

Ten Mind-Boggling Questions You Never Thought To Ask

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I have always been interested in the way things work. But, every once in a while, I formulate a question about something I don't understand. So, here are the ones that stump me the most.
Good luck...

Why doesn't glue stick to its own bottle?

Why is it called a pair of pants, when there is only one?

If a turtle loses its shell, is it naked or homeless?

Why hasn't a psychic won the lottery?

Was Math invented or discovered?

Why do we bake cookies and cook bacon?

Why do we drive in a parkway and park in a driveway?

Why is a camera lens circular, yet the pictures are rectangular?

What happens when a vampire bites a zombie?!

What's the difference between a brain transplant and a body transplant?

Now really let that sink in.....

Perhaps the most important question:

Will I answer these questions in the next issue?



Traveling Around The World: Welcome To Germany!

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Germany is one of the most well-known countries in Europe. It shares borders with nine countries: the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, France, Switzerland, Austria, Czech Republic, Poland and Denmark.

The official name of the country is the Federal Republic of Germany. It has the second largest population in Europe behind only Russia, which has the largest. In 2014, 82.5 million people lived in Germany. About 3.5 million people live in Berlin, Germany's capital. Other people in Europe emigrate from their native countries to live in Germany.

Germany has a beautiful landscape, with mountains and seas. Zugspitze is the highest mountain in Germany. It is about 10,000 feet (about 2,963 meters) high. The Baltic Sea, the North Sea and the lowlands form the natural borders of Germany. Germany's largest wooded area is the Black Forest. The Black Forest is a mountainous region with pine and fir trees. The Black Forest contains the source of the Danube, one of Europe's longest rivers.

Germany is popular with foodies, people who delight in experiencing different varieties of food. Germany has many delicious dishes. People in Germany enjoy a lot of bread and meat in their dishes. One example of German food is sauerkraut, finely cut cabbage that is fermented by various lactic acid bacteria. Another example of German food is

Rinderbraten, a beef roast that is popular in Northern Germany. People in Germany also enjoy pretzels, baked bread turned into a knot.

Who are famous Germans in history? The Grimm brothers are extremely well-known for writing fairy tales. Some examples of their work are Cinderella, Rapunzel and Hansel and Gretel. Another famous German is Albert Einstein, a physicist who developed the theory of relativity. I hope you enjoyed learning about Germany and its culture!



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