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Hello, listeners. Welcome to another episode of Luke's English Podcast. Today on the podcast it's Paul and Amber.

It's not Paul and Amber, it's Amber and Paul. Sorry, it's Amber and Paul. Yes.

Are we starting with that? Is that going to be our introduction? Okay. Let that be the introduction. That was the voice of Paul Taylor introducing the episode.

Yes, it's Amber and Paul on the podcast once again. Amber has a lovely voice. Paul's a very funny boy.

That's right. His laugh I very much enjoy. Amber's got a lovely voice.

If I could choose an accent, hers would be my choice. Amber, what's the situation? In the podcast. Had lunch.

It's a sunny day. Yes, that's nice, isn't it? It is indeed a sunny day. How lovely.

I've actually got a plan for this episode. I've prepared, fully prepared. You always prepare, but then we never follow the plan.

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Exactly. We derail. There's a window in the beginning of the episode where things can easily go flying off in a different direction.

Exactly. So you need to stick to it immediately right now. What's the plan? Take control.

Take control. I'm going to take control. First of all, Amber, you have something to report, don't you? More than something to report, Luke, I have a gift for you.

I have a gift for you. You have a gift for me? Yes, I have a gift for you. Yes, exactly.

Is it this thing that you put over here earlier on? Yes, bring it to me. Thank you very much. OK, you have a gift for me.

Yes, because I, as you know, I'm a tour guide and I took you guys to the Louvre. Do you remember? It was a long time ago. That was a great episode.

Mediaeval museum as well. Don't forget that. Yes, more museums in your future.

I can see it, Paul. Anyway. You will learn.

You will learn. History and culture. I will make you go to the museums of Paris.

Yeah, I'll take you to the Orsay next. OK, that sounds great. Sounds Orsay.

Awesome. Awesome. Yeah, anyway.

Anyway, so I... one of your listeners listened to that episode. She reached out to me because she was coming to Paris from Germany, from Hamburg. And she wanted a tour of the Louvre.

And so we went on a tour of the Louvre. She was disappointed that some of the pieces that we saw together were not there. Yes.

Why were they not there? Well, they moved. They got stolen. Stolen.

Yes, no. Oh, too soon. I know there was one piece in particular, hermaphrodites, which had been moved to another museum for another expo.

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And at the end of the tour, we took a photo, which I can send you to say hello because you want to say hello to you. And more than just saying hello, she had brought gifts for us. Oh, not for you.

Not for me. What's her name? Christina. Thanks, Christina.

Thanks very much for not bringing me a gift. I appreciate it. That's fine.

She was here with her. She's a theatre person and she has this whole show in Germany. And she was here to go to the cartoucherie and all that kind of good stuff.

Anyway, and then she gave us a T-shirt. And I'm wearing my T-shirt now, which is black and white writing. Every day is an empty stage.

It's a good message. Every day is an empty stage. It is, yeah.

On which you perform your life. Yeah. And for us, for a while there, every stage was an empty stage and it stayed empty.

No, it was the audience. No, it was the audience, yeah, to be fair. The stage was full of us.

The stage was full of us and then there was no one in the audience. Yeah, we've had that in the past. We've done shows in the past where there were literally more people on stage than there were in the audience.

Absolutely. Yeah, anyway. And it reminded me of that quote, of course, by Shakespeare, you know, all the world's a stage and we are just players.

So really interesting sentiment and a really nice T-shirt and so generous. So I was really touched and it was really lovely spending time with her. And then she got you a T-shirt, which is here.

So I'm going to let you discover that now. Oh, wow. Wow.

Thank you so much, Christina. Yes. Yeah, thanks so much, Christina.

Really appreciate it. This is wonderful. I'm helping you hold it up for the camera.

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Well, okay. There you go. You're here.

I am on the T-shirt. So this is a T-shirt from Hamburg. Yeah.

And as far as I can tell, this is... So it says St. Pauli, Sankt Pauli, the sound of Sankt Pauli. So this is a district in Hamburg. Is it? St. Paul's, which is appropriate considering this is not a T-shirt for you.

This is St. Luke's, St. Paul's T-shirt. And that's interesting. I love that because... That kind of looks like you.

That's what you're going to... When they bury you, you will look like six months later when your skin is decomposed. It will just be you, a skull and headphones. Well, this is perfect.

Luke's English podcast sticker. This is perfect for several reasons, right? The one reason is that this is a skeleton with headphones on, which is a long running gag on my podcast. Oh, is it? Oh.

That I say at the end, you know, just leave a comment to show that you're not a skeleton with headphones on. Right. You know, the idea being that they might sort of... They perish.

The episode is so long that they die during the episode. That was one of the chat GPT... The lore. You know, when I asked it to roast you, to come up with roast jokes for Luke's English.

One of those was that. Right. Well, it's obviously been listening to my podcast.

It has been, yeah. So there's that. This is a skeleton with headphones on, but also Sankt Pauli, this district in Hamburg has a Beatles connection.

This is the place in Hamburg that they went to when they did their residencies in the very, very early days before they were really the Beatles, as we know them now. Right. They cut their teeth.

They did their 10,000 hours in Hamburg. Interesting. And they stayed and performed in the Sankt Pauli district, which is known as the naughtiest district in Hamburg.

The naughtiest district? Yes, the red light district. The red light district. Full of sort of seedy clubs.

And in those days, back in the late 50s, early 60s, there was a demand for rock and roll, cheap rock and roll bands. Yeah. And they got bands to come from England.

And so, yes, the Beatles kind of became the Beatles, performing on stage often for eight hours a night. And they were fuelled on these diet pills, Preludin. And that's really where they kind of learned to perform.

And they became the band. So, I mean, that's a really thoughtful gift, isn't it? Incredibly thoughtful gift. It is both appealing to your love of the Beatles, the lore of Luke's English podcast.

It's even got you in there, even though it's not for you. Paul is in there too. Yeah, Paul is in there too.

This is us at the Louvre. I don't know if I can post it or send it. Amber and Christina at the Louvre.

Let me see the face of the person who didn't give me a gift. Hi, Christina. Very nice to meet you.

If you meet her, now you'll remember. Thank you, Christina. That is very, very sweet of you.

And if anyone else would like to send us gifts, then feel free. But just make sure you don't send me one as well. That would be great, thanks.

It's going to be hard to top that gift, though. It's going to be hard, but I will let listeners try. You won't say no.

No, I won't. Okay, all right, so that's that. Now then, guys, I've got this idea.

This is the 55th Amber and Paul episode. Did you know that? 55th? Wow, that is incredible. We have nothing better to do with our time than just come here.

What better? There isn't anything better. This type of day reminds me of the first ones where we were on the terrace. Hiding from the sun.

Hiding from the sun in a circular manner. Revolving. There was like one chair in the sun.

You know how Spotify does your rap? Because this is like 55 episodes, three different podcasts. Like, you know, we've had so many different... Because we've moved many times. That's right.

Wow, 55. That's crazy. It's like a whole podcast on its own.

All right, when we get to 100, we have to do a live one. Like on a stage with an audience. That's a good idea.

I'd love to do that. That would be amazing. I would love to do that.

Just make sure you keep count. Okay, I will. So that when we get to like 90, we can start planning.

Well, no, because we probably do what? One every two months or something? Something like that. Yeah, so I went through the archive to count the episodes and there were periods with like no Amber and Paul at all. Yeah.

And then you came back and then there's a few and then you sort of disappear again. Yeah. So it's kind of like a bit inconsistent.

But oh, that could be amazing. Doing a live podcast on a stage, the three of us. I feel like that's a whole other chapter of our lives, right? Yeah, I mean, we will be probably about 60 years old by that time.

Because it's a bit what? How long are we doing this? 12 years, 13 years. And we're only at 55. So it's going to take another 12 years to get to 100.

I know. Yeah. So you need to come back more often.

That's the solution to that. So the idea that I've got planned today, actually, can you just pass me my bag? Yeah. When I was in the UK the last time, whenever I go and

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visit my parents, they live in a town and I always go around the charity shops in the town centre, right? I don't know if you do the same thing.

I love that. Love going around the charity shops and looking through all the secondhand bookshops and stuff like that. And I picked up this book, which is called True Facts That Sound Like Bullshit.

Written by Shane Carley. And I just got this in one of the charity shops and I had a little flick through. And it's full of like, you know, fascinating, insane facts about the world, a variety of different categories.

And I thought that would be good podcast fodder. Good fuel, good fodder for an episode of the podcast. So what I've done is I've gone through this.

There are some sections in here which are true or false quizzes. So I've selected about 20, just over 20 true or false questions. I love it.

Yeah. From this book, True Facts That Sound Like Bullshit. We've got the idea.

You've got the idea. Go, get to the quiz. Shall I keep talking for another 20 minutes? Skip to the end.

So these are facts that are either true or false. And you have to guess if they're true or false. Are we working as a team against you? No, because he knows.

Or are we working against each other? I know already. No, we can collaborate. I mean, against him.

Look, excuse me. I've planned this section. So I'll ask you both.

I'll ask you both the question. I'll read you the statement. You have to decide collectively together if it's true or false.

OK, so we're not playing against each other. No, you're together. You can confer, right? Do you know what confer means? Yes.

I do. I do. You do.

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Yeah, so speak to each other. You can talk to each other and discuss your answer. And then give your answer plus your explanation.

We'll see if it's true or false. And then I have, in some cases, I have some more information. And I have a discussion question for some chat after each one.

Like a little random discussion question. We're loving it. Yeah.

Questions are on a range of topics, including some history. Nature, animals. No.

Space and science. And then just some mad facts that can't be categorised. OK.

OK, we'll do our best. Nothing about language then. OK, cool, that's all right.

Sorry. Comedy, running? No. Nothing about running or doing stand-up comedy, I'm afraid.

So we start with history. OK. OK, question or statement number one is this.

One passenger was aboard both the Titanic and its sister ship, the Britannic, when they were both sunk. One passenger was on board both the Titanic and its sister ship, the Britannic, when they were both sunk. I didn't realise the sister ship sunk.

There's actually, there were three built at the same time. Three sister ships. And did they all sink? The Titanic, the Britannic, the Olympic.

I've heard of the Olympic. I've never heard of the Britannic before. The Titanic and Britannic both sank.

The Olympic did actually crash, but didn't sink. And so the point is that there was one person. I'm actually going to expand the question.

When you say passenger, were they working on the ship? Or were they a fee-paying passenger? Were they the person who built the ship? Working on the ship. They were working on the ship. I'm going to say yeah.

I'm pretty sure I heard this on a podcast and it's yes. Do you want to expand at all? Well, there's actually some really fascinating, so I really like this podcast called My Favourite Murder. OK.

They've talked about the Titanic quite a number of times. And there's this one particular guy who was like mad and he sort of saved people and then jumped off, saved himself and then went off and worked on other ships, which then also sank. Was the Titanic the first one to sink out of those two? Yes, I think it was.

OK. And so I think there's actually more than, there might have been even more than one person. But I do recall them, you know, people you think, gosh, if that, if you'd been on the Titanic, it sunk and you'd survived.

You'd be like, well, I'm not getting on a ship again. Or you go, this is never going to happen again. This is like a once in a million, like if you're on a plane crash and you survive.

It's like, right, that's it. That's it. That's me.

Yeah, it's never going to happen to me again. It's like being struck by lightning. Like, it's not going to happen twice, is it? Unless you just keep climbing that mountain with a golf club in your hand during storms.

Taking your kite out in stormy weather. Yeah, I'm going to say, I'm going to say it's true. You think it's true? It sounds like a fact that it's obviously.

It feels like a story from a podcast I've heard. Definitely. Definitely sounds like something on a podcast.

In fact, it is something on a podcast, this podcast right now. So it is true. Yes.

Her name was Violet Jessop. She was working. She was working.

She was aboard both ships and survived both disasters. In fact. She survived more, didn't she? There was other disasters that she survived.

She was also aboard the other sister ship, the Olympic, when it was involved in another disaster, but it didn't sink. So that is crazy. And what did she do? I'll give you some details.

Do you want some info? Yeah, definitely. So the Olympic class triple threat, the White Star Line built three massive sister ships, the Olympic, the Titanic and the

Britannic. Violet managed to be on board for the most catastrophic moment in each ship's life.

So we start with the RMS Olympic. It collided with a British warship, the HMS Hawk, but the ship stayed afloat and Violet was unharmed. So not much of a story for that one.

Didn't she, just to cut in, didn't she hate going on ships? Like, there was a thing that she just, she absolutely hated it, but she sort of did it anyway. Well, I know that after these three experiences, she then continued to work on ships for like, most of the rest of her life. Maybe she loved it then.

So apparently she, or maybe she was like, I hate going on ships, it's so boring. Oh no, I nearly died three times. This is great.

Maybe that's why they crashed. She's like, oh, I've got to spice it up somehow. Yes.

What did she do on the ships? Where are you getting to that? I think I've got that. So the Titanic one then, when the Titanic hit the iceberg, Violet was ordered up to the deck to serve as a reassuring example to the non-English speaking passengers who couldn't understand the instructions. Does that make sense? No.

So apparently there were some non-English speaking passengers who couldn't understand the instructions and Violet was ordered to go on deck to reassure them. Well, because she's been through it before. So she goes, this is fine.

The other ship didn't sink, the Olympic didn't. You're all going to be in a big Oscar winning film. It's great.

Don't try and get on the door. Anyway, as she was being lowered into lifeboat 16, an officer handed her a bundle, a baby someone had misplaced in the chaos. She looked after that baby until they were rescued by the Carpathia, where a woman, presumably the mother, grabbed the child and ran off without saying a word.

Anyway, so she was working and she was kind of looking after passengers and stuff on the ship. She made it onto one of the lifeboats. Then the near death experience at the Britannic, the sinking of the Britannic, which was serving as a hospital ship, was actually more dangerous for Violet than the Titanic.

As the ship went down, I know about this, the massive propellers spinning at the back were turning, sucking lifeboats into the blades. Violet had to jump out of her boat to avoid being shredded by the propeller. She hit her head on the ship's keel under the water, which caused a skull fracture she didn't even discover until a doctor mentioned it years later because of her frequent headaches.

The Britannic, by the way, struck a mine that had been laid by a German submarine. This is First World War times. Wow.

Yeah. You might think she'd never look at the ocean again, but Violet Jessop was remarkably resilient. She continued to work on big ships for another 34 years.

And then opened a camera shop. She lived to be 83, eventually dying of heart failure in 1971, peacefully on dry land. Question.

What's the worst boat ride you've ever had? Oh. Been on many boats? Have you ever had a really bad boat experience? Um. Hmm.

I mean, I've been on the ferry quite a lot, England to France. Cross-channel ferry, England to France. Has it ever been very rough? I've been on the ferry too.

It's quite nice. I like the ferry. I'm not a big fan of a boat.

No, nor am I. I must admit. I did go, do you know what? I went on holiday to Elba with my friend Andrea, who's Italian, and all of his friends are Italian. And it was 2003, because it was the heat wave.

And me and Andrea, we were working in a bar and we would come on and we were wearing all this sunscreen. And they were all laughing at us for being so pale. And it was his friends.

And what we would do, they would take this little boat out into the middle of, you know, the sea. And we wouldn't go on beaches. They'd just have picnics and stuff like that.

And then tease us for being so white. And all the Italian girls, it was really weird. Like they loved the sun.

They were like wearing factor four, but they would never take off their bikini tops, you know? Not, it's just like French girls would just take off their top and just get like a really nice tan. And it's just friends, you know? And it's kind of quite private. Like it's just very acceptable.

But it's obviously like a no-go. So they had these really sort of weird tan lines. And I was just like, get your tits out, love.

I mean, like, why are you, why are you being so modest? Like, it just felt strange because it was like, it was just couples and friends. Because they ended up with these tan lines. Yeah, and maybe that was desirable because they like that in Brazil.

Anyway, I couldn't speak Italian. So I did end up drinking quite a lot of wine every time I was out on that picnic boat. Try and imagine, because I know I'm very sober.

Just imagine Amber with her tits out, drunk on wine. I didn't get my tits out. I was trying to keep, I wasn't trying to get a tan.

Of course she was, yeah. And so I was getting drunk. And so it was quite a sort of hazy, boozy, confusing boat ride.

But it was quite pleasant. OK, that's not so bad. It's certainly better than jumping out of the way of a propeller.

Yeah, no propellers ever. Yeah, OK. My only negative memory of a boat, really, is, well, actually, on that ferry, I'm going to change the story now.

We were on a school trip, I think, to Disneyland. From England. From England to Paris.

Disneyland in Paris. Or it was to go see some of the trenches in Belgium. Not quite the same trip.

No, I can't remember. We were on a school trip on the ferry. And at some point, something happened where I think there was another school on the same ferry as us.

My memory's a bit hazy of this. But all I do remember is me being chased by some kids that were not from my school, that were older, trying to beat the shit out of me,

and me hiding in the toilets, like in the cubicle toilets of this ferry. Yeah, it was horrible.

But it wasn't related to the boat. The boat was fine. Not the boat's fault.

No, not the boat's fault. Sounds like some sort of Tom Hanks film or something. Yeah.

Captain Phillips kind of situation. OK, I had a horrible experience on a boat once. I was in Vietnam.

Halong Bay, if you know it. It's an amazing place with these incredible sort of rocky mountains that rise up out of the water. And stayed on this horrible, grotty boat, which was full of mice.

Oh, hello. And I was sleeping in a bunk bed right above the engine. And for some reason, they kept the engine all night.

So it was like this. This was my night. Duhdahdahdahdahdahdahdahdahdah.

Oh, a mouse. Duhdahdahdahdahdahdah. I don't know why they kept the.

You need a ship's cat, don't you? Yes, they needed a cat on that ship. So that wasn't great, but beautiful place. Anyway, number two.

You ready for number two? OK, we're ready. So, the Pope once declared black cats to be an incarnation of Satan. Once more, the Pope once declared black cats to be an incarnation of Satan.

Satan, the devil himself, Lucifer. True or false? The urban legend is that black cats are bad luck, so that wouldn't surprise me if that was true, but also why are black cats unlucky? Why are they supposed to, you know, like in the Matrix, the film, that was the first time I'd heard this myth about black cats being bad luck, is in the film The Matrix. Sometimes I wonder about Paul.

This is his reference point. The gaps, the gaps are so weird. You just suddenly come across one and you're like, how? Do you not remember the? Yes, we all remember that, but we all knew it before.

I didn't. I know, that's what we're saying, we're surprised. I was like 12 or something, I don't know.

So he's really little. He's only young. He's only small.

Listen, black cats, it's kind of a myth and it seems that it's sort of mixed up with law and it doesn't feel very Catholic. That said, some popes have been absolutely bonkers, like when the Knights Templar were tortured to death, Jacques de Molay and the gang, they made them under torture admit to all sorts of weird things, as in worshipping the devil in the form of a cat and all sorts of really sort of peculiar things. Now, did the pope ever say black cats are devils? I don't know.

But have people admitted to worshipping the devil as a sort of cat? I think that is possible and it could be related. A lot of strange things happened in the 12th and 13th century. It sounds like it could be true, but it could also just be like a trick question of like, oh, we all know that black cats are negative.

So it could be, you know. And like, what would the pope have to do to weigh in on cats? Yeah, why would he care? Why would the pope be getting his his his popely fingers dirty? I don't know. I think honestly, it could really it could be it could be both.

What do you think? Let's go with no. Since the first one was true. Let's go.

You're thinking the second one, the second one is going to be no. OK, then. I need to keep score here, don't I? Oh, yeah.

Keep score. So I've got right and wrong. So you've got one right already.

So you're saying false. It's actually true, guys. It's true.

Tell us more. You were right. So 13th century, Pope Gregory the ninth.

Yeah. Twelve. Twenty seven to twelve.

Forty one. He was the pope. That's not his age.

That's not. Yes. You know, I think anyway, Pope Gregory the ninth believed that black cats were tied to the devil.

They were connected to the devil in some way. I don't really know why he thought that. But anyway, that that caused many, many followers to shun, meaning reject or even kill cats.

And some people believe that the resulting lack of cats helped the plague. Yes. Helped to contribute to the spread of the black plague, because obviously cats weren't there to bring down the numbers of rats that carried the plague.

So some people believe that the pope sort of saying that cats were of the devil led inadvertently to the spread of the black plague. Interesting bit of trivia questions. Are you superstitious? What superstitions can you just not help following? For example, how do you feel if a black cat crosses your path? Do you have any kind of superstitious tendencies whatsoever? I do.

I do them. I do the opposite on purpose. Like I will walk under a ladder on purpose.

Really? Yeah. OK. I mean, I don't I wouldn't recommend I don't walk under ladders, but not because of superstition.

That just feels practical. Yeah. That's one of those practical.

No, there's loads of black cats at my daughter's school, actually. There's tonnes and they're absolutely delightful. No, I mean, I don't know.

I think superstitions, they're fun because they come from law or history and things like that. And I think they really I think they're they're fun. And I teach, you know, how you have got to say hello to the magpie.

You've got to say hello to the magpie. Do you? Or salute the magpie. OK, hold on.

There's a superstition in the UK about magpies. I thought it was just if there's one of them. Just one.

Yes. One for sorrow. Two for joy.

Three for a girl. Four for a boy. Three for a girl.

Four for a boy. And so on and so forth. There's a whole.

Oh, I didn't realise it was a song about it. There's a rhyme about magpies, which are related to crows, black and white birds, part of the kind of corvid family. And in the UK, if you see one magpie, that's bad luck.

If you see if you see two, that's good luck. Yeah. And if you see one, you're supposed to say hello to it.

Well, you're supposed to salute the magpie or you can say hello or, you know, somehow sort of address the magpie. To break the bad luck. Yeah.

Absolutely. We've got one in our garden. It's just one.

We've never seen the other one. OK. I mean.

It's like all the time. A harbinger of doom. Yeah.

It would seem. You need to certainly tip your hat, raise your glass to that magpie every morning. I will next time.

But I don't. I don't believe it, but I do think it's a nice thing to do. So when I'm out with my children or my daughter especially, because she's little and we see one little magpie, we say, oh, you know, good morning, Mr. Magpie.

Or sometimes like. That's cute. In England, we say, good morning, Mr. Magpie.

How's your lady wife? And some people would salute them, but like some sort of like acknowledgement of the magpie. Not for superstition, just because it's pleasant to see a magpie and, you know, salute them. And I like the Corvid family.

Yes, they are the most intelligent of birds. They are. Yeah.

I have this weird superstition, which like once upon a time, I was walking down the street with my friend. And, you know, in the UK, you get these sort of manhole covers that are in a series. You get like you'll get two.

Yeah. And then three and three. Yeah.

Or one. Yeah. One, a pair or a triplet.

One manhole cover. These are like covers in the streets that cover up electrical cables. And it's like they're square.

And they're square. And they come in single ones, double ones or triple ones. And we're walking down the street and my friend told me, oh, yeah, yeah.

You know that if you if you stand on one, that's bad luck. If you stand on two, if you step on two, that's good luck. And if you step on three, you confuse that with the magpies.

If you step on three, that's also bad luck. So an odd number. OK.

On number of manhole covers is bad luck and an even number is good. And if you step on one, you can step on three to cancel the bad luck of the previous one. You make it even.

The maths. And that that's for some reason totally stuck in my head and I cannot walk down the street in England now without either avoiding odd numbered manhole covers or proudly stepping on both. That's funny.

Even numbered ones. There's no logic to it at all, but I mean, that's the whole thing about superstitions, as long as they're fun and don't sort of make your life difficult or confusing. Yes, exactly.

So there you go. So you got one right, one wrong. I feel we were half right.

We were we were we were bordering right with that. Well, in the sense that something can be either true or false. You got the you got it wrong because, yeah, because, yeah, well, anyway, go on, then carry on number three in the past dentures, false teeth in the past dentures, false teeth were only used on corpses to make them look as healthy as possible in death.

In the past, false teeth were only used on corpses that's dead bodies to make them look as healthy as possible in death. Can you just explain the idea? Well, when you die, your face sort of shrinks and shrivels, as does all of you. And so if you are going to be displayed in an open in an open casket, for example, what they sometimes do is they're trying to make you look like nice.

You should know about this, because Irish people love a big wake, don't they? And everyone just likes to have a good look at the dead. Yeah, but I put on some makeup. I've never been to an Irish wake before, but I've seen my wife's family in that state.

And yeah, what's that? Yeah, right. OK, my wife's family. Why did you say that? Were you responsible? I mean, all of them all at the same time.

Were you signing over them with a knife? Yeah, because her dad passed away and her grandma passed away. So we saw them being prepared, not being prepared, but prepared for being buried in the open casket with with with like nice clothes on. So again, it's the thing that sounds like it could be true.

Although it doesn't sound like it's true. It sounds like absolute nonsense. I'm sorry.

That's what your teeth don't your teeth don't change from when you die to when no one's going unless you got you got killed by getting any bloody dentures on a dead body. So no one's time, effort. No, listen, it takes time and effort.

They'll stuff in some bloody. Hey, there's I'm sure dentures are old and it's nonsense because you don't know it's going to waste time making dentures for the dead. No one's looking.

Well, they make other things for the dead. Not dentures. They can make I'm sure dentures have been around for the living.

I'm sure it's also in the past. She's very. When is the past yesterday? Yeah, I need a date.

Generally, just generally, generally in the past for the Egyptians. Like, when are we talking? They don't have you smiling in when you're when you die. And then you know, but your face does cave in a little bit.

But so they stuff it a little bit. Yeah, but the dentures is like making them look nice because then they don't have you smiling. You know that when you're in a coffin.

Smiling. Yeah. You know, with the way that dead bodies are always smiling.

Exactly. It's bollocks. See, same bollocks.

Yeah, we are saying bollocks. That's a British English swear word. It's going to be true now.

I'm like, no, it is, in fact, false. The teeth of dead people. So this is.

Yeah, it's not dentures were not used on corpses, but the teeth of dead people were pulled out. I know that to make dentures, to make dentures for the living. Waste not want not.

Right. Makes perfect sense. Waste not what you don't want.

Yeah. So the dead person died. They'd pull out the teeth, put them in a set of dentures and then give them to.

So there you go, Mrs. Smith. Put these in. Oh, that's lovely.

Yeah. Yeah. Henry the fourth had some dentures.

Anyway, continue. Question. How are your teeth? We're English.

That's a oxymoron, isn't it? Hey, do you know what? My son has just had braces put on. It's expensive. Yeah, it's expensive.

And is he OK with the braces or does he hate them? No, he's OK. It's just like college, like middle school age. It's a very inelegant age, isn't it? Yeah, it's a rough time... when you're starting to go into puberty.

Yeah. And he's got braces. And I've kind of realised he's got a bit of a wandering eye.

Oh, he's all broken. He's oh, you know, it's all just doctor appointments. At least he fixes it now.

It's because it's because I. So when I was like 12, maybe 11, I had like 6 teeth taken out at the same time because my mouth was too small for the teeth. So I've got I can't remember how many. How many teeth are you supposed to have? Is it 32? Don't know.

No idea. It's it's in it's it's in the 30s of how many teeth you're supposed to have. And I have like 24 or something like that.

And I was in hospital for four days while that happened. Four days. Yeah.

So they put me they put me to sleep and they pull... these back teeth. You know what? It was a mixture. They could have just done it in one go.

Just bam like that. It would have put you to sleep and removed your teeth in one go. I had four or five teeth taken out and I just did it in a day.

Well, they did it in a day. But but they so they put me they gave me a general anaesthetic. Yeah, me too.

And the problem is, is I swallowed so much blood that I was then vomiting blood for like two or three days. Yeah, it was this. This is in Canterbury.

Blimey. And so in the past, in the past, in the past. You know, it's in the past.

Sounds sounds mediaeval, though. It was. It was it was rough.

And so after that, they they they were like, the choice was, do I have braces like the train track braces, which I don't know if they still do anymore. They do. Do they? That's like the cheapest option, I think.

Because I think I feel like. The ones that are glued to your teeth. Yeah.

No, that's what all the kids have. Really? Yeah, that's what. OK, that's what my son's got.

I thought they stopped doing those. Or that it was like I can have like a a gum, a thing. Yeah, a pallet thing, a pallet thing with a wire.

And because I was at school, I didn't want the train tracks. I don't want people to make fun of me. And I now regret it because my teeth are all janky because I didn't get them sorted out when I was a kid.

So it's rough for a couple of years. But then the rest of your life, people. Yeah.

No, no, it's just rough. Generally, I hate braces or not. It's rough time.

The British, we do have a terrible reputation for teeth. We also do have bad teeth. Yeah.

The French do as well, though. Yes, they do. And they are very mean about our teeth.

And they they are very resistant to the dentist. Yeah. Meaning? Well, I feel like in England, you're meant to go every six months.

Here, I feel like everyone's just like just now and then. Yeah. I don't know.

Well, no, they do say every six months, but no one does it. It's one of those things. It's one of those things with your health that you go to when it's wrong.

Right. You know, you don't do. It's what I find weird is, I mean, obviously from the UK and here, health care is covered except for eyes and teeth, which are the two things that we have the most go wrong in humans.

Right. In Western because eyes, we don't look out more than 200 metres if you live in a big city. You're stuck on your phone.

So everyone needs glasses and everyone's teeth go mental. But none of that's covered by social security. You need like the private health care to take care of it.

It's a scam, isn't it? That's how they make their money in this country. It's on your teeth and your eyes. Yeah.

And that's why there are opticians on the street everywhere. Yeah. Boulangeries, opticians, florists, pharmacies, pharmacies, Sebastian's jokes.

Exactly. Yeah, exactly. OK.

I was going to say Americans. They've just got they've got too many teeth. Their teeth are too white.

Too many of them. Too white. Too big.

Too white. Too many. Yes.

Scary teeth. Chill out on the teeth. Yeah.

Number four. OK. Oh, and that you got right.

You got that one right. So you're you're you're doing well. You got two out of three.

That was our specialist subject. The other ones would it's going to be very difficult.
Number four.

This one's interesting. Soviet scientists in the past. In the past.

Yeah. Soviet scientists once tried to create a human chimpanzee hybrid. That sounds like something they'd do.

I think that's something that they would do. Yeah. It sounds like something they'd do.

After a few shots of vodka. They're just like, this will work. Come on, the chimpanzee hybrid.

How would they make a hybrid, though? Well, they would they would they would have a human mate with a chimpanzee. And then isn't that what they're trying? How else do you make a hybrid? Artificial artificial insemination. I don't think you could mate with the chimpanzee.

Well, what I meant by that is you would have something to say about it. One of them one of them is not going to want to do it. Yeah.

At least one of them. Maybe both. The chimpanzee basically.

No, no, I'm not into this. I think you could find someone who would want people do it. I mean, people are disgusting.

People are disgusting. Now, what I meant was like, yeah, it was like mates with not necessarily consciously. But yeah, it's artificial insemination, because obviously the if it's if it's in the recent past, you know, then you go, all right, well, we've descended from chimpanzee, supposedly.

No, no, we didn't descend from them. We descended from the common ancestor. So humans are here.

Chimpanzees are here. And we share someone from way back in the past. Someone.

Someone. It definitely was someone. It was Dave.

Dave the chimpanzee. Yeah, I'll shag anything, me. Anyway, but we descended from a common ancestor.

OK, so. It sounds like something crazy drunk people would do. That said, though, saying that all of Russia is crazy and drunk.

No, what I'm saying is that said, scientists must be able to look, you know, at a sort of molecular level and think, oh, that's not going to work. Yeah, but this is in the past. So how far in the past did they know that that wouldn't work? I can imagine they might try and have an experiment across their mind.

Because I mean, nowadays it would be outrageous. But 20 years ago would be like, yeah, that's a good idea. Let's see if it works.

Bear in mind, like the Soviet, you know, the Soviets were certainly in the beginning like secular atheists, godless people. Yeah. Because, you know, it's faith, religious faith that would probably stop you from doing so.

I don't think it is religious faith. I think it is a sort of moral compass. And I don't think you need faith to sort of put you on the right path.

Do you? Do you have faith or do you go around punching people? Just accept that maybe you would want you'd have a vested interest in improving the scientific, proving the scientific theories. Yeah. Yeah.

That back up the theory of evolution. Not that it's necessary, because I think that I think that what what what's his name? Who's the evolution guy? Darwin did was sufficient. You don't actually need to try and make a chimpanzee chimpanzee.

Or a human human, a human chimpanzee. OK, so you say it's true or false. I'm going to say it's true.

OK, I'm sticking with you. I think it's nonsense, but let's get it through. It's true.

It's true, guys. Oh, come on. You got it right.

We got it right. Well, it's obviously male. Like it's obviously men that have decided to do this.

Of course it is, because it is. No woman would do that. Exactly.

Let us guess. It didn't work. The chimpanzee was a failure.

Fortunately, they were unable to inseminate the chimp with human sperm. Yeah. And so fortunately, it didn't work.

But I mean, you know, the reasons I gave were. I can see why they were wondering about it. Yeah.

They wanted to sort of. Horrible thing to do, though. In order to prove the theories of evolution.

It doesn't prove the theories of evolution. No, does it? No. What's worse, sending a chimp up to space that, you know, is going to die or just trying to inseminate it with a little injection? Trying to inseminate it with an injection is worse.

What if it had worked? That's gross. Imagine. I mean, that's like this.

That's like the. It wouldn't have worked, obviously. I don't know, would it? To be honest, that's like something from a Resident Evil computer game.

Yeah, it is. You know, definitely. So my question then for you is, if you could now hold on.

If you could, would you trade any quality or ability from a chimp in return for lower IQ? So let me just explain that. So you can take any ability or quality that a chimp can do. Yeah, you could take some more.

Can't we do everything that chimps can do? No, no, no, no. We don't. They're really good at pull ups.

Have you seen? They're stronger than us. They're stronger than us. They're more agile than us.

They have various things that chimps can do that we can't do. So would you trade our intelligence, like lower your intelligence a bit more in return for something? Can I reduce my intelligence anymore? I think you can. There's always room for.

To be more stupid. Yeah, to be more moronic. So, Luke, come on.

What can a chimp do that I could possibly want to do? You're always asking this question. It's because he's thought about this question and he has an answer to it. Honestly, I haven't actually.

That question is usually, to be fair, because that question I have come across before is usually, would you trade like good looks? Like if you could be sort of like incredibly good looking or like young looking or fit, like, you know, if you could be more attractive but a bit more stupid, would you do it? Chimps aren't particularly attractive, though. That's not saying this doesn't work with chimps, because there's not that many things that you think like. Let me just put it this way.

Would you like to be able to swing from tree to tree in return for like being a bit more stupid? I would like to be a chimp in the sense of just straight chimp. A hundred percent. Yeah.

Just like it seems like they're having a great time. Like any animal, cats, dogs like they do. You know, I mean, like being a human is a pain in the arse.

But things that she having consciousness is a pain in the arse. Like just imagine your day is just sitting around in whatever life you live, whether it's in the jungle, in the desert, wherever it is. And all you have to do is eat and chag and go to sleep.

That's it. You don't need to work. Pick fleas out of your friend's hair, scratch your bum, eat a banana.

I look at my cat every day. I'm just like, oh, God, why can't I be that? Very. I don't enjoy being human.

Do you know what I mean? Who wants to be a himpanzee? How high are we? Sixth floor. Right. Let's see if I can.

Paul, I know some scientists in this from the past. From the past. Who might be able to help.

Get a knitting needle up that nose and they can get away your humanity. Just like one of those Egyptian things. Ignorance is bliss.

Pop, the brain comes out. Do you know that the Egyptians, they got rid of the brain because maybe you know this and that's why you were just saying that just now. This is question five.

Don't spoil it. No, I'm joking. I'm joking.

Because, you know, they would mummify you. Yeah. And but they thought that your heart was where you did your thinking.

Like the heart was the most important organ and your brain was just sort of mush. And they were just like, get it out. So all those mummies are just sort of brainless.

Not a heart, but no brain. Like some people we know probably. Number five, in the Roman Empire, horse urine was used as mouthwash.

Horse urine was used as mouthwash. Horse urine was used as mouthwash in the Roman Empire. I don't think anyone.

True or false. False. I'm going to say.

That's my first reaction. I mean, urine has been used for all sorts of things. You know, like tanners need urine to make leather.

And that's why that explains why you can't make leather. That's why the expression not a pot to piss in comes in, because people would sell their urine to the tanners. And if you were so poor, you didn't even have a pot to piss in, to sell your piss.

So like urine does have lots of things. In the in the 17th and the 16th century, donkey urine was considered like very medicinal. And Catherine de' Medici had to sort of drink it to try and get pregnant.

It's not a far stretch for me that they might think it had some sort of antiseptic properties. And of course, there were loads of horses pissing up a storm, wasn't there? You know, those Roman legions certainly had plenty of horse urine. They certainly had plenty of horse urine.

But I don't think people were bothered about teeth back then. Do you not? Or like your breath mouthwash is to mouthwash. I mean, I guess the primary thing that we do with mouthwash now is just to make your breath smell good.

Right. But toothache like is debilitating. Yeah, that's true.

If you're like in the past, as Luke likes to talk about, if you're in the past, you might be, you know, you and you're you're with your legion and you're out kind of like conquering Europe. You definitely don't want to be debilitated with anything, do you? You need to conquer urine before you conquer Europe. Absolutely.

I mean, I'm sure they had some sort of like weird, you know, medicinal ideas. Or gargle urine before you conquer Europe. Yeah, I think now that you're explaining it, I'm going.

I don't know that it would be horse pee. Well, that's maybe a human pee. You mean their own pee? No, not human pee.

I can go. But also like horses, they only eat like grass and things like that. Like there's worse pee.

So you mean, ça va? Ça va. They're a worse pee, I'd say. I think it's disgusting, but I'm leaning to yes.

True or false? OK, I just. Amber's leaning towards true. How would they collect it? Oh, I'll go.

I'll go with true with you then. You're going true? It's false. Oh, but they did use human urine.

Oh, come on. As mouthwash. Do you want me to tell you what the science is? Yes, tell us.

So the active ingredient that they were looking for was ammonia, because when urine is left to sit, when you just leave it, it decomposes and produces ammonia, which is a powerful cleaning agent. And they knew that back then. Yeah.

So ammonia can whiten teeth. Ammonia is a precursor to many people. Ideas lead to many.

Don't do this listening. Ammonia is a precursor to many modern cleaning products. It helps dissolve stains and whiten teeth.

And also it acted as a disinfectant, though at the cost of being incredibly caustic and well smelling like a Roman latrine. So it did not help to make your breath minty fresh, but it made your teeth a bit whiter. So question, who is the person with the worst breath that you've ever met? Oh, everyone in the city.

Coffee breath, coffee and cigarette breath. Who's the person? Oh, I don't know. But when you do meet someone with bad breath, it is very difficult.

But then when you suspect that you might have bad breath, that is I just gave you some mints earlier because I'm always working with people. So I'm always really conscious, concerned about that. So I always want to.

It's horrible. Like if you've had coffee or whatever like that, you think your breath might smell. But like, yeah, it's usually your teacher, isn't it? You know, who's leaning over you.

Yeah, that's all. You need to read all that. I mean, my daughter's got pretty rank breath, to be honest.

Your daughter? Oh, come on. She does. She does.

In the morning when she comes in and she I mean, I'm sure we both equally have bad breath, but when we see each other for the first time in the morning and she all she does is talk, she's just yapping. She yaps, yaps, yaps. Where did she get it from? Yeah, I don't know.

No idea. Between me and my wife. And yeah, so there's quite a lot of times where it's a bit like you have to wince when I'm, you know.

Really? Yeah. Oh, she's such a cutie. Rank.

That's a good word. It is a disgusting business. It's like a slang word meaning disgusting.

How about you? Did you know any? Well, I had this student once. I can't remember where he was from, but I remember one day he was I put, you know, as an English teacher, I put students in little groups or pairs and I paired him up with another student. And I noticed she was like sitting back like this.

And then at the end or some point in the lesson, she was like, can I can I not work with him because his breath smells so much? And I was like, oh, really? And at one point I did sort of lean in, lean down, talk to him. And he spoke to me. It was like, wow, I like being a bit like being punched in the face.

And I noticed actually in his teeth were bits of like pistachio in his teeth. And I was like, oh, OK, that's pretty disgusting. The next day, same bits of pistachio still there.

But bad things like that is is bacteria. You know, it's not just like they've eaten. Because there's coffee breath and then there is rancid actual halitosis.

Yeah. But I mean, if you're not brushing your teeth, then the food that's left in your teeth does. Then basically the bacteria feeds on the sugar and all that stuff.

Do you know what you should use? A bit of piss. Yeah. I don't know what I did.

I think I said to him, I think I actually spoke to him. It's a kindness. I said to him, you know, I think you should brush your teeth.

I think I actually said something to him. I think you should say something. Yeah.

Anyway. OK, so that was the first category. That was history.

OK, we did not too badly. That was history, aka in the past. In the past.

That was the past. Now, the next category is simply uncategorisable facts. OK.

OK. So we're moving on to number six, which is this. Tea is banned in the British Armed Forces.

Tea is banned in the British Army. What? Tea? You can't have a cup of tea? It's banned in the British Army. Isn't that how we got through the wars? Isn't this? This must be one of those bylaws.

You know, if it's true, it's something just like once upon a time they banned tea and they've never changed it. But of course, everyone's you couldn't fight a single war without tea. The English didn't build an empire to go and steal tea without tea.

Yeah. What do you mean by tea? Drinking tea, stealing tea, importing tea. Making and drinking a cup of tea, cups of tea or a cup of tea.

Yes, tea. No, no. Are you drinking tea? Right.

Put that out. Put that out. Throw that away.

Put out that fire. How are you making tea? Right. Stop it.

Is it? Up against the wall. Do we have any more information about? No, that's it. Drinking.

That's it. That tea is banned in the British Army. OK.

I'm going to have to hurry you. OK, OK. No, I'm going to say I'm going to say it's a lie.

It must be true, because you would never make something like that up. It's too wild. It's too wild.

I feel like they've got cups in their little things. Yeah, absolutely. But I feel it's like, you know, trench warfare and they're all boiling the kettle and you know, what were they called? Johnny Forerunner was chugging with the Sherman.

I think it's Tommy. Tommy was seeing the plume of smoke and shitting them down. Hold on.

If you because because then the alternative is you've got to have water with you that isn't boiling. And so where do you get drinking water from if you're out and about, you know? in the middle of nowhere, you're not carrying a bottle of Evian with you, so the way to do that is to boil the water and then to make it taste less shit, you put a bag of tea in it. I guess that's how, it's like gin and tonic, same thing, the reason gin and tonic exists is because, is malaria, but they couldn't just drink, how do you say it in English? Quinine? Quinine on its own, so they had to mix it with something to make it taste less like shit, which is how tonic, gin and tonic.

I'm going to say no, but it's probably, I think you're right. I'll go with you, I'm sticking with you, but I feel it's right. We went with you last time and we got it wrong.

And we did, okay, it's true. Tea is banned in the British Armed Forces is false. Of course it's false.

I was expecting it to be so ridiculous that it was true. Of course it's false. You saved us.

We overthought it. It's the exact opposite, tea is encouraged. Compulsory.

It is drunk a lot. Drop and give me 50 dunks of the bag, soldier. It's drunk a lot on the battlefield where it can raise morale.

It certainly can. A nice cup of tea makes everything alright. And it also keeps soldiers warm in foxholes.

Do you know what, I'm actually relieved because I was just thinking, was there a time when people couldn't drink tea? Wouldn't it have been devastating? I know. Tea is issued in army rations, right? And, fun fact, British tanks are equipped with inbuilt tea-making facilities. Better than most French hotels.

Since the end of World War II, nearly every British primary armoured vehicle has been equipped with a specialised piece of equipment called a boiling vessel or BV for short. BV kettle? I could just call it a kettle. Well, it's not actually a kettle.

The name sounds technical. It's primary purpose is exactly what you suspect, making tea. It's actually a tank of water that's connected to the tank's electrical system.

And it boils super fast. They designed that and they were like, right, and how are we going to get around the problem of tea? And they came up with a fantastic solution. What I love about it is that you're right, because what previously soldiers had to do is they would get out of the tank and sit down on the ground with a little fire thing, a little gas fire, making their tea outside and then there would be sitting ducks for the enemy.

Now they can do it inside the safety and confinement of the tank. Do you know, I bet there would be other cultures that would be interested in this BV, the tea drinking cultures. Or it's like the German tanks have got like an extra gun on them and we were like, well, we don't really have the space for the extra weapons.

Do we need the gun? To be boiled in our tank. So that's taking up space that could be used for. But they're boosted morale and they're sort of like attuned senses thanks to their lovely brew means that that one gun is enough.

You know, they don't need the extra gun. They're just choo choo choo. This is why the British Army is the greatest army in the world.

Because all our tanks are equipped with boiling vessels. That's amazing. Brewing up cups of good old fashioned British tea made in India.

You ever see those like competitions doing like, you know, a Royal Marine and like an American? Yeah. Do you ever see them? And they're always really funny because the Royal Marine kind of people, they're always they always they kind of win on anything which is like agility or. But the Americans are just gigantic.

Anything that comes to like strength, heavy lifting. I bet they don't. What I'm trying to say is that they don't have a boiling vessel.

They heat up their tea in the microwave. They blow up a building and then use the heat from that to make coffee. Questions.

How important is tea for you? Vital. Yeah. It's actually become less.

I used to drink multiple cups of tea a day and then we got a good coffee machine. And now I'm doing the coffee. But now the coffee machine doesn't.

It's annoying me because we've got like proper good beans and the machines like it's not. It's not. What's the word? Grinding.

Grinding them properly. So they get stuck in all this kind of stuff. Yeah, I've tried.

But the thing is. Don't do that. Just get a cup of tea.

The thing about tea is I do drink coffee as well. But it's like when only tea will do. Only tea will do.

When you've had a bad day, you're feeling a bit when you're feeling a bit upset. A cup of coffee makes it worse. You can't have a cup of like a cup of coffee at 6 p.m. No.

In the dark when it's raining outside. Middle of the night. Exactly.

There's been a tragedy. Yeah. Cup of tea.

No one's got exactly. Or you're just feeling a bit down. Bath, tea.

Right as rain. Yeah. Okay.

So you got that one absolutely right, didn't you? We did. That is one, two, three, four, five, six. This is number seven.

Here we go. Yeah. You've heard of the Heimlich manoeuvre.

Yes. What is the Heimlich manoeuvre? If someone has something trapped in their throat, in their windpipe, you can go behind them and sort of hit them so that it causes it to be expelled, expelled. Yeah.

Well, as Eddie Izzard said, you put a fist in the solar plexus, a hoochah, hoochah, hoochah, and a lobster will come out. Yes. That's basically the Heimlich manoeuvre.

Absolutely. So the Heimlich manoeuvre wasn't invented until the 1970s. The Heimlich manoeuvre was not invented until the 1970s.

True or false? Paul's got no clue. I feel like that's late. For the Heimlich? Yeah, I feel like that.

We lost a lot of people. Isn't Heimlich eponymous? Isn't he Mr. Heimlich? Is it? Dr. Heimlich. Dr. Heimlich.

Is it? Yeah. Yes, yes. I believe it was invented quite late.

I mean, it's still the past, the 1970s. It's still in the past, yes. But it's fairly recent.

Yeah, I'd say. You lot were born in the 70s, weren't you? Fairly recent. Fairly recently.

Exactly. The very recent past. You lot.

Yes. Know your place. In the late 1900s.

In the late 1900s. Not even that late. Jeez, mid to late 1900s.

Mid to late 1900s. I was talking to someone who was like, oh, yeah, you know, the kids. He's like a teacher.

He's like, oh, you know, they sort of tease me all late 1900s. I was born in 1993. And I was just thinking, oh, my God, that's very recently.

I don't know why. Shouldn't be allowed, should it really? No one should be allowed to be born after the year 2000, except our kids. Children.

Just children. And I have never seen an old fashioned movie. That's a good point.

He appears to be choking. He appears to be choking. Quick, give him the Heimlich manoeuvre.

What? Oh, no, doll. What's happened? He's choking on his sandwich. Quickly, come over here.

Give him the Heimlich manoeuvre. Give him the Heimlich manoeuvre. Come on, you know the Heimlich manoeuvre.

Homer, Homer, Homer. And a lobster comes out. Um, no, I'm going to say it was invented in the 1970s.

What do you think? OK. I've never seen it in a movie. Mind you, is a Heimlich manoeuvre something that we want to see? I don't know.

I think it's... Can you imagine it in a comedy film? I can. I think it is relatively recent. I think it's recent.

OK. OK. It is.

It is true. Yes. Yes.

Well done. You got it right. You got it right.

So, um, Henry Heimlich. Eponymous and alliterative. Oh, we like it.

Lovely. Henry Heimlich first published his paper on the subject in 1974. So I'm presuming this is Dr. Heimlich.

Dr. Heimlich. Up until then, choking was mainly dealt with by slapping the victim on the back. I still use that.

A practise that is highly discouraged today. Apparently that doesn't work. It depends.

It depends. Unless you want to encourage the person for choking. Well done.

That's it. Keep choking. No, the difference is because I did a first day training.

And if someone is coughing, like if they're choking, but they're coughing, you mustn't touch them because the air is still getting in. And if you hit them on the back, you can cause them to choke more. But if they're completely no air is coming in or out, then you can Heimlich and you can hit.

They say you should alternate. Oh, really? With children. That's what they say.

Have you heard that Eddie Izzard stand up routine? I haven't known. It's very funny that there's, you know, it's like he talks about the Heimlich manoeuvre, which is a very difficult thing to say when you're choking. Oh, what? Your hymens been removed.

And then he talks about basically how did Dr. Heimlich invent the Heimlich manoeuvre? Did he did he come up with it in one moment or did he experiment with it and eventually discover it? You know, how many people died as he was driving? OK, Hans, I want to just follow this golf ball. But Dr. Heimlich, I cannot breathe. That is OK.

I've planned for you not to breathe. And I will now make you breathe with the use of my manoeuvre. And it's a knee in the bollocks, a fist in the solar plexus, and a knee and fist and frying pan in the face.

Was he German, Dr. Heimlich? I don't know. It sounds German. But also it's like the mistake I made yesterday when I was like the Schneider Electric Marathon.

Apparently Schneider Electric is French. Is it? This is what one person said in the comments. So they might be talking shit as well.

If only there was a way to check. I know. I didn't bother.

If only there was a way. No one will ever know. Interesting.

It is. Discussion question. Have you ever choked on anything? Just the memories of my shameful past.

I once was in a restaurant with my dad. And at the end of the meal, they gave us mints, you know, those round white mints. And I popped the mint in my mouth and we were chatting away.

It just went straight into my windpipe. And for a moment, I thought I was. That's me.

Goodbye. That's it. And it came back into my mouth.

And I was like, oh, thank God for that. That was terrifying. Yes.

OK. So you are currently on five to two. Five.

We're doing all right. We're doing good. You got five correct, two of them wrong.

Number eight. OK.

Cornflakes, you know, the breakfast cereal. Cornflakes were originally invented to help people suppress the urge to masturbate. Cornflakes were originally invented to help people suppress the urge to masturbate.

That's so ridiculous, it's got to be true. Wait a minute, wait a minute. We need to explain what to suppress the urge to masturbate means.

Which one of you... To stop, to stop. What do you want us to... Suppress, the verb to suppress. Suppress the urge to do something.

To stop you wanting to... To reduce. If you have an urge to do something, you just suddenly really want to do it. A desire, yeah.

And if you suppress that urge, you reduce the sudden desire to masturbate. We all know what masturbating is, don't we? Yes. I mean... What kind of podcast is this, Luke? You've taken... Surely I've explained that one before.

Surely you have. So, wanking, right? I mean, if it's true, I'm going to need to buy some more Cornflakes. Do you know, Cornflakes are weirdly older than you think they are.

They are, aren't they? You know Timeline, do you know that game? Cornflakes is on there, and we were just like, oh, the 1950s. And it was something ridiculous, like the 1800s. It was really old, and we were like, how are Cornflakes so old? I can't remember how old, but it was like really, really... A completely different period.

Why were they invented? I cannot see a correlation. They were invented to suppress. In order to help people stop wanking.

They're such a depressing breakfast. You'd be like, too sad. Well, I... Speaking from personal experience... I can't imagine what the... Because if it's true, you've got to think, is it because... Is it due to the... Chemical make-up of the Cornflakes? Yeah, that's exactly the word I was going to use, and I thought that's too serious.

But yeah, is it because of the chemical make-up? It's the opposite of Viagra, basically. What did you say? You said true? No, I said if it is true, would it be because... Eating something would make you not masturbate? Or is it because what's in the Cornflakes... But what's in a Cornflake? It's just a flake... Of corn. So

why would normal corn not suppress the... Maybe it's meant to make you think of the little wafer.

It's like corny... Of Jesus, and you're just thinking, oh... What would Jesus do? Maybe it's because you get a free toy in it, and then you're like, oh, well, I guess... I'll just play with this instead of playing with that. A plastic car. Corny, corny, not horny.

I didn't write that down, by the way, just in my defence, I came up with that. Well, if it was true, that's the marketing of it. Corny, not horny.

What are you saying? I think we just got to... We need to find out the answer, because this is ridiculous. What are you saying? What was the last thing? We've got a margin for error. I'm going to say yes.

Shall we just say yes for us? Go for it. You are absolutely right. It is true.

It is true. Why? Tell us everything. Let me mark the point for you there.

I'm glad we won the point, but we need more info now. Oh, yeah. So, OK.

The Kellogg brothers, the ones who invented cornflakes, Kellogg's cornflakes. The Kellogg brothers. Special K. They were late 19th century, so 1894 or something like that, in the Midwest of the United States of America.

So, the Kellogg brothers were deeply religious, and they believed that the food would help their brethren suppress the urge to pleasure themselves. And they just happened to make millions and millions of lovely dollars. I wonder why they were so successful.

So, John Harvey Kellogg was a devout Seventh Day Adventist and a leader of the Battle Creek Sanitarium. He believed that fleshly lust was triggered by stimulating foods. See? So boring.

You cannot be bothered. You were right. In his medical view, medical view, flavorful foods like spices, caffeine, alcohol, and especially meat, inflamed the blood and overexcited the nervous system.

Whereas bland foods like grains, nuts, and vegetables kept the body in a state of calm and purity. He believed that by eating a diet that was intentionally tasteless and boring. Tasteless and boring.

Clearly, he's never been to England. They love it there. No one's masturbating in England, that's why.

We wouldn't have come up with the word wanker, would we, if this was true? But anyway, food that's intentionally tasteless and boring, a person would naturally lose their physical urge to engage in self-vice or even have a high sex drive. Okay, I see where he's going with that, yeah. There's also the invention of the cornflake was accidentally invented.

John Harvey considered it to be the ultimate anti-aphrodisiac. It was crunchy, dry, required no sugar or spice. To be fair, if you stayed at someone's house, and the next day they come up to the bedroom and, you know, they've got a lovely little tray, little flour and everything, and just like some cornflakes.

That's why they invented Frosties. That is pretty unsexy. That's why you have them in the morning, after, not beforehand.

Yeah, but if you stay somewhere, you know, nice, like Italy, if you go to Italy and you meet a lovely Italian person, the next day, they're going to provide you with a lovely spread. I speak from experience. Delicious food.

Cornflakes should be never going back there again, would you? So it's true. Cornflakes were invented to suppress the urge to masturbate. And as a person who ate cornflakes almost exclusively during my teenage years, I can confirm that this doesn't work.

Question. What's your breakfast of choice? What's your breakfast cereal of choice? I've got no questions about masturbation. See, that's what I thought the questions were going to be about.

Where's your favourite place? Which hand? No. What's your breakfast cereal of choice? Do you eat breakfast cereal? No. It's been a while, to be honest.

Have you been having impure thoughts? My children, I would like my children to eat healthy food, but like most parents, I've seen them get spuckled and they eat cocoa

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pops, but we call them pox as in chicken pox. Well, any sort of, you know, a pox on your house. And that just, and I enjoy saying that so much that I kind of managed to look past the fact they're having both an unhealthy, unfilling and nutritionally diverse breakfast, but they have it, not me.

Okay. So you don't eat cereal? No. I mean, I like it.

It's like a chocolate granola type of thing that my daughter has. But yeah, I think my favourite back in the day was probably sugar puffs. I love sugar puffs.

The French would call them smacks. Is it smacks? Smacks. You were a smackhead? I don't know.

Well, you were a smackhead. Do you like porridge? I do like porridge. I like porridge.

I eat porridge every day. In winter, I have porridge. I'm a porridge lover.

Porridge is great. Porridge lover. Okay.

Yeah. Okay. Well, anyway, you got it right.

So that's six. Fantastic. Six right, two wrong.

Number nine. Number nine. Yeah.

More than 200 people have died attempting to climb Mount Everest. Oh, easy. Yes.

More than 200 people have died attempting to climb Mount Everest. Surely. Yeah.

They're always dropping off. I mean, what fools? I know. Just leave.

Oh, gosh. Mount Everest. It makes me furious.

My next challenge, but it's all right. No, it's not. It would never be.

It's just such stupid nonsense. True or false? True. True.

You're right. It is true. Can we guess the number? I think it's probably in the thousands.

I don't know. Oh, you don't have the actual number. I don't have the actual number.

I mean, because between obviously people just dying in death zone, avalanches, you know, all of that kind of stuff. I mean, and then they just leave them up there. It's disgusting.

Have you seen the pictures of Mount Everest? Filthy, polluted. In December 2025, at least 344 climbers have died attempting to summit Mount Everest. The majority of these fatalities occurred in the midday.

Yeah, 344. Well, so my question was, would you try it? And I think you've already answered that. Absolutely not.

Not even a little hint of it? No, I might. Like, it's one of those things where it's like Machu Picchu. Like, I would never bother going.

Like, it's just too much. It's too many people. It's too... Too many steps.

Yeah, I've seen... I mean, climbing up to this room up here is enough. But it's expensive. You know, people spend about a hundred grand to potentially kill themselves.

There's a documentary. If anyone's interested, it's a really great documentary that's dubbed in multiple languages, but it's a French YouTuber who does it and talks about all of the negative, like, effects of tourism, like the mass tourism and all that. It's a really good documentary.

I got invited to jump out of an aeroplane over Mount Everest, like parachute, like skydiving. But it was going to be like 20 grand. And also I was like... Did you see Tanya doing bungee jumping? I did see Tanya.

That was emotional. It was, yeah. This is a comedian friend of ours, Tanya Dutell.

She did bungee jumping. She went bungee jumping. Wait, bungee jumping, that's where you kind of jump off a bridge with an elastic cable and you go under the bridge.

Yeah. Yeah. And she... It was really emotional because you could see she was really scared and she really wanted them to, like, reassure her.

And she did it, so really brave. But when she got up, she had felt really anxious. She felt like she had slipped.

Like she was actually totally in security, but you could see she just had been terrifying the whole thing. When I did my bungee jump, I had the same thing. Like, I felt like my feet were going to slip out of the thing.

That's what she said, yeah. That's what she said. That's literally, that's actually what she said.

I felt my feet were going to slip out of the thing. That's what she said. Yeah.

So Everest, no, I wouldn't do it. But Everest, I mean, even like, I think there is something, and I see where people are like, I want to do a challenge or challenge myself to do something. OK, fair enough.

But Everest, your challenge, at what cost? Other people's lives, the environment, the quality. There were plenty of challenges, and this just feels like some sort of, I don't know, it's embarrassing. Yeah, well, I think now that we've got all, because I think probably 15, 20 years ago, we didn't have social media.

We didn't have all of the information that we have now. And I think it was just like the myth of like, oh, it's the tallest mountain. This is the challenge.

But now that we've seen all the documentaries are available, you go, this just looks horrific. Horrible, yeah. Why would you do it? Awful.

Yeah. OK, so you got it right. Number 10.

When dinosaurs roamed the Earth in the past, days were only 23 hours long. In the time of the dinosaurs, days were only 23 hours long, rather than the standard 24 that we know now. This is those kind of questions, you know, where you're just like, I don't understand science and numbers.

I mean, unless the impact of the meteor that killed them adjusted the trajectory of the planet. But if days were only 23 hours long, were there less days? Did the dinosaurs not live as long ago? There were no days. Yeah, it's the Earth spinning.

Yeah. So unless that has been impacted, the speed of the Earth spinning, there's no way. I defer to the scientist.

Yeah, the Earth. I mean, unless something happened when they died or for the Earth to spin quicker or slower, because that's... Slower, isn't it? It would have sped up, though, wouldn't it? Oh, no, it would have slowed down since then. Maybe it's slowly slowing down.

Isn't it slowing down? No. It feels like it, doesn't it? It feels like it's speeding up. If we waited long enough, isn't the sun going to implode? Aren't we sort of ever so slightly spinning slower? We're probably going to collide with the Andromeda Galaxy first.

But then the dinosaurs weren't there that long ago. It was like 170 million years ago. It's quite long ago.

Yeah, but I mean, like in terms of... No, but in terms of the length of the planet, like the lifespan of the planet, you know, we are but a sort of blip, you know, if it's a 12-hour clock, we're sort of like the end of dinosaurs, we're just a little bit further away. Dinosaurs are like this, and we're like this. Yeah, I feel like it's a fact that I would have heard about growing up learning about dinosaurs, learning about science.

He's a dinosaur. He's a boy. He loves dinosaurs.

I'm a dinosaur expert. Dinosaur expert. I did an... Dino-spert.

I did A-level physics. I know. We're all impressed.

Wait, A-level? Wait, you still did it, though? No, I got an AS level, so the one before, and then I dropped it. Still good. Pretty good.

OK, what Paul says. I'm going to... I feel like I would have heard... I feel like it's a fact that we would have heard. So someone would have told Paul.

We would have heard it by now. No, but you know, I think it would have been like a general knowledge question that you hear in quizzes. Yeah.

I'm going to say no, but I don't see how it could be true. I agree with you. But if it is true, you're going to explain it, I hope.

So the AS level of physics is saying no. Yes. It's true.

What? Yep. Really? Yeah. So can you explain why? I feel like we would have heard this.

Do you not... You just feel like it's something you'd have heard before. Yeah. So, like something your parents would say.

Like, you know, you just feel lucky you weren't... No, but like, in a textbook or something. That dinosaur kind of... That kind of fact does feel like one of those, like, funny factoids. It used to be 23.

Except, of course, as we all know, during the time of the dinosaurs, when it was 23 hours long. Or your parents were like, just be lucky, you feel glad you weren't born during the time of the dinosaurs. Exactly.

You complain about not having enough time to play with your toys. Go on, then. Go on, then.

Earth's rotation is slowing over time, thanks to the moon's gravitational pull. So the moon is pulling on our... It is... Yeah. You understand.

Yeah. And while there is no consensus on the subject, some scientists believe... This is not true. This is a... This could be true.

While there's... How much... Some scientists believe. You mean Kellogg's? While there is no consensus on the subject, some scientists believe that during the time of the dinosaurs, a day was about 23 hours long. This feels like a very fuzzy fact, if you ask me.

I'm going to say we just... But anyway, according to this, it's true. So I'm sorry. OK.

All right, then. 23 hours. No wonder they didn't survive.

It must have been so stressful, having only 23 hours. Not enough sleep. Yeah.

Can't get anything done in a day. So question for you. If we got an extra hour, if we had 24 hours in a day... Sorry, if we had 25 hours in a day, what would you do with the extra hour? Well, technically, once a year, we do.

When the clocks go back, we get 25 hours in a day. Yeah, but then they go forward again, don't they? Yeah, but we get... Yeah, but for one day. For that one day, we get 25 hours.

OK. And next weekend, we have a day with 23 hours. According to that, then, you'd just spend it in bed.

Yeah. Do nothing. Probably.

Let's say you had an extra hour every day. What would you do with that extra hour? Stay in bed an extra hour? I mean, I don't know about you guys and sleep, but I feel like as much as I want to stay in bed, it doesn't... I can't sleep longer than I... Before, if I'd wake up and I'd be like, oh, it's like eight in the morning, I could go back to sleep and then I could go back to sleep for a couple of hours. But now if I wake up at eight, I'm like, I'll try and go back to sleep and then I just can't get back to sleep.

So I wouldn't spend it in bed, but I would spend it eating cornflakes and not masturbating. Right. Yeah.

Good answer. Yeah. Yeah.

You agree, Amber? Same thing for you? Absolutely. Yeah. OK.

Number 11. Left-handed people. Oh, here we go.

I am. You're left-handed. I'm left-handed.

He's using his left hand here. You see? Holding the microphone with his left hand. So are you.

Right. It's because he's using his right hand. Yes, I'm using my right hand to hold this telephone.

Go on. Yeah. So, left-handed people live an average of nine years longer than right-handed people.

Left-handed people live an average of nine years longer than right-handed people. Nah. I hope not.

Nah, mate. Nah. I think it's bollocks.

I think, if anything, left-handed people die sooner. Why would that happen, Amber the Nogue? Dunno. Because they get made fun of.

I mean, it depends. Are we talking about in the past? Um, no, this includes... Because in the past, they may have lived longer, because weren't they the sort of, like, fun surprise attack? No, we would get killed. You think I'm right-handed? Pew! I'm coming in with the left hand.

In terms of sword fighting. Sword fighting, yeah. It's harder to deal.

That's why we drive on the right. On the left in England. Yeah.

Yeah, yeah. It's because of a left-handed... The horses and the... Napoleon, isn't it? No. Yeah, it is, isn't it? Anyway.

That's why we drive on the left, is because... It's because of... The geyser in France was left-handed, so he had his sword in his left hand, and he was arriving, and, um, sorry, it's why France and everywhere else drives on the right. Because everyone used to drive on the left until, I don't know if it's Napoleon, I don't know history, but one of them was left-handed, and so in order for him to be able to kill people on his horse, he had to ride on the right-hand side to then swing his sword and kill the person, but he couldn't be... He couldn't have his... He couldn't be on the left, because he'd have to reach over. It's something to do with that.

It is something to do with that, although I do think you've got that confused. It's also why staircases in castles are always the same direction. I think that's a... It's so that the people at the top can... Urban myth, actually, the castle one, but yes, there is talk of that.

Anyway. I don't think the left-handed people do live longer, I don't know why, I'm just not feeling it. It's such a long time.

It's a long time, yeah. So you're saying false or true or false or false? We're saying false. False.

It is false. Good. Well done.

In fact, you could say it's the opposite, but you'd be wrong as well. In fact, it's more or less the same, that left- and right-handed people live around about the same length of time. Nowadays, before we would get killed because we were left-handed.

Yeah, you'd be burned. Or you'd surprise attack. The devil.

Or just you'd be burned because... Yeah, the devil, along with the cats. You're stroking black cats with your left hand, you filthy... And then masturbating with it. And then with your cornflakes.

Ah! Sinister. Left-handed people were branded sinister. Yes.

Question for you. Do you trust left-handed people, Amber? Yeah, some of my best friends are left-handed. Really? Honestly, honestly, they are.

Genuinely, when I was at school, I had quite a few left-handed friends, and it was really rough for them, because we all used to write with fountain pens. Yeah, horrible. I hated it.

And when you're left-handed with a fountain pen, as you all know, it's very smudgy. And I always really felt for them, because their handwriting was really nice, and then they would write it beautifully and smudge it all along. And it was unfair.

Yeah. That was a joke question, by the way, listeners, of course. A joke question? Yeah.

Do you trust left-handed people? Of course. Of course we can trust left-handed people. Yeah.

I don't know. Well, yeah. Number 12.

Yeah. The word butterfly stems from a typo. That's a typing error.

This is your language question. Language, here we go. The word butterfly stems from a typo of the insect's original name, flutterby.

No, that's what children say. Originally, butterflies were called flutterbys, and through a misspelling, they became known as butterflies. No.

Amber's saying no, but you're the language expert. You're the language expert, but loads of children say flutterby. A flutterby.

Butterfly is hard to say, and lots of children say flutterby, and I think that's why you found that question, because that is a childish mistake. This is my opinion, but you are the language expert. Yeah, I'm going to say it's not true as well.

It doesn't, because there's a, I'm trying to think of the, you know, the French and Spanish words for them. I've got nothing to do with the English one, so I can't, I can't make a. What is it in Spanish? Mariposa. Mariposa.

What does that mean? Does it translate to something specific? Maybe it does. I don't think so. It's like pepillon, right? It doesn't translate to anything specific.

No. It does. It translates to butterfly.

Or flutterby. I think, I think flutter is a word. I think the word flutter came probably after butterfly, as in like the verb to flutter is a new-ish verb.

That's what butterflies do, isn't it? They flutter, it describes the way that they flap their little wings and they flutter around the garden. I don't think so. But you think no.

You are absolutely right. It is false. He's very good at this.

So you get another one. So, yeah, it's a complete, just a myth. Just a myth.

A common myth. But another fun fact. Have you ever heard of the Nintendo computer game character Donkey Kong? Yes.

Yes. So there's another myth, actually. Have you ever thought that it was a strange name for a big ape? Have you ever? Donkey Kong.

Yes, but there's a reason. It's based because of the Japanese word for something. It's a myth.

This is a myth. The myth goes that Donkey Kong was originally supposed to be called Monkey Kong, but due to an error, maybe a spelling error or reading error or something lost in translation between Japanese and English, he was eventually named Donkey Kong instead of Monkey Kong. But this is actually a myth as well.

In fact, Shigeru Miyamoto, the creator of Donkey Kong and various other people, including Mario, Zelda and so on, called him Donkey because he looked in a dictionary for words relating to stubborn or goofy and he found the word donkey and so he called the character Donkey Kong. OK. There you go.

And it sounds good. It does sound good, doesn't it? And it worked. It does.

And trust Shigeru Miyamoto-san because he knows what he's doing. He knows what he's doing, doesn't he? He knows what he's doing. Question.

What's your favourite retro computer game? Do you have any? I've never played computer games and I still don't play computer games and I think they are so boring and such a waste of time. It's beyond me. OK.

Paul? GoldenEye. Ah, I was a GoldenEye master. Ah, I loved it.

GoldenEye. It's James Bond 007. Well, when you come over for Easter, we'll load it up on the Switch.

Yeah. OK. I've got it.

I'll take you down to Chinatown. Roll freeze. So, I used to play GoldenEye at university because I'm older than you.

And in my university house, we had an N64 with four controllers. Yeah, with the TV that was this big, but the split screen. Split screen action.

Love it. And we used to do split screen multiplayer GoldenEye, where you're basically in a sort of like an office building or something and you're running around and there are guns lying around and you have to shoot your friends. And I used to take on all of them.

It would be me versus all my friends. And it was, we used to do the setting where it was one shot kills. Of course.

Why would you do any other setting? One shot kills. And I would be given the Cougar Magnum, which is like a repeater revolver that has one shot. It goes click, bang.

Whereas they're in with their machine guns, automatic pistols, bang, bang, bang, bang, bang. Mine's got a six shooter. And I used to wipe the floor.

Really? Okay. Because what you don't, what they didn't know is that you had some tea. Yeah, I had tea.

I was drinking tea. The Cougar Magnum can shoot through doors. You see, that's the difference.

So they'd be there. And I, the key thing is to look at their screens so you know where they are and then you can shoot them through the door. I think there were a lot of advantages.

There were lots of things which computer games give you. Like, although I'm, I don't like playing them myself, I'm not snitty about other people playing them. Like, I think it's really sociable and useful and you can learn lots of skills.

It's just, I'm just too rubbish at them. You learn a lot of problem solving stuff. Yeah, absolutely.

Like, I, I'm, I, it's not really linked to the superstition thing, but you know when you do a thing and you keep repeating it, like you were talking about the, the grills, not the grills, the manhole covers that you walk around with the superstition. Like, I played a game on the Xbox when I was growing up called Splinter Cell, which the whole thing was like, you need to sneak around into like embassies and, and so now like if I'm at home, like I know how to go up the stairs without waking anyone

up because I know which bits of the floorboard are creaking and I'm like, I'm in that video game all the time. Like it's, it's, yeah, I was, I played video games way too.

That's why I know nothing about anything is because it all. You know about GoldenEye. Yeah, I know.

But that's useful for one question, which I even got wrong. I think it does. It helps the way you think.

I think there's loads of advantage of video games, just some rubbish at them and I find them really boring. Okay. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, you got 8 right and 3 wrong so far.

Let's move on to, um, I think I've missed one anyway. Animals and nature. Okay.

This one is kind of language related, Paul, so here we go. As a language expert. Butterfly again.

So, uh, number 13, goats have accents. I think they do. I think goats have accents.

Give us a bit of a goat. What's your goat impression? Uh, a goat from Liverpool would be. Was it a cat that had a Liverpool accent? Did I say that to you? Yeah.

Meow. Meow. Meow.

Meow. Meow. Yeah.

I think probably all animals have accents. Goats have accents. True or false? Let's say yes, because I want a goat to have an accent.

I very much want goats to have accents. Meow. Meow.

Meow. Meow. I don't know what accent that is.

English, probably. That's probably English. The answer is that it's true.

Yes. Goats have accents. Goats have accents.

Goats in different parts of the world bleat. Yes. That's what goats do.

They bleat. They bleat in ways that are distinctively characteristic of that region. See, they're communicating with us.

Question. You're not goats, obviously, but do you think your accent has changed over time? Yeah. It has, Paul? Yeah.

Pray. Expand on that. Pray.

Pray. Yeah. Pray continue.

Pray continue. Pray tell. Pray tell.

You've never heard that before. No, I've not. Finally.

I'm learning English with Luke's English podcast. I don't know why I come to this. It's been a while since we taught him some English on this podcast.

It is true. It is true. You tried earlier on with the word, which is when we talk to each other.

Confer. Confer. I knew that one.

You knew that already. I didn't. So.

Yeah. So when I. So I distinctly remember making fun of my dad's accent when I was at school in Geneva because I think I had an American accent back then because it was an international school and there were more Americans than Brits. So I had.

And I was making fun of my dad's accent and we sound pretty much the same. He's got a bit of a northern twang. And then I remember when I lived in Madrid, I ended up having like a weird Scottish Spanish accent because my one of my good friends that I lived at the school with because I did one year of like boarding and he was Scottish Spanish and he had this really weird mixture.

I would. I've always been made fun of of my because of my accent at different schools. And so I think subconsciously I've just adapted to to the accent.

And I've ended up with this accent because it was the last place I went to school in the UK. So what does a Scottish Spanish accent sound like? I can't remember. It was it was more like an international English where I can't even remember what it sounded like but it was it's it's a I can't do it.

Obviously you're adding Spanish words in there but instead of saying oh the oh would be close to the Spanish oh. Right. Do you know I mean.

Yeah. Because it's like saying mate or man in in a Spanish phrase like in English you'd say mate what are we doing tonight in Spanish you'd say Tio que hacemos esta noche like so they mix that into English they'd be like Tio like what are we doing tonight. I can't I can't I haven't got it anymore but it was a weird mixture so yeah I have changed my accent.

My French accent changed. I sounded a little bit Quebecois after living there for a year and then now I just sound like a Parisian. Yes.

Because I've been here for. Yeah. So has your accent changed.

Amber Minogue. I think when you live abroad you tend to sort of clean it up a little bit to be a bit more understandable and then sometimes I hear my daughter say things and I think well obviously she's heard that from me but it'll be like water or bottle or like you what and I think where did you hear that from and obviously obviously it is me but I it will slip back in and especially I go back to England I'll sound a bit more London. Yeah.

And I sound I think a bit more clean here. Yeah. You sort of go a bit more received pronunciation.

A bit more neutral sort of thing for the you know for the international audience. Can you do it a bit less English please. Yeah.

Can you sound a bit less English. It's what was it not American just less British. Just like can you have no accent just not an accent.

Oh okay. The famous non-accent. The famous non-accent.

Yeah. Number 14 cats were first cats were the first animals to be domesticated by humans. True or false.

I think this is true. Cats above dogs. Cats were the first animals to be domesticated by humans.

Are cats domesticated. I mean that's another that's another good question but I feel like there's something related to Egypt. They are.

With the cats. Egypt is old. Ancient.

I think it is. In the past. It's certainly in the past.

Cats certainly are. They know where their bread is but don't they. And they could easily come around people knowing that there's going to be you know when you settle places and there's mice and stuff like that.

I can see why cats would be attracted to living and being around people. Living and working. Living and working around people.

It's hard to say that they're domesticated in some way. Do you mean domesticated like their pets or that they work like they're living in your home. They're just like a little lovely.

Well that's what pets are. Yeah. Because like dogs work.

Living with humans. Yeah. Coexisting with humans.

But didn't we. But dogs. The thing is is that cats are how they've always been.

Whereas dogs we created. We made dogs. Dogs didn't.

We made them from wolves. Oh I see. It's like a. Cats are kind of the same beast.

Yeah. Cats haven't changed. Cats are like you didn't make me.

Yeah. Exactly. Whereas dogs.

You're right. They are super old. And they were all about the cats.

Should we go with yes. It's either yes or it's a random animal. It's either yes or it's no.

Yeah I know. It's either yes and if it's no it's a random animal. It's not like a dog.

I'm going to say yes. Go on. Yeah let's go with yes.

It's false. Oh fucking hell. Sorry guys.

Was it dogs? It's no. What is it? Random animal. It's a capybara.

So okay. Dogs. Hamster.

It's a hamster. Oh no no. Dogs were first.

Oh okay. They were domesticated over 12,000 years ago. What? Wow.

Then before cats it's goats again. Oh lovely goats. Of course.

They're communicating. They've even got accents. Goats predate cats 10,000 years ago.

Oh that makes sense. Cats are around 9,000 9,500 years ago. Oh poor cats.

Question. Yeah. What do you prefer as a pet? Dogs, cats or goats? Cats.

Oh god. Yes. I mean I've got a cat but I fucking hate it.

No but dogs you've got to take them out. They are lovely. But they are a lot of hard work.

Goats. Yeah. Quite a lot of high maintenance.

Very cute. But those little hooves. You don't want a little hoof on your bed in the morning.

And they are very cute but they do have quite a scary little face. And they will eat absolutely everything. Yeah.

But you can drink their milk and eat their bodies. Eat their flesh if you need to. You can eat your cat should you want to.

But would you want to eat your pet? No. The cat drinks your milk. I don't think.

I don't think. The cat drinks your milk. Exactly.

That's the thing about cats. They drink our milk. Yeah.

Why would you want to eat your pet? You need space for a goat. I don't know. You need space for a goat.

And you just got to have a goat friend. Cats are easy peasy. They get rid of mice as well.

Oh yeah. Very handy. They don't get rid of rats but they get rid of mice.

Yeah. Well that's your job. Yeah.

Exactly. The ratter. As I found out.

Okay. So cats still win. Yeah.

Cats win. Despite the fact you hate them. I hate living with animals.

He doesn't want any pets. I don't want any pets. He wants to live on his own.

Yeah. Even his family. He wants a little donkey.

Kind of just you know in the garden. A goat. I think you should try having a goat in your back garden.

They're too joyful a goat. The way they bounce around. He needs a little sort of sad donkey.

I don't need to mow the lawn if we had a goat. Yes it's true. You know if you had one of those little dwarf goats.

Yeah. Nibble everything down. And all the flowers.

They're so cute. Okay. We need to speed up a little bit.

Okay. The next few ones about animals are pretty bonkers. Okay.

We're going to go into it quick. Okay. Number 15.

The horned lizard which is a species of lizard. The horned lizard can shoot blood out of its eyes as a defence mechanism. Ew.

Let's say yes. Wouldn't that be cool? I don't think it's yes but let's say yes. It's true.

They can. How gross. Let me tell you more.

They can shoot blood as far as three feet away. Three feet. Here's how it works.

It's called auto haemorrhaging. Oh. The technical term for this is reflex bleeding.

Oh my God. Wouldn't that be a cool power? I was going to say that his follow up question is if you could do this would you? Absolutely. That is definitely my follow up question.

Can you imagine being on the metro and someone's just like giving and you just turn around. Everyone would just lose their mind. Yeah.

That'd be amazing. The lizard doesn't actually shoot blood from its eyeball itself but rather from the orbital sinus which is the tissue around the eye. So just from under the eye.

Oh my gosh. Yes. How does this happen? Pressure build up.

When the lizard feels threatened it restricts the blood flow leaving its head. This causes the blood pressure in the small capillaries around the eyes to rise. The burst.

The pressure becomes so intense that the thin membranes in the corners of the eyes rupture and then the spray. The lizard then uses its eye muscles to aim. I was going to say can it aim it? At the predator's face.

Wow. Why does this work? Because it's so gross. The predator is like you are joking.

It's mostly a distraction but it also is designed to fight canines like coyotes, foxes and domestic dogs. Chemicals are involved. The blood contains a distasteful chemical which is derived from the lizard's primary diet which is harvester ants.

Now these ants produce a pungent venom that the lizard's body processes and concentrates in its blood. Venomous blood shooting three metres from your eyes. Sign me up.

It's brilliant. That's the best. To a coyote the blood tastes incredibly bitter and irritating.

Predators will often drop the lizard immediately and spend the next several minutes shaking their heads and trying to get the taste out of their mouths, giving the horned lizard plenty of time to walk away. To walk away. Just mic drops.

See you later, bitches. So what would be your mad defence mechanism of choice? That. I want that.

I've got some other options. Go on then. Just basic projectile vomiting.

Firing turds at your attacker. Come on. Imagine shooting directional blood from your eyes.

Poisonous. Venomous. Come on.

How is this not already in a movie? Snot attack. Like a professional footballer firing. Also then, when you finish, you're going to have the blood all down you.

You're going to look super scary and mental. That's great. Finally, mustard gas.

It's not First World War. A powerful nerve gas that's emitted from either the top or bottom end of the body. The bottom end of the body.

No, no, because then you're gassing everyone. No, I just want to catch my attacker. OK, then.

Number 16. When a worker bee, so bees now, when a worker bee mates, has sex with a queen bee. Yeah.

Its penis explodes. I think that's true. I feel like they die.

I think the male, when it mates, it dies. I don't know why. It rings a bell to me.

It sounds right. It's just like the idea of a sort of matriarchy. You know, you have sex with the queen.

Now that's you done. Pow. One hell of an orgasm, isn't it? I think we're confusing it with the bee's sting coming off.

Yeah, that is a thing. In winter, they gnaw off the male bee's wings and throw them out the hive to die. It's really vicious.

I don't know that their penis falls off, but they do get a really fucking rough ride. Penis explodes. So are you going true or false? It's true.

These animals are grim. In fact, you can even hear it pop if you listen closely. What kind of person is listening closely? What is this, bee porn? Shane Carley, the writer of this book, apparently.

What kind of pop does it make? Would you like some more information? Yes, please. Drones, these are a type of bee that live in the hive. Drones exist for only one purpose, to mate with a virgin queen.

They don't have stingers. They don't have nectar. They don't gather nectar, and they don't even have mouthparts to feed themselves.

Other worker bees have to feed them. So they're just sex bees. Sex slaves.

Sex bees. How did this evolve? Sex bees. So let me tell you about bee penises.

Please tell us. It's called the endophallus. The endophallus, because one use, and that's the end of your phallus.

Wouldn't that just be like a uniphallus? This is the drone's reproductive organ. It is kept tucked inside his body until the moment of mating, to prevent self-pleasure, I suppose. He's eaten cornflakes.

Cornflakes. Honey on cornflakes, though. Anyway, the inversion.

To mate, that means to reproduce, right, everyone? To mate, the drone must flip inside out. What? Flip his endophallus inside out and put it into the queen. This happens with incredible speed and force, powered by a massive contraction of his abdominal muscles.

So he forces it inside out from inside his body into the queen's body. The audible snap, the pressure is so high that the endophallus literally explodes into the queen. There is a distinct popping sound that can actually be heard by human observers nearby.

How close? Are those human observers? I don't know. Why the explosion? This isn't just nature being cruel, it's a competitive strategy. The mating plug.

When the organ explodes, part of it remains lodged inside the queen. This acts as a plug to prevent the sperm from leaking out and to temporarily discourage other drones from mating with her immediately. Surely the discouraging would be seeing your mate's endophallus explode.

I mean, just like, shall we? Actually, on second thoughts, I mean. If that's your only job, you know, if you can't even eat. Yeah, he can't even eat.

I'm waiting for the follow-up question for this. Lethal separation. Because the organ is snapped off and left behind, the drone's abdomen is ripped open in the process.

This is a snuff porn. Bee snuff porn. He falls to the ground and dies almost instantly after his flight.

A queen bee only goes on a few mating flights in her entire life. During these flights, she will mate with 10 to 45 drones. 10 to 45? In mid-air.

In mid-air? And then rips out their phallus and then they just fall to the ground, eviscerated. As each drone finishes and falls away, the next drone must actually

remove the mating plug left by his predecessor before he can take his turn. This is horrible.

I mean, obviously we're thinking it's horrible because we're humanising it and imagining someone showing up and having to pull out a plug. I mean, just thinking it's like Bonnie Blue, but just a sort of horrible bee version. So then he rips the mating plug out and then he explodes and the queen stores all this sperm in a special organ called the spermathica where she keeps it alive for the rest of her life, up to five years to fertilise millions of eggs.

Wow, it's pretty impressive. But I mean, that feels rough. So, question.

Do you like honey? Not anymore. Yeah, I've kind of changed. Do you know vegans can't eat honey? Yeah, because of this.

Because of this. Now I understand. Well, you got it right, didn't you? Yeah, we did.

Okay, here comes the next mental animal question. True or false, the flatworm can launch a projectile from its anus when it hunts. The flatworm.

These are all true. And Luke is just loving every single one. I don't know what a flatworm is.

Is it in the sea? Is it in the sand? A flatworm is a type of worm. We're talking specifically about polyclad marine flatworms. Right.

So these are worms that live in the water. And so the flatworm can launch a projectile. That's a thing that flies out like a missile or something from its anus.

That's from its arsehole. When it hunts. Like a submarine.

Like a torpedo. Do they hunt or do they not just collect sort of small things going by a worm? Don't they just like absorb stuff? Do they eat worms? I don't know. You want it to be true though, don't you? I do want him to.

Should we go false though? I don't know. I just feel like worms kind of absorb things. I don't know.

Some worms might eat. This is the stuff of nightmares that Luke is really... I kind of feel like he's not capable. I don't know.

I think this is made up. I think he's made up one and he's combined the eyes and the... I think he's... We've got to have one that's made up. It's false.

But... Oh no, that was... I'm not sure I'm keeping count correctly but it doesn't matter, does it really? No. So that is false but it does use its penis as a weapon. Oh, what? Would you like some more information? Yes.

Is it a serrated penis? It's more of a sharp, like a kind of spike. A spiky little penis. So this sounds like a bizarre plot for a science fiction movie and I'm afraid it's more weird animal sex but for a certain species... You chose these, you had a whole book and you have really found... This has titillated you.

You've been like, all the things I could have chosen and how many of them are about penises? Come on listeners. I chose the right fact. Okay, continue.

So a certain species of hermaphroditic flatworms and the fact that they're hermaphroditic is important. They have both male and female sex organs. Penis fencing is a very real... It's very real, high stakes evolutionary battle.

So, since these flatworms are hermaphrodites, they possess both male and female reproductive organs. While they could theoretically just pair up and trade sperm, there is a major biological catch. Motherhood is expensive and risky and therefore they want to avoid it if possible.

Imagine if human reproduction was like this, right? Choose. Who gets in there first? That would be amazing. So it could be like, okay, one of us has to be the mother.

And if I can like... If you get me first, it's like, oh God, now I have to be the mother. You end up having a fight about it. A sexy fight.

With your sword penis. With your spiky penises. Does it remind you of university? Fighting with spiky penises.

I didn't catch that. I just like to imagine Paul having some spiky penis fights with his mates. Yes.

If he was a hermaphroditic flatworm, that's what would have happened. Imagine, everyone is both male and female. Yeah.

Actually, don't imagine that. So, the fencing ritual. The goal of penis fencing is to inseminate the partner without being inseminated yourself.

Sounds like a terrible computer game, doesn't it? Good idea for a game. Game developers, take note. Here is how the weaponry works.

Dual daggers. Many flatworms have two dagger-like penises. That are sharp, rigid and pointed.

Double trouble. The attack. When two flatworms meet to mate, they rear up and strike at each other with these stylets, they're called.

They aren't looking for a specific mating port. They're just trying to stab the other anywhere in the body. Mating port.

That's not sexy. I know. Can you imagine? Darling, I'd really like to see your mating port tonight.

Oh my God. Hyperdermic insemination. Once a flatworm successfully pierces its partner's skin, it injects sperm directly into the body cavity.

Fucking anywhere. The sperm then migrates through the tissue to reach the eggs. So, that sperm is going to get there.

It doesn't even need the female reproductive part. I guess it does. So, why is it a weapon? In this context, the penis is a weapon used to win a biological arms race.

The conflict arises because of the different energy costs between being the mother and the father. So, the winner, that's the father I'm afraid in this case, is the flatworm that, it's the patriarchy. It feels like an allegory.

It's like an undersea patriarchy of sorts, isn't it? The flatworm that successfully stabs the other and swims away unscathed gets to pass on its genes with very little metabolic cost or effort. Does it sound familiar? It just provides the sperm and then leaves. The loser, that's the mother I'm afraid, the flatworm that gets stabbed must

now devote massive amounts of energy to producing eggs, building a cocoon, and finding extra food to support the pregnancy.

They also have to heal the physical wounds from the stabbing. I could go on. You also have to take them to school once, you know, right? Do you know what I mean? Do the ironing, it's outrageous.

And it doesn't even help build the nest or anything? None of it. Nothing. Question.

I don't have a question for this. Except this. How glad are you to be human? I mean, it sounds like about the same experience, to be honest.

It's very relatable. That flatworm experience. That made me think of something I can't remember.

I had a question, but it's gone. Oh, that's wild. Let's move on to the third of my trilogy of terrible questions.

Well, no, they're great questions. The hairy frog. The hairy frog is also known as the horror frog.

Why? Because of its high pitched shriek that it emits when threatened. So a shriek is like a scream. So the hairy frog is also known as the horror frog due to the high pitched shriek it emits when threatened.

My question from before, but it's a general question. These explanations, are these all in the book or have you then googled it? I've done some deep research. Of course you have.

You were just excited about the thought of looking at some of the... Penis fencing. I say yes. There is lots of creatures that have terrible screeches and cries.

I feel like a little hairy frog. What a delightful idea. Paul can attest to the fact that rats make a similar noise.

And they're threatened. Who's that comedian? He's from the north and he moved to London. And he was like, why didn't anyone tell me that foxes sound like women being killed? And he heard, you know what foxes sound like? And he phoned the police.

And he was like, oh my God, you know, something terrible. And they came around and they were just like, does it sound like this? And one of the officers did like the fox noise. He was like, yes.

He was like, it's foxes. So the hairy frog is known as the horror frog because of the high pitched shriek that it emits when it's threatened. There's a fourth glass of water here.

I don't know, this is mine. I thought that was yours. Do you want some more water? Sure.

I say go on. Yeah, let's say yeah. Because if it's not, then it's another little creature, which is what we called it.

You're bang wrong. It is actually false. The horror frog and it's actually worse.

The horror frog is named the horror frog because it intentionally breaks the bone in its leg to create a sharp spur, which can be used as a weapon. A shiv. It uses its own leg bone.

To stab people. That's hardcore. I mean, can you imagine if that was a human and just breaking your arm and then stabbing someone? That is hardcore.

So more information. If you thought the flatworms penis fencing was intense, the wolverine frog, officially the hairy frog, takes biological weaponry to a whole new level. It doesn't just have claws.

It essentially performs self-surgery to deploy them. The anatomy of the bone claw. Unlike a cat or a lion, which is also a cat, whose claws are made of keratin like your fingernails and they sit in a permanent sheath.

The horror frog's weapons are made of bone. Okay. The hidden blade.

The claw is actually a specialised bone at the tip of the frog's toe. So in its resting state, the bone is held in place by a tough fibrous ligament and a small anchor bone. So parts of the foot keep this bone in place.

When the frog is threatened or attacked, it forcefully contracts a specific muscle in its foot. This contraction is so powerful, it snaps the ligament and breaks the bone away from its anchor. Essentially like wolverine in the X-Men, the spike comes flying out of the end of its toe, breaking through its own skin.

It pushes downward and outward because there's no exit hole. The sharp bone punctures directly through the frog's own skin. The result is a set of jagged bony cat claws protruding from the toe pads of the frog.

The frog then uses these to kick and rake scratch predators. Wow. Yes.

So while the frog is literally breaking a part of its skeletal structure to defend itself, it doesn't break its leg in the sense of a femur fracture. It's a localised intentional break of a small nodule of bone at the very tip of the toe. How does it regenerate that? It does heal.

Frogs are famous for their healing factor and regenerative properties. And this is reset fairly quickly for the next encounter. That's incredible.

So question, who would you rather be? Wolverine, Spider-Man, Ant-Man, Batman, Catwoman and why? What's Ant-Man? Ant-Man, he can shrink down into... That sounds rubbish. He can go really small or really big. Well, Batman's rubbish.

He's just a billionaire with a childhood trauma. Ant-Man, that doesn't sound good. Catwoman is just like a sexualised sort of, that's nonsense as well, she's just a bit sort of... Sexualised thief.

Sexualised thief. So we're left with what, Wolverine and Spider-Man? Spider-Man is a sort of like young boy in masturbation, that's what that's all about. So it's only Wolverine.

No, but it's about the superpower, can you imagine like, I need to get over to that roof, it's just like... That'd be cool. That does sound cool. I'm going to go with Wolverine because I think it feels... The huge Ackman is sexy, that's why you like it.

No, no, because it just feels like less... It does have a huge Ackman. Yeah, because it feels less likely, like what is your power and you're just small and then pow, you've got all this... I don't actually know what he does, he's just got like... He's basically indestructible. Indestructible.

He's got like a frog's healing factor. Because he's like, is he really strong? Yes. I'd love to be really strong.

Spider-Man's really strong. Like really small, but just like super strong, because I'm obviously not. Spider-Man's really strong too.

Wolverine, so he's got the spikes that come out. His body is covered in adamantium, which is not great. But that reminds me of Spaced, and I love Spaced.

What's adamantium? Adamantium is like this amazing metal from the Marvel universe, but it poisons him and kills him in the end. Oh, does it? So that's the adamantium thing. But the good things about Wolverine is that he's basically indestructible, because he heals himself instantly.

And he's very strong. And he's got spikes. But he's got a very tragic story and a very painful... There's a lot of pain with Wolverine.

Well, because I suppose it's just... They're all metaphors, aren't they? Oh well, sounds great. So Spider-Man, Wolverine. I'd choose Spider-Man.

Okay, a few more left. Again, well let's try and be quick. This is the last of the mad nature questions.

Number 19, the Daddy-Long-Legs. Yeah. You need to explain what... What's a Daddy-Long-Legs? It's a spider with long legs.

It's the flying one. It flies. Does it fly? Yeah, yeah, it does.

It's the flying one. Actually, in my opinion, Daddy-Long-Legs is a generic term used by kids to refer to either the large flying crane fly, a sort of thing that looks a bit like a huge mosquito. Yes.

And should be terrifying, or a spider with very long legs. I always thought it was the crane fly. Yeah, that's what I always thought too, but then I read this.

Ah, ooh. The Daddy-Long-Legs is actually one of the deadliest spiders on earth. Oh no.

But its fangs are not strong enough... That's true. To penetrate human skin. Yeah, it's true.

What, the ones in England? The Daddy-Long-Legs. They're venomous. Yeah, but they can't administer it.

How pointless. Yeah, it's pointless, I've heard this fact before. So you just shouldn't eat them? No, that's alright.

The venom only is administered... To flies. When they bite things, or penetrate things. But they've got no teeth, or something like that.

Oh, and I thought they were okay, and they're actually fucks. Yeah, I've heard this fact before, and so it's either urban myth, or the fact is true, but I've heard the fact before, so I'm going to go say true. Okay.

Sorry guys, it's an absolute urban myth. So, Daddy-Long-Legs are completely harmless. The crane fly is harmless, they don't have any venom.

They're just flying around, eating mosquitoes. Flying around in September, getting trapped in your house. Morons.

Although they don't live in France. I've never seen one in France. I think they do live in France.

That's an urban myth, I don't know why it's an urban myth. Good one though. Very common little insect.

I've never heard that. So, question, what are your scariest or creepiest creepy-crawly encounters from childhood? When you were a child, did you ever encounter a weird creepy-crawly? Absolutely, because I grew up in South Africa. Right.

And all the insects are massive, and I remember once we had a cat, and I really liked King Arthur and the Knights Around the Table. And so this cat was called Merlin. That's a great name for a cat.

And so Merlin brought in a locust. It was like a grasshopper. I was little.

But it really was big. And it was trapped in the room, and it was just bouncing off the walls and flying and all that kind of exoskeleton. And it was really, I was just like, oh my god, this is horrible.

There is something so creepy about a big insect. Just bouncing around. And the cat obviously was delighted.

And I tried to get my dad. Grasshopper. It wasn't a grasshopper, it was massive.

Yeah, probably a huge locust or something. Any creepy-crawly encounters as a child? Not really as a child that I can remember off the top of my head. I just remember when I went to visit my uncle in Australia, in the suburbs of London.

He had a python in his back garden just chilling out. Just a wild python? Yeah, it was massive. He was like, oh, that's the python.

He carried on walking. I'm like, sorry, I need more. What do you mean, that's the python? I've been to Australia and I've never seen, but I've seen it online.

You know, the Huntsman spider. You know, the one that's so enormous. And Australians are just like, oh, it's actually all right.

And then they're really fast. I don't mind a spider and I'm happy for them to live their lives, but I couldn't. Oh, that's horrible.

And you try and get a plastic Tupperware box to trap it and it jumps out. No, but they're enormous. Enormous.

Yeah, vast. Vast. Talking of vast, the next category is science and space.

As a physics graduate. He's a physicist. I can't say it.

Physicist, thank you, in the room. As a physicist and science expert, Paul, you should be good at this. So, number 20, the famous quote by Neil Armstrong when he stepped onto the moon was a mistake.

That's, he said. One small step for man. That wasn't Darth Vader.

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Explain to Darth Vader. That's one small step for man, one giant leap for man. It was actually the recording, but he goes, that's one small step for man, one giant leap for man.

So anyway, Neil Armstrong claims that he actually said that's one small step for a man. That's what he should have said. Not that's one small step for man.

So is this actually true that he made a mistake and he said one small step for man when he should have said one small step for a man? Again, it's the same answer for me as the previous one. I've heard this story before, but it also could be an urban myth. Well, he should have definitely said a man.

I mean, it doesn't make sense otherwise. It's rubbish. One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.

Man and mankind mean the same thing. It's a really excellent quote if he says one small step for a man. And it's a really rubbish quote if he says man.

One is really like, oh, wow, how pithy. Just in a few short words, he's really summed up exactly that. Oh, no, but you've said man.

A small step for one man, but a giant leap for mankind in general. What he actually said was it's one small step for mankind and one giant leap for mankind. No, it isn't.

So is this true or false? It's true that he fucked it up, I think is the answer. Do you agree with that? He's the physics expert. Yeah, but this has nothing to do with physics.

I mean, they're bright people. They're not morons, those astronauts. Imagine the stress.

Imagine the pressure. The pressure of being in a film studio. Tell me he fucked it up.

How many times have we recorded stuff and fluffed it? Sorry, second take, mate. Who was the name? Stanley Kubrick. He's not cheap.

I was back in the day. We don't have time to do another take. The sound engineer's got to go for lunch.

I hope that he fucked it up. So you're saying true and Paul is saying true. You're right, it's true.

He made a mistake. He said that's one small step for man. He should have said that's one small step for a man.

He had a lot of emotions going on. Can you imagine? Not really, no. OK, let's move on to number 21.

No question. Number 21, astronauts have to drink their own pee. True or false? What do you mean? Are they Roman legions? This is not in the past.

This is now. Astronauts have to drink their own urine. A.K.A. pee.

True or false? I think they could maybe drink their own pee. I've watched the 45-minute tour of the International Space Station. And there isn't a pee-cleaning station? This is the pee-drinking area.

I remember seeing the toilet where they pee. It's like a conical shape that you put on the end of your... Johnson. Boris Johnson.

But I can't remember what the... Anyway, I don't see why they would need to drink their own pee. Just for liquid? For refreshment? They've got water. You're saying false.

It's true. Is it? It's true. They use a recycling system to capture their own pee and transform it into drinking water.

So you've got it wrong. Why don't we do that on Earth? Is it because it's gross? We do do it on Earth. Your pee goes in the toilet, gets flushed down the toilet.

It's true, it does get cleaned. And it gets processed. Fair enough.

So, question. Would you like to go into space or would it be too much hassle? No. I can't think of anything I would like to do less.

I don't even like to go on holiday. Like... It's true, I can't... I cannot... No, absolutely not. Yeah, I would.

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Really? So you wouldn't go to Mount Everest but you'd go into space? Yeah. I feel like I've been up a mountain. I know what... When you're up a mountain, you still only see... I've been in a plane.

You want to see the Earth from... Because everyone says... The astronauts that I've listened to interviews with... Is that Katy Perry? Yeah, exactly. She talks about it extensively. Where you... Because I've listened to... What's his name? Chris Hadfield, the Canadian... Astronaut.

Guitar playing astronaut. And the French guy Thomas Pesquet. It's like you just get a different... Something changes in your perspective of life.

You don't see everyone. There are 7 billion of us. You don't see everyone though, do you? Well, you don't see everyone but you see where we all are.

There's Ember and Paul. But when you see everyone... When you go, okay, there's like 7 of us up here. And everyone else on the planet is down there.

And you can see... Yeah, I think I would like to see the Earth from that. You just would like to get away from your family, right? Anything. If it's not a marathon, he's going to space.

Honestly. Unbelievable. Which direction am I going? Away, away.

The lengths he will go to, to not have to cut the grass. I mean, he's going to buy a goat and leave his family. Okay, all right.

Number 22. Would you like to go to space? No, far too inconvenient and uncomfortable. What happens if they've got a boiling machine to boil water and you can have a cup of tea up there? I've got that on Earth.

I don't need to go to space for that. No, just the inconvenience of it. Recycled pee.

Dealing with poo floating around. Horrible. Claustrophobia, not being able to wash properly.

Aliens. No thanks. No way.

Number 22. Among the objects that humans have sent into space are these things. Pictures of human sexual organs.

Dick pics. Sea urchin sperm. What? Yeah.

A pizza. Remains of the guy who discovered Pluto. So, is this true? Among the objects, because humans have sent... Some of these are true or... No, all of these are true.

It's either true or false. It's either true or false. So, humans have sent lots of objects into space.

I... And so included in that list of things is pictures of human sexual organs, sea urchin sperm, a pizza, remains of the guy who discovered Pluto. Why would they send remains? Remains of the guy who discovered Pluto. I bet he wanted that.

Listen, let's say yes, because I've got to go home in a minute. Yeah, I think I've seen a video on YouTube of somebody sending a pizza to space and it drops back down and then they eat it again. No.

That's a baguette. Yeah, someone's done it. Okay, I feel it's yes.

It's true. Because why not? Absolutely. That's the answer.

Okay, what would you send into space? Me. Absolutely nothing. Leave space alone.

There's many more things. There's quite a lot of money. It costs a lot of money to do anything with space.

There's plenty of problems that we need to deal with. And they're just fanning around sending pizzas to space. They're just boys and toys.

It makes me furious. What about people who jump the line in the supermarket? I'd send them into space. Okay, I take it back.

Into space. 23. Uranus rotates on its side.

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Physics? Any news? Uranus, the planet, rotates on its side. Does it have a side? It's round, isn't it? Well, you know, there's poles. Planets have poles, don't they? And they rotate on those axes.

Yeah, it rotates on its side. I've got no idea. So like the Earth roughly rotates sort of vertically, doesn't it? They're saying Uranus rotates at a 90 degree angle to that.

We're saying yes. Uranus rotates at the sun. It's true.

Okay, thank you. Well done. And the follow-up question is if you could rotate your anus.

Would it be on the side? That is. I would ask a question here, but Uranus is none of my business. Oh.

Yes, okay. Unless you're shooting blood out of someone's... Yeah, what was the... No, that was a worm, but it doesn't... The flatworm. It does worse things.

Well, we're running out of time because you've got to go soon. I've got to go home. Number 24.

The coldest place in the universe is actually on Earth. True or false? No. False.

Coldest place in the universe is actually on Earth. And it's not like your mother-in-law's... Lunch table. It's like the dark side of the moon is like minus a million degrees.

Sure. I'm going with the physics major. I don't know where it would be.

I'm going with Dr Taylor. Other planets further away. Yeah, other planets away.

Surely they're cold. There's like planets made out of ice. You imagine that Neptune, Uranus is colder than the moon, no? Cold places, yeah.

So you're saying it's false. It's false, yeah. No, it's true.

Wow, where is it? I don't believe it. I'm not sure exactly where it is, but scientists have created an artificial environment where the temperature is 0.0000000001 degrees Kelvin. This is about as close to absolute zero as we can get.

Right, but it's man-made. It's not the... It is the coldest place in the universe. Well, listen, he's trying to fuck with us, but we've still won.

We have won. We've still smashed his quiz. We smashed that quiz.

The coldest place naturally found is not on Earth, but synthetically found. It's like the hottest place on Earth, in the universe, is on Earth in that case. I'm sure they've created something hotter than the sun.

I doubt that. In a lab somewhere. So you got 14 right, you got 9 wrong, and there's one unaccounted for.

Oh, lovely. I'm going to give it to you. Let's say you got 15 right, and you got 9 wrong, which means that you win.

That's still one wrong. No, it's 24 questions. Oh, it's 24, I thought it was 25.

That was a fun quiz, and I enjoyed that. And that was fun collaborating, and I learnt things. Things that I didn't actually want to know, to be honest.

Hermaphroditic flatworms. The bees. I learnt the word pray.

Pray. Exactly. Pray tell.

Pray continue. Well, that's great. I also feel like we really learnt something.

Listeners, I hope that you feel you've learnt something too. Feel free to leave your comments. I can't wait to see the title of the YouTube of this.

What do you think I should call it? I don't know, but it's going to be one of the random facts. What happens when a bee has sex? I don't know. Exploding penises.

Shooting anuses. Just to get completely blocked. Cornflakes.

There was so much nether regions in this episode. Anyway, enough with your nether regions. Listeners, if you've listened until this point without becoming a skeleton with headphones on, you need to use a certain word in the comments section.

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Which word do you think they should use to prove that they've made it this far?
Let's have a final shot of your t-shirt. The skeleton with headphones. Because this is what everyone is looking like at the moment.

The skeleton. The skeleton with headphones. The sound of Sankt Pauli.

The t-shirt is there. But what do you think? What word should they use? Something to do with bees, flatworms, frogs. A little emoji.

A little bee emoji. A bee emoji. Something to do with bees.

I think that was maybe our favourite fact in this entire quiz. Listeners, thank you so much for listening and watching. If you've been doing either of those things.

If you've fallen asleep, wake up! Wake up! The episode's pretty much finished. Amber, Paul, thank you very much. Thank you so much, Luke.

It was lovely to see you. Looking forward to episode 100. Indeed.

All right, everyone. Have a lovely morning, afternoon, evening or night. Until next time, it's time to say bye.

Bye. Bye. Bye.

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