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Castrati were male singers in late medieval and early modern Europe who were castrated before puberty to preserve their high-pitched voices. The practice was most common in Italy, and castrati were the stars of opera in the 17th and 18th centuries.

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☐ ✗ False

The Ford Anglia was the first British-made car to sell over one million units.

☐ ✓ True

☐ ✗ False

QUESTION	ANSWER	DID YOU KNOW?
1. In the 17th-century Ottoman Empire, a wife could divorce her husband for not providing her with coffee.	1. True	1. Coffee was so culturally important it could be grounds for divorce.
2. Sir Francis Drake showed Sir Walter Raleigh how to smoke tobacco using a clay pipe.	2. True	2. Tobacco smoking was introduced to Europe by explorers like Drake and Raleigh.
3. In the early 19th century, words like 'pants' and 'trousers' were considered obscene in England.	3. True	3. Victorian England deemed certain clothing words indecent.
4. In 1767, English chemist Joseph Priestley invented the process of carbonating water. From there, others added to the discovery until they arrived at the soda and beer of today.	4. True	4. Carbonated water was first developed for health reasons.
5. Chemical and biological weapons have probably existed since the prehistoric era in one form or another. Poisoning an enemy's water supply is an early example.	5. True	5. Poisoning water supplies is one of the earliest forms of chemical warfare.
6. The iceberg that the Titanic hit in 1912 came from Greenland and was probably thousands of years old, possibly 100,000 years old.	6. True	6. Icebergs can drift thousands of miles over centuries before melting.
7. "Let them eat cake!" — there is no evidence that French Queen Marie Antoinette said these words in 1793, although the sentiment was there and was enough for her to lose her head!	7. True	7. The phrase "Let them eat cake" was likely propaganda against Marie Antoinette.
8. The "Royal Cup-Bearer" was a prestigious and trustworthy position in pre-modern societies. The Cup-Bearer would pour the King's drinks and taste them for poison if needed.	8. True	8. The Royal Cup-Bearer ensured the king's drinks were safe from poison.
9. The American Revolution (1775-1783) is viewed by many historians as more of a civil war than a revolution because the government in London was never threatened with replacement.	9. True	9. Many American Revolutionaries fought fellow colonists, blurring revolution and civil war.
10. Maximilien Robespierre (1758-1794) was a radical leader of the French Revolution who ruled France from 1793 to 1794. He sent many people to the guillotine until he too finally lost his head.	10. True	10. Robespierre's reign is known as the Reign of Terror.
11. Castrati were male singers in late medieval and early modern Europe who were castrated before puberty to preserve their high-pitched voices. The practice was most common in Italy, and castrati were the stars of opera in the 17th and 18th centuries.	11. True	11. Castrati were highly paid superstars of 17th-18th century opera.
12. The Ford Anglia was the first British-made car to sell over one million units.	12. False	12. The first British car to top one million sales was actually the Morris Minor, which hit the milestone in 1961.