

# QUIZ FOR APRIL 1

With common sense to guide  
you, you'll get nowhere  
with this April Fools' test!

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■ This quiz was designed to "April fool" you! To avoid the dunce cap, you'll have to identify correctly as true or false at least half the following statements.

The answers may seem obvious—but watch out! Deciding whether a statement is correct is not as simple as it looks. No fooling now, true or false?

1. The Declaration of Independence was signed on the Fourth of July, 1776.
2. Cleopatra was a pure-blooded Egyptian princess.



3. Frankenstein was the name of a fictional monster created by a mad doctor.
4. The 21st century will start on Jan. 1 in the year 2000.



5. Wherever you may be, you need only locate the North Star to find your direction.

6. Cream is heavier than milk.
7. It is illegal to deface or destroy coins.



8. In 1927 Charles A. Lindbergh made the first nonstop flight across the Atlantic Ocean.
9. The liner *Lusitania* was torpedoed in 1915 on her maiden voyage.
10. Kilts originated in Scotland.
11. The republican form of government originated in ancient Greece.



12. The porcupine shoots its quills to fight off enemies.
13. Diamonds will not burn.
14. A pound of feathers and a pound of gold are the same weight.

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**ANSWERS** Sorry if you've been "April fooled," but not one of these statements is true. They all are false because:

11. The first republican form of government appeared in Israel some 1,400 years before Christ. The Greek republics came along many centuries later.  
12. Porcupine quills fall out easily, but only on contact. They can't be shot.  
13. Being carbon, diamonds will burn in temperatures exceeding 1,400 degrees Fahrenheit. This is hotter than most household blazes.  
14. Technically, a pound of feathers is heavier than a pound of gold. Feathers are weighed by the avoirdupois system, in which there are 7,000 grains to the pound; gold by the troy system, in which a pound contains 5,760 grains.

5. The North Star can guide you only so long as you're in the top half of the world. It can't be seen in the Southern Hemisphere.  
6. Cream is lighter than milk. Why else would it rise to the top of the bottle?  
7. There's a law against mutilating coins in such a way that they might be circulated afterward in damaged condition and so cheat the recipient. But drilling a hole in a coin, for example, and then using it as a piece of jewelry is not construed as defacement.  
8. Others had flown nonstop across the Atlantic before Lindbergh. He was the first to fly solo.  
9. The *Lusitania* made her first voyage in 1907. She had completed many trips before being torpedoed off the coast of Ireland.  
10. The kilt was a form of male attire in ancient times and seemingly originated in the Mediterranean area. Both Roman and Assyrian soldiers wore them.

1. The Declaration of Independence was voted on July 2, 1776, and adopted on the Fourth, but it wasn't signed until weeks later. Most of the signatures were affixed on Aug. 2, but some of those who had approved the Declaration never did get to sign it.  
2. Cleopatra was the last of Egypt's Ptolemaic dynasty, which was actually Macedonian.  
3. Frankenstein was the name of the medical student who created the monster in Mary Shelley's novel of 1818. The thing he made had no name.  
4. The 21st century starts on Jan. 1 in the year 2001. It takes a full 100 years to make a century, so 1 A.D. through 100 would be the 1st century; 101 through 200, the 2nd century; etc.

## COVER:

What better setting for popping the question than on a jonquil-covered turf near a cool, blue lake? The romantic twosome was caught by photographer Phoebe Dunn.

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