his fast in protest of caste separation.

perk fact

The original Haas avocado tree, named for the man who patented the variety, stood and bore fruit for nearly 70 years in La Habra Heights, CA.

perk pun

I’d like to drive to the market to buy ingredients for guacamole, I don’t avocado.

You will succeed because most people are lazy.

Shahir Zag

Perk Puzzle

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid. The words may be hidden in any direction.

Guac, for Short



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☐ ALLIGATOR
☐ AVOCADO
☐ AZTEC
☐ CHIPS
☐ CHUNKY
☐ CREAMY
☐ CUMIN
☐ DESSERT

☐ FAT
☐ GREEN
☐ GUACAMOLE
☐ HEALTHY
☐ LEMON
☐ MEXICAN
☐ ONION
☐ PEAR

☐ PICO DE GALLO
☐ PIT
☐ SALAD
☐ SALSA
☐ SIDE DISH
☐ TOMATO
☐ VITAMINS
☐ THE PERK

Yesterday's Perk Puzzle Solution

E	G	Q	L	D	S	N	E	S	S	W	F	O	N	C
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the Perk

DAILY

Today's **perk** is

Constitution and Citizenship Day

Citizenship day was established in 1940 to recognize all those who, by coming of age or naturalization, have attained the status of citizenship. The day was set in motion for all citizens to appreciate the great honor and privilege which was bestowed upon them when they assumed their sovereign rights of citizenship. Citizenship Day was changed to Constitution Day in 2004 to also recognize the role the Constitution plays for all American citizens.

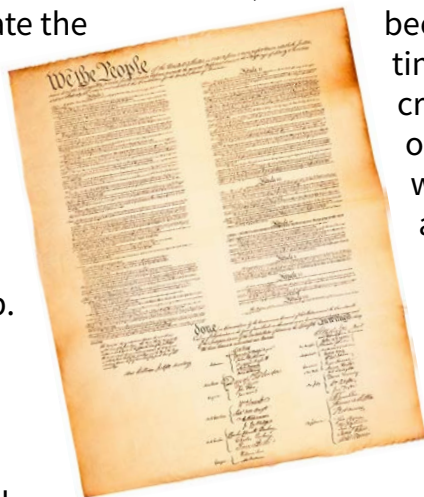
To refresh our memories, the Constitutional Congress held its final meeting on September 17, 1787 to sign the Constitution of the United States of America,

a document for which they painstakingly labored to create and perfect. The 13 original states then had to meet and vote on it, delaying the Constitution going into effect until March 4, 1789. The Constitution has

been changed 17 times since it was created and not once does the word "democracy" appear.

The Perk loves this little bit of history. Benjamin Franklin, at 81, needed assistance to sign

the Constitution because of his failing health. He was so proud he had tears streaming down his face as he signed the document. Franklin was also the oldest person to sign while Jonathan Dayton of New Jersey, at 26, was the youngest. ♂



perks in history

1796 President George Washington's Farewell Address is read before the US Congress.

1911 The first trans-continental airplane flight starts. It takes C.P. Rogers 82 hours to fly from New York City to Pasadena, CA.

1972 The television show "M*A*S*H" premieres.



perk fact

Jacob Shallus, a clerk for the Pennsylvania General Assembly, penned the Constitution for \$30. Today that would equal \$726.

perk pun

Today is a relax and do nothing day. I'm auditioning for American Idle.



Of emotions, of love, of breakup, of love and hate and death and dying, mama, apple pie, and the whole thing. It covers a lot of territory, country music does.

Johnny Cash

Perk Puzzle

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid. The words may be hidden in any direction.

We the People...



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L	Z	N	E	H	T	S	E	G	N	U	O	Y	X	T
S	I	M	K	R	P	E	R	F	E	C	T	W	L	R

☐ ATTAIN
☐ BESTOWED
☐ CITIZENSHIP
☐ CONSTITUTION
☐ SIGNATURE
☐ CREATE
☐ DOCUMENT
☐ EQUAL

☐ ESTABLISHED
☐ FAILING
☐ HONOR
☐ LABORED
☐ MEETING
☐ MEMORIES
☐ OLDEST
☐ PAINSTAKING

☐ PERFECT
☐ PRIVILEGE
☐ RECOGNIZE
☐ REFRESH
☐ STATUS
☐ STREAMING
☐ YOUNGEST
☐ THE PERK

Yesterday's Perk Puzzle Solution

V	O	Y	C	R	E	A	M	Y	R	A	U	R	P	H
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the Perk

DAILY

Today's perk is National Cheeseburger Day

Who doesn't enjoy a delicious cheeseburger every once in a while?

Whether you prefer yours with all the fixins' or prefer just the "meat, cheese, and bun" style, today is the day to get your fix.

There are many theories to the beginning of the cheeseburger dating back to the 1920s. One story suggests that Lionel Sternberger invented the cheeseburger in 1926 while working at his father's Pasadena, California sandwich shop, the Rite Spot. During an experiment, he dropped a slice of American cheese on a sizzling hamburger.

There are other claims of the invention of the cheeseburger:



- A cheeseburger appeared on a 1928 menu at O'Dell's, a Los Angeles restaurant, which listed a cheeseburger, smothered with chili, for 25 cents.
- Kaelin's Restaurant in Louisville, Kentucky says it invented the cheeseburger in 1934.
- In 1935 in Denver, Colorado, a trademark for the name "cheeseburger" was awarded to Louis Ballast of the Humpty Dumpty Drive-In.
- According to its archives, Gus Belt, founder of Steak n' Shake, also applied for a trademark on the word

"cheeseburger" in the 1930s. No matter the history, The Perk is certainly going to enjoy a cheeseburger today. 🍔

perks in history

1793 President George Washington lays the cornerstone of the US Capitol.

1830 The "Tom Thumb," the first locomotive built in America, races a horse on a nine-mile course. The horse won when the locomotive had some mechanical difficulties.



1851 The first issue of "The New York Times" is published.

perk fact

During WWI, the US government tried to rename burgers 'Liberty Sandwiches.'

perk pun

After the first successful hamburger press was made, the inventor got a patty on the back.

A comfort zone is a beautiful place, but nothing ever grows there.

Author Unknown

Perk Puzzle

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid. The words may be hidden in any direction.

A Burger with Cheese



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☐ AMERICAN
☐ BUN
☐ BURGER
☐ DOUBLE
☐ DRIVE THRU
☐ FRIES
☐ GRILL
☐ KETCHUP

☐ LETTUCE
☐ MAYONNAISE
☐ MCDONALDS
☐ MILKSHAKE
☐ MUSTARD
☐ PATTY
☐ PICKLES
☐ POPULAR

☐ PROVOLONE
☐ SANDWICH
☐ SAUCE
☐ SESAME
☐ SIZZLE
☐ SWISS
☐ TOMATO
☐ THE PERK

Yesterday's Perk Puzzle Solution

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the Perk

DAILY

Today's **perk** is

Oktoberfest Begins

Today begins the Oktoberfest celebration in Munich, Germany.

The event is so popular, many countries hold their own similar celebrations ushering in the Autumn season.

The 16-day fair, which is timed to *end* on the first Sunday of October, began as a wedding celebration. Crown Prince Ludwig—who later to become King Ludwig I—was married to Princess Therese of Saxony-Hildburghausen on October 12, 1810. The citizens of Munich were invited to attend the festivities held on the fields in front of the city gates to celebrate the happy royal event. The fields were re-named



Theresienwiese (“Theresa’s fields”) in honor of the Crown Princess ever since, although the locals have since abbreviated the name simply to the “Wies’n”.

Oktoberfest is still held on the Theresienwiese, so locals refer to the event simply as the “Wies’n”.

So “welcome to the Wies’n” means nothing other than “welcome to the Oktoberfest”!

Today, Oktoberfest is the largest festival in the world, with an international flavor characteristic of the 21st century: some 6 million visitors from all around the world converge on the Oktoberfest each year. Ø

perks in history

1957 Nevada is site of first-ever underground nuclear explosion.

1959 Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev explodes with anger when he learns that he cannot visit Disneyland.

1970 “The Mary Tyler Moore Show” premieres on CBS, introducing TV audiences to independent career woman Mary Richards.



perk fact

Albert Einstein worked at Oktoberfest putting up beer tents when he was young.

perk pun

The runaway beer truck barreled down the freeway after its driver was mugged.

You must be the change you wish to see in the world.

Mahatma Gandhi

Perk Puzzle

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid. The words may be hidden in any direction.

Guten Tag



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- ☐ ACCORDION
- ☐ AUTUMN
- ☐ BEER
- ☐ CELEBRATION
- ☐ CULTURE
- ☐ DANCE
- ☐ DIRNDL
- ☐ FESTIVAL

- ☐ FIELDS
- ☐ FUN
- ☐ GERMAN
- ☐ LEDERHOSEN
- ☐ MUNICH
- ☐ OCTOBER
- ☐ OKTOBERFEST
- ☐ PRETZEL

- ☐ REVELRY
- ☐ SEPTEMBER
- ☐ TRADITION
- ☐ WEDDING
- ☐ WELCOME
- ☐ WIES'N
- ☐ WORLDWIDE
- ☐ THE PERK

Yesterday's Perk Puzzle Solution

E R P X K B E S D U G C E D M
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the Perk

DAILY

Today's perk is National Fried Rice Day

Today, the world pauses to celebrate the unsung hero of dinner plates everywhere: welcome to National Fried Rice Day, a 24-hour feast celebrating that magical medley of rice, veggies, protein, and pure wok wizardry. Buckle up for a tasty tale about this culinary icon!

Fried rice gained a foothold in the United States when an influx of Chinese immigrants arrived during the Gold Rush of the 19th century. Early Chinese immigrants were generally employed in low-income sectors such as agriculture, factory work, mining, and railroad construction. In their communities they prepared comfort food dishes that reminded them of home.

Fried rice developed as a way

to use leftover rice, vegetables, and meats that were close to perishing. Cooked on high heat, fried ingredients provide the majority of flavor with minimal seasoning. Fried rice gained popularity in American Chinese restaurants, as traditional street food in Asia, and was eventually adopted around the world.

Benihana, a restaurant chain, is credited with starting this day in 2018.

National Fried Rice Day reminds us that food is more than sustenance—it's a bridge between cultures, a testament

to human creativity, and a call to sustainable practices. So tonight The Perk will, grab a wok, toss in some rice, and join the celebration of this timeless—and delicious—dish. 🍚



perks in history

1946 The first Cannes Film Festival takes place.

1960 "The Flintstones" debuts on ABC.

1973 Billie Jean King defeats Bobby Riggs in a tennis match dubbed "The Battle of the Sexes".



1995 The US House of Representatives votes to allow states to decide their own limits.

perk fact

Rice is grown on every continent except Antarctica.

perk pun

I heard a story about rice, but I don't think there was a grain of truth in it.

Numbing the pain for a while will only make it worse when you finally feel it.

Albus Dumbledore

Perk Puzzle

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid. The words may be hidden in any direction.

Chop Stick it to Me



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☐ AGRICULTURE
☐ CHINESE
☐ COMFORT
☐ DINNER
☐ DYNASTY
☐ ECONOMICAL
☐ FACTORY
☐ FLAVOR

☐ FRIED
☐ GOLD
☐ GRAIN
☐ HOME
☐ INGREDIENTS
☐ LEFTOVER
☐ MING
☐ POPULAR

☐ RESTAURANTS
☐ RICE
☐ STICKY
☐ TOSSING
☐ TRADITIONAL
☐ WOK
☐ THE PERK

Yesterday's Perk Puzzle Solution

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the Perk

DAILY

Today's perk is National Pecan Cookie Day



in New York City.

- Texas adopted the pecan tree as its state tree in 1919. In fact, Texas Governor James Hogg liked pecan trees so much that he asked if a pecan tree could be planted at his grave site when he died.

Sweet and simple, let's enjoy a pecan cookie or two (or perhaps three) today.

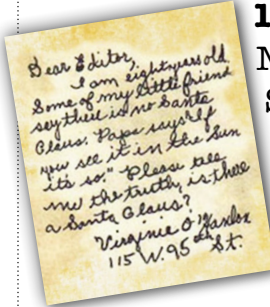
Here are today's five thing to know about pecan cookies:

- Pecans provide nearly ten percent of the recommended daily value for zinc.
- It would take 11,624 pecans, stacked end to end, to reach the top of the Empire State Building

• Albany, Georgia, which boasts more than 600,000 pecan trees, is the pecan capital of the US. Albany hosts the annual National Pecan Festival, which includes a race, parade, pecan-cooking contest, the crowning of the National Pecan Queen, and many other activities.

You may prefer your cookies with all sorts of additions like coconut or flavored chips but at The Perk we love to add pecans and chocolate chips! 🍪

perks in history



1897 "The New York Sun" runs the "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus" editorial in

response to a letter

from 8-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon.

1970 "NFL Monday Night Football" makes its debut on ABC. The Cleveland Browns win the game against the New York Jets 31-21.

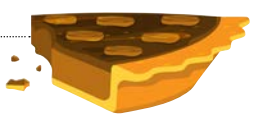
1996 JFK Jr. marries Carolyn Bessette in a secret ceremony on Cumberland Island, GA.

perk fact

The US produces about 80 percent of the world's pecan crop.

perk pun

He wasn't supposed to eat the pie but he kept pecan at it.



Do it with passion, or not at all.

Rosa Nouchette Carey

Perk Puzzle

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid. The words may be hidden in any direction.

Nuts for Cookies



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☐ BAKE
☐ BOX
☐ BUTTER
☐ CHEWY
☐ COOKIE
☐ CRACK
☐ CRISP
☐ CRUMBLE

☐ HEALTHY
☐ HOGG
☐ HOMEMADE
☐ HUSK
☐ NUT
☐ PECAN
☐ RECIPE
☐ SANDY

☐ SHELL
☐ SIMPLE
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☐ TREE
☐ ZINC
☐ THE PERK

Yesterday's Perk Puzzle Solution

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the *Perk* DAILY

First Day of Fall

Today's **perk** is **World Rhino Day**

In significant danger of extinction due to poaching, Rhinoceroses, (“nose horn,”) are among the world’s largest animals, with no natural predators. Despite their gigantic size (5000 lbs.) and strength, they are easily frightened and charge when spooked. Of the five species of Rhino, Javan and Indian rhinos have one horn, while White, Black and Sumatran rhinos have two.

Solitary creatures, the males like to be left alone unless searching for females to breed. Females occasionally live together with their calves in a group or “crash.” Rhinos spend a lot of time with their feathered friends, Oxpeckers (‘tick birds.’) which live on the parasitic insects in the rhino’s

skin. Their cries alert their hosts of potential danger!

These amazing creatures are known for their awesome, giant horns, made of keratin—the same substance as our hair and nails—growing from their snouts. They’re herbivores who munch on grass and plants from dawn to dusk, and are great diggers, excavating minerals from the ground using their horns and feet.



During the heat of the day, these magnificent mammals can be found sleeping in the shade or wallowing in muddy pools to cool off. Mud protects their skin from the strong sun (like a natural sunblock) and wards off biting bugs.

If you can’t get to a zoo, look at a few pics today—rhinos are simply fascinating. 🦏

perks in history

1862 US President Abraham Lincoln issues the preliminary Emancipation Proclamation stating that all slaves held within rebel states would be free as of January 1, 1863.

1964 “Fiddler on the Roof” opens on Broadway.



1973 Helen Reddy’s “Delta Dawn” tops the music charts.



1986 “ALF” debuts on TV.

perk fact

Anne Frank’s full name was Annelies Marie Frank.

perk pun

My secret is that I’m addicted to seaweed. But I’m seeking kelp.

Nobody gets to live life backward. Look ahead, that is where your future lies.

Ann Landers

Perk Puzzle

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid. The words may be hidden in any direction.

One Horn or Two?



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☐ AWESOME
☐ BREED
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☐ EXCAVATE
☐ EXTINCTION
☐ FEATHERED

☐ GIGANTIC
☐ HERBIVORE
☐ HORN
☐ HOST
☐ INSECT
☐ KERATIN
☐ MAMMAL
☐ PARASITE

☐ POACHING
☐ PREDATOR
☐ SEARCH
☐ SIGNIFICANT
☐ SNOUT
☐ SOLITARY
☐ SPECIES
☐ THE PERK

Yesterday's Perk Puzzle Solution

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the Perk

DAILY

Today's perk is National Checkers Day

National Checkers Day might not be what you think it is. It's not a holiday devoted to playing the game of the same name (although the Perk thinks that would be a great way to celebrate).

Rather, on this day in 1952 Vice Presidential candidate Richard Nixon gave a speech that was later dubbed the "Checkers Speech." Accused of improprieties relating to a fund established by his backers to reimburse him for his political expenses, Nixon needed to defend himself. His place on the Republican ticket was in jeopardy as well, so he flew to Los Angeles

and delivered a half-hour television address. It was in this speech that Nixon stated that regardless of what anyone said, he intended to keep one gift; a black-and-white dog the Nixon children had named "Checkers," thus giving the speech its famous name.

The "Checkers Speech" was seen by about 60 million Americans, the largest television audience at that time, and it led to an outpouring of public support.

Thanks to Checkers, Nixon made the ticket and we celebrate Dogs in Politics Day or better known as National Checkers Day. 🐾

Checkers was a black-and-white spotted cocker spaniel similar to this puppy.

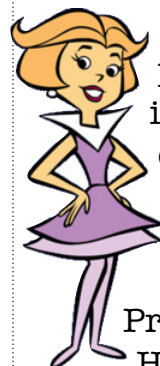


perks in history

1642 Harvard College in Cambridge, Mass., graduates its first class.

1846 Astronomer Johann Gottfried Galle discovers the planet Neptune.

1930 Flashbulbs are patented by Johannes Ostermeier.



1962 "The Jetsons" premieres on TV. It is the first program on the network to be carried in color.

perk fact

President Rutherford Hayes is credited with bringing the Siamese cat to America, being the first to own one in the US.



perk pun

All dogs have a lot of potential; you just have to unleash it.

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart.

Helen Keller

Perk Puzzle

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid. The words may be hidden in any direction.

All the President's...Dogs



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☐ ADDRESS
☐ AUDIENCE
☐ CELEBRATE
☐ CHECKERS
☐ CHILDREN
☐ DEFEND
☐ DOG
☐ EXPLAIN

☐ FAMOUS
☐ GIFT
☐ IMPROPRIETY
☐ JEOPARDY
☐ NIXON
☐ PET
☐ POLITICAL
☐ POPULAR

☐ PRESIDENT
☐ REIMBURSE
☐ REPUBLICAN
☐ SPANIEL
☐ SPEECH
☐ STORY
☐ TELEVISION
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Yesterday's Perk Puzzle Solution

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the Perk

DAILY

Today's **perk** is National. Punctuation, Day!

On those pesky punctuation errors that plague our letters and emails. It's hard to keep all the rules straight, but proper punctuation makes a big difference in the meaning of what you're trying to say.

Here are a few humorous examples found on the Internet:

"Most of the time, travelers worry about their luggage." **or** "Most of the time travelers worry about their luggage." Are the people in the second sentence really traveling through time!?

"An English professor wrote the words: 'A woman without her man is nothing' on the chalkboard and asked his students to punctuate it

correctly. All of the males in the class wrote: 'A woman, without her man, is nothing.' All the females in the class wrote: 'A woman: without her, man is nothing.' Punctuation is powerful.

"I love my parents, Marilyn Monroe and Kermit the Frog." **or** "I love my parents, Marilyn Monroe, and Kermit the Frog. Without the Oxford comma (the comma before the word 'and' at the end of a list the sentence), the above could be interpreted as stating that you love your parents, and your parents just happen to be Marilyn Monroe and Kermit the Frog?!!"

perks in history

1934 Babe Ruth plays his last game as a New York Yankee player.

1934 In Columbia, Mississippi, two Canadian cowboys, Earl W. Bascom and his brother Weldon Bascom, produce history's first rodeo held outdoors at night under electric lights.

1968 "60 Minutes" premieres on CBS.



perk fact

The exclamation point comes from the Latin word 'io,' which means an "exclamation of joy." It was written vertically within one space as a lowercase i over a lowercase o, which eventually became a simple dot.

perk pun

The logical grammarian had a lot of comma sense.

Never give up on a dream just because of the time it will take to accomplish it. The time will pass anyway.

Earl Nightingale

Perk Puzzle

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid. The words may be hidden in any direction.

Enough Said. Period.



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☐ OXFORD
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☐ PESKY
☐ POWERFUL

☐ PUNCTUATION
☐ QUESTION MARK
☐ RULES
☐ SCHOOL
☐ SEMICOLON
☐ STYLE
☐ TEACHER
☐ THE PERK

Yesterday's Perk Puzzle Solution

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the Perk

DAILY

Today's perk is National Comic Book Day

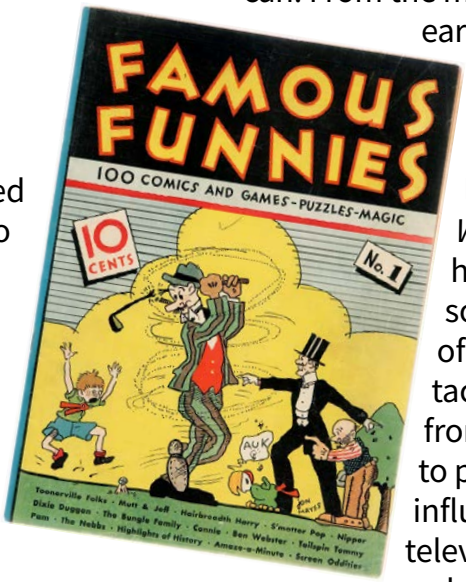
Today is the day that heroes, villains, and imagination collide because its National Comic Book Day! This grassroots holiday honors the bold art, inventive storytelling, and cultural power of comics as an art form that has leaped from newsstands to movie screens and beyond.

Comics have deeper roots than many realize. The modern comic book took shape in 1933 with *Famous Funnies*, a collection of reprinted newspaper strips. Then came the seismic shift: *Action Comics* #1 in 1938 introduced Superman, launching a universe of caped crusaders, shadowy detectives, and larger-than-life villains that still dominate popular culture.

What makes comics special is their unique language. Panels, speech balloons, and dynamic artwork combine words and images in ways no other medium can. From the moral clarity of early superheroes

to the complex narratives of graphic novels like *Maus* or *Watchmen*, comics have grown into a sophisticated form of storytelling. They tackle everything from social issues to pure escapism, influencing films, television, fashion, and even language

itself. Today the celebration invites everyone to participate: visit a local comic shop, dig through a long box of back issues, share favorite panels online, or finally start that story you've always wanted to draw. ☺



perks in history



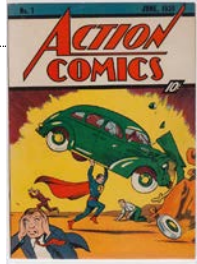
1970 "The Partridge Family" debuts on TV, turning David Cassidy into a teen idol.

1978 John Carpenter's scary movie classic "Halloween" is released in theaters.

1981 Sandra Day O'Connor becomes the first female justice of the US Supreme Court.

perk fact

Only about 100 copies of *Action Comics* #1 (Superman's first appearance) are believed to still exist out of the original 200,000 printed. Copies have sold for millions of dollars.



perk pun

What did Lois Lane say when Superman showed up with a stack of comics?
"This is super, man!"

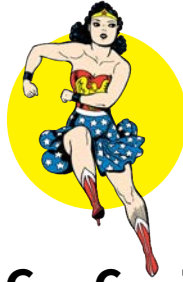
Dreams save us. Dreams lift us up and transform us.

Superman (Action Comics #775)

Perk Puzzle

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid. The words may be hidden in any direction.

Great Stories, Great Art



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☐ ACTION
☐ BALLOONS
☐ BOLD
☐ BOOK
☐ COMIC
☐ DRAWINGS
☐ FAMOUS
☐ FUNNIES

☐ GOLDEN
☐ GRAPHIC
☐ HERO
☐ IMAGINATION
☐ MOVIE
☐ NOVELS
☐ PANELS
☐ SCREEN

☐ SPEECH
☐ STORY
☐ SUPER
☐ SUPERHERO
☐ SUPERMAN
☐ UNIQUE
☐ VILLAIN
☐ THE PERK

Yesterday's Perk Puzzle Solution

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the Perk

DAILY

Today's **perk** is

Johnny Appleseed Day

Johnny Appleseed Day explores the life of one of America's great legends—the man who made apple (and pear) trees grow heavy with the bounty of their fruit across most of this country. We commemorate the day of his birth and celebrate his legendary wit, wisdom, and enduring story.

John Chapman was born on September 26, 1774, in Leominster, Massachusetts. Nobody knows much about his early life other than that his mother died when he was two years old. His father, who served as a Minuteman, and fought at Bunker Hill, packed up Johnny and his sister and moved to Springfield, Massachusetts.

As a man, Johnny himself was a prominent conservationist, business man, and religious figure, and was well known and liked for his kindness and generosity.

Mostly, though, he planted his seeds and seedlings for free



while offering his wisdom. He is often pictured with a copper pot for a hat but it was more likely a pasteboard hat. Often shoeless, he traveled mostly by foot, and sometimes by horseback or canoe. His appearance was nearly as noteworthy as his accomplishments, but so was his kindness. If Johnny Appleseed came calling, people made a place at the table. Johnny Appleseed led a simple life and wanted little. He rarely accepted money and often donated any money he received. What a wonderful legacy! 🍏

perks in history

1933 Gangster Machine Gun Kelly surrenders to the FBI, shouting, "Don't shoot, G-Men!", which becomes a nickname for FBI agents.

1960 The first televised debate between presidential candidates Richard M. Nixon and John F. Kennedy takes place in Chicago, IL.

1962 & 1964 "The Beverly Hillbillies" ('62) and "Gilligan's Island" ('64) premiere on TV.



perk fact

Apple varieties range in size from a little larger than a cherry to as large as a grapefruit.

perk pun

A friend of mine has a vegetable patch. It stops the cravings for carrots all day.

Do not worry at being worried; but accept worry peacefully.
Difficult but not impossible.

Johnny Appleseed

Perk Puzzle

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid. The words may be hidden in any direction.

Sowing Seeds of Love



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☐ APPLE
☐ BUSINESS
☐ CANOE
☐ CHAPMAN
☐ CONSERVATION
☐ COPPER
☐ FREE
☐ GENEROUS

☐ JOHNNY
☐ KINDNESS
☐ LEGEND
☐ MASSACHUSETTS
☐ MINUTEMAN
☐ MONEY
☐ OHIO
☐ PARK

☐ SEED
☐ SHOELESS
☐ SIMPLE
☐ SOWER
☐ TRAVELER
☐ TREES
☐ WISDOM
☐ THE PERK

Yesterday's Perk Puzzle Solution

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the Perk

DAILY

Today's **perk** is

Ancestor Appreciation Day

Have you ever wondered how your ancestors' life journeys shaped your habits and traditions, influenced your values, or contributed to your personal heritage? Genealogy provides so many opportunities to gain a deeper understanding of ourselves and our past.

The advent of the DNA test kit created an interest for people to delve into their genealogy. Public records websites are also an irreplaceable source for ancestry research. In census forms you can find records of birth, marriage, immigration, and death, as well as land deeds. Ship passenger lists for immigrants coming to America provide a wealth of information about your ancestors,

including height, hair color, occupation, general health, and how much money they had when they arrived in the U.S. The records may even tell you the name of their nearest living relative in their home country, as well as the town from which your relative traveled to sail to the United States. If you plan a visit to the towns or cities where your ancestors lived, stop at the churches your ancestors attended and cemeteries where they are buried.

The Perk highly recommends recording your loved ones memories of their parents and grandparents, and special stories about their own lives to treasure for future generations. *P*

perks in history

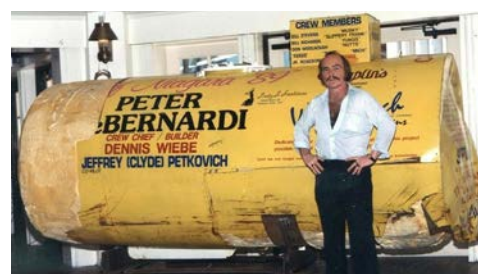


1954 The "Tonight Show" makes its debut with Steve Allen as host.

1973 US Vice President Spiro

Agnew says he would not resign after he plead "no contest" to a charge of tax evasion. He did resign on October 10.

1989 Two men survive the 176-foot-high Niagara Falls drop in a custom barrel.



perk fact

There are approximately 23,000 genes in the human genome.

perk pun

Though we're born in the buff, we wear our parents genes inside out.

Sometimes you win, sometimes you learn.

John Maxwell

Perk Puzzle

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid. The words may be hidden in any direction.

It's All in the Genes



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☐ ANCESTRY
☐ DELVE
☐ DEVELOP
☐ FUTURE
☐ GENERATION
☐ HERITAGE
☐ IMMIGRATE
☐ IRREPLACEABLE

☐ JOURNEY
☐ MEMORIES
☐ OCCUPATION
☐ OPPORTUNITY
☐ PASSENGER
☐ RELATIVE
☐ RESEARCH

☐ RESPONSIBLE
☐ SUCCESSFUL
☐ TRADITION
☐ TRAVEL
☐ TREASURE
☐ VACCINE
☐ THE PERK

Yesterday's Perk Puzzle Solution

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the Perk

DAILY

Today's **perk** is Good Neighbor Day

Mrs. Becky Mattson from Lakeside, Montana came up with the idea of a national holiday recognizing the importance of good neighbors in 1971. In 1978, President Jimmy Carter announced the creation of a national day aimed at raising public awareness that good neighbors help achieve human understanding and build strong, thriving communities. Since then, National Good Neighbor Day has been acknowledged by various levels of government and is celebrated every year. The holiday was originally celebrated on the fourth Sunday in

September, but in 2003 its date was changed to September 28.

Also on this day, Nextdoor.com, a social network for neighborhoods, announces the recipients of Nextdoor's Good Neighbor Award. Everyone can nominate a neighbor or a group of neighbors by writing a short story about what they have done to help their local community and make it a better place.

National Good Neighbor Day is the perfect occasion to honor the people who make significant contributions to creating safer and stronger communities where you live. ☺



perks in history

1955 The World Series is televised in color for the first time. The game is between the New York Yankees and the Brooklyn Dodgers.

1961 "Dr. Kildare" premieres on NBC.



1961 "Hazel" premieres on NBC.

perk fact

Fred Rogers learned how to speak at a rate of 124 words per minute and used it in every episode of "Mr. Roger's Neighborhood." This was the right level for kids at age 3-5.

perk pun

My neighbor's leaking sprinkler is a constant irrigation to me.

Never apologize for having high standards. People who really want to be in your life will rise up to meet them.

Ziad K. Abdelnour

Perk Puzzle

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid. The words may be hidden in any direction.

Won't You Be My Neighbor?



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☐ AWARENESS
☐ BLOCK
☐ BORROW
☐ CARE
☐ CHAT
☐ COMMUNITY
☐ DOORBELL
☐ FAMILY

☐ FENCE
☐ FRIEND
☐ GREET
☐ HELLO
☐ HELPFUL
☐ HONOR
☐ HOUSE
☐ KNOCK

☐ NEIGHBOR
☐ NEXT DOOR
☐ PARTY
☐ RELATIONSHIP
☐ SAFE
☐ STRONG
☐ THRIVE
☐ THE PERK

Yesterday's Perk Puzzle Solution

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the Perk

DAILY

Today's **perk** is

World Heart Day

Created by the World Heart Federation in 2012, World Heart Day reminds

people around the world of the actions that they can take to prevent and control cardiovascular disease—including heart disease and stroke.

Let's remind ourselves of the simple ways we can keep our "tickers" in tip-top shape:

- Eat healthy
- Get active
- Stay at a healthy weight
- Quit smoking and stay away from secondhand smoke
- Control your cholesterol and blood pressure

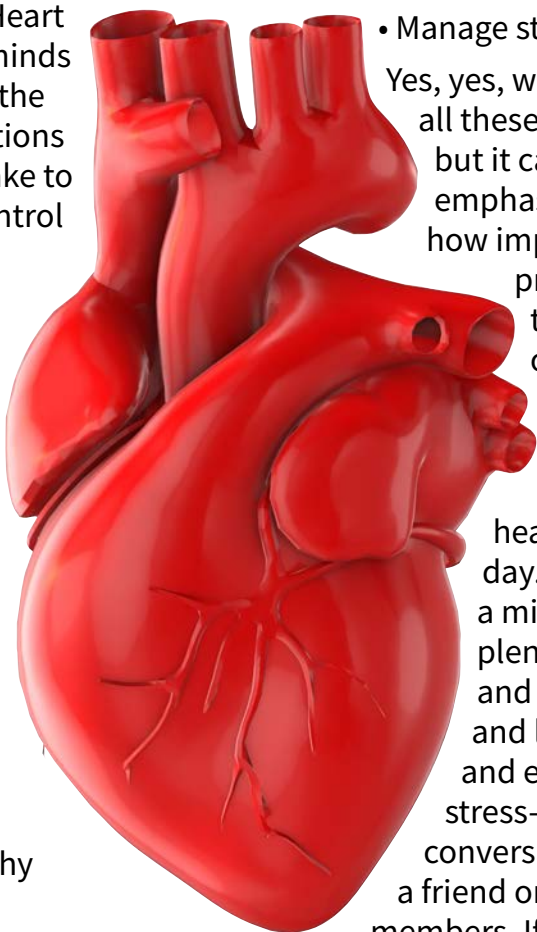
- If you drink alcohol, drink only in moderation

- Manage stress

Yes, yes, we've heard all these rules before, but it can't be emphasized enough how important actually practicing these tips can be to our health.

Today, why not try having a perfectly heart-healthy day. Start with a mild walk, eat plenty of fruits and vegetables and lean proteins, and enjoy a good, stress-reducing conversation with a friend or family members.

If you feel good at the end of the day, try it again tomorrow! ♡



perks in history

1963 "The Judy Garland Show" premieres on CBS.

1984 Elizabeth Taylor is voted to be the world's most beautiful woman in a Louis Harris poll.



1988 The space shuttle Discovery takes off from Cape Canaveral in Florida. It is the first manned space flight since the Challenger disaster.

perk fact

The heart has its own electrical supply and will continue to beat even when separated from the body.

perk pun

It's hard to wear your heart on your sleeve if all you own is tank tops.

I never dream of success. I worked for it.

Estee Lauder

Perk Puzzle

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid. The words may be hidden in any direction.

Heart and Soul



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D	Q	Y	T	V	H	N	E	R	P	I	T	F	E	F
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☐ ACTIVE
☐ ALCOHOL
☐ BLOOD
☐ CARDIAC
☐ CHOLESTEROL
☐ DIET
☐ EXERCISE
☐ FRUIT

☐ HEALTH
☐ HEART
☐ MUSCLE
☐ PRESSURE
☐ PREVENTION
☐ PUMP
☐ QUIT
☐ RELAX

☐ SMOKING
☐ STRESS
☐ TEST
☐ TIPS
☐ VALVE
☐ VEGETABLES
☐ WALK
☐ THE PERK

Yesterday's Perk Puzzle Solution

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the Perk

DAILY

Today's **perk** is National Love People Day

For generations songs have been written about it and poems are inspired by it, but do we really know what love is? That's something to ponder on National Love People Day. We know love can make us feel amazing. Scientists associate the release of the chemical dopamine when we experience the phenomenon called love whether romantic love, or that of a child, or pet.

For ages, romantic writers reflected on the idea of "selfish love." That's a misnomer. Real love is unconditional, meaning without limitations or restrictions. Love is open and caring, therefore the polar opposite of selfish!

This day is dedicated to inspiring and supporting others with the power of love

It's also the characteristic that makes us feel happy doing for others.

The idea for random acts of kindness epitomizes the spirit of today. Offering a gentle word of support or showing empathy by simply listening to someone going through difficult times is an effective way to honor National Love People Day.

Many spiritual, religious and non-religious practices center on the idea of giving love wholeheartedly without seeking anything in return, but we must

always remember the importance of first loving ourselves.

🙏



perks in history

1982 "Cheers" begins an 11-year run on NBC.



1984 Mike Witt becomes only the 11th pitcher to throw a perfect game in major league baseball.

1984 "Doonesbury" by Garry Trudeau returns after a 20 month hiatus.



perk fact

To highlight the need for peace and love, John Lennon and Yoko Ono invited the press to their hotel room during their honeymoon.

perk pun

The dermatologist who loved to cook. He made everything from scratch.

I saw that you were perfect, and so I loved you. Then I saw that you were not perfect and I loved you even more.

Angelita Lim

Perk Puzzle

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid. The words may be hidden in any direction.

That's the Power of Love



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N	C	C	I	T	N	A	M	O	R	E	Y	T	U	Z
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☐ ASSOCIATE
☐ CHARACTERISTIC
☐ CHEMICAL
☐ DEDICATED
☐ EFFECTIVE
☐ EMPATHY
☐ GENERATIONS
☐ HIGHLIGHT

☐ HONOR
☐ INSPIRE
☐ INTERVIEW
☐ KINDNESS
☐ LIMIT
☐ LOVE
☐ MISNOMER
☐ PHENOMENON

☐ POLAR
☐ PRACTICE
☐ RESTRICT
☐ ROMANTIC
☐ SCIENTIST
☐ SELFISH
☐ PONDER
☐ THE PERK

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C	R	Q	F	Q	V	P	F	S	W	K	D	D	F	A
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F	S	N	B	A	A	A	E	L	C	S	U	M	R	U
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