

# Strange BUT TRUE

♦ The home team must provide the referee with 36 footballs for each National Football League game.

♦ Only three countries in the world are entirely surrounded by one other country.

♦ Research has shown that individual breathing patterns, including the timing, volume and rhythm of chest movements, can be used to identify people with up to 97% accuracy.

♦ The world's rarest hair and eye color combo is red and blue, respectively.

♦ Scientists trained rats to drive cars (custom-made from plastic cereal containers and small wires), and while the rodents' original motivation was Froot Loops, they surprisingly appeared to love going for joy rides as well.

♦ People spend roughly 10% of their waking hours with their eyes closed.

♦ Hydrothermal vents created by fissures on the sea floor in areas of significant tectonic plate activity can pump out fluids at temperatures hot enough to melt lead.

♦ The human brain runs on less power than a 60-watt light bulb.

♦ Bagels were once given to women as gifts after childbirth. Some pregnant women even wore bagels on necklaces as protection, or ensured that bagels would be present in the room where they would deliver.

♦ There is cellphone service at the summit of Mount Everest.

♦ Pixar technical director Galyn Susman, while on maternity leave, was notified that 90% of the movie "Toy Story 2" had accidentally been deleted, and the studio's on-site backup had failed. Fortunately, she had copies of the film on her laptop, which was wrapped in blankets and carefully carried back to the studio.

♦ In Iceland, there are 13 mischievous "Yule Lads" rather than one Santa, who leave either gifts or rotten potatoes in children's shoes.

\*\*\* Thought for the Day: "When you're happy you enjoy the music, but when you're sad you understand the lyrics." - Frank Ocean



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### Answers

1. Who wrote and released "Sunglasses at Night"?
2. Which female is named in the first verse of "Crocodile Rock"?
3. Who wrote and released "Tequila Sunrise"?
4. Name the singer who had a hit with "Time in a Bottle" after his death.
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "It's like having a dream where nobody has a heart, It's like having it all and watching it fall apart."


1. Corey Hart, in 1984. Legend says the song was created when the album was being recorded in a studio where the air conditioning vents were right above the control room. Personnel wore sunglasses to protect their eyes from the draft.

2. "Susie," in the 1972 song by Elton John. Two years later John was sued by the songwriter who had created "Speedy Gonzales" for having used the same chords as the 1961 song.

3. The Eagles, in 1973. It went to No. 64 on the Hot 100 chart.

4. Jim Croce, in 1973.

5. "Into the Night," by Benny Mardones, in 1980. According to Mardones, the song was inspired by his attempts to help a local poor family by giving their teens odd jobs to make a few dollars after their father abandoned them.



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- (Midge Maisel (Rachel Brosnahan), *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*)



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