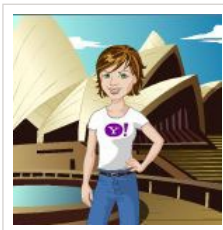




YAHOO! ANSWERS

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2009





Kate

STAFF

G'day, I'm Kate, the new Yahoo!7 Answers Community Manager. Whilst fairly new to Answers, I have been working with Yahoo!7 Mail and Messenger for a number of years. I look forward to meeting you all in the new year and working hard to make Yahoo!7 Answers the best community in Australia!

Time flies when you're having fun...

They say you learn something every day. I'm sure you all know that as a member of Yahoo!7 Answers, you learn an overabundance of things each day.

This week I learnt that the founders of Adidas and Puma were brothers. I also learnt that sparkling Shiraz is a great accompaniment to curry and why potholes are called potholes.

You just never know what you're going to find on Answers. From the wonderful to the wacky, there are millions of questions that have been answered by millions of real people just like you and I. Got a question?

Chances are someone will know the answer to it.

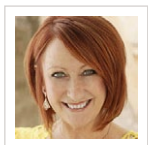
This book is a collection of some of the questions and answers that stood out for us during the year. Some are questions you'd never think to ask, and others are ones you can't believe you never knew.

If there's a question you're still wondering about, log onto Yahoo!7 Answers and ask away! There are millions of people out there waiting to giving you an answer to your question.

Caitlin - Community Manager

Kate - Community Manager
Sydney

Highlights from Yahoo!7 Answers in 2009...



It's been a whirlwind year for Yahoo!7 Answers! We've had a host of celebrities and notable figures ask questions of you, the community. You may have noticed that when you first log into Answers, some questions based upon topics you like to ask and answer questions about will appear? Back in March, we added the "Suggested Questions" module to the Yahoo!7 Answers home page which does this for you. We also added a revamped category page in September with a more visible leaderboard, better navigation and less clutter, making it easier for you to get around with ease.

Locally, the Answers team has gone through a number of changes. Alana, Product Manager of Yahoo!7 Answers for a number of years sadly moved on to pursue her dream job, we wish her all the best! Caitlin, Community Manager of Answers for the past 18 months, has joined the Buzz team here at Yahoo!7. This brings us to the new team running Answers here in Australia! Kate has taken over the reins so to speak from Caitlin, along with Applications Team Head, Morgan and Communities Product Manager, Tim. The team looks forward to getting to know everyone better as we head into 2010!

Back in May, Lynne McGranger, star of Channel Seven's 'Home and Away' posted this question: "What simple things have you done to make your home more environmentally friendly?" In July, Robert Knepper of Prison Break and most recently, Heroes fame asked: "Who is your favourite TV or film villain of all time and what makes him or her fearful?". During August, Australian cricketer, Brett Lee asked: "Do you think Australia will win the fifth Ashes test? Why or why not?". In September, we had Australian footballer, Robbie Slater ask: "Where is the best place you've played or watched a football match?".



What is Yahoo!7 Answers?

Yahoo!7 Answers is a place where people ask each other questions on any topic, and get answers by sharing facts, opinions, and personal experiences.

Millions of people across the globe are sharing every day more than 100 million questions on various topics, from food to finance, pets to politics. Both entertaining and educational, Yahoo!7 Answers will let you access more than 650 million answers worldwide and connect with people from around the world whilst expanding your knowledge.

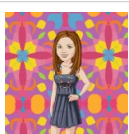
Don't keep your questions unanswered and knowledge and experiences for yourself: share them today! Visit Yahoo!7 Answers introduction page: http://au.answers.yahoo.com/info/product_tour to find out more about the site and get started today.

What Answers means to some of our contributors...



Answering mostly math questions, I find that Yahoo!7 Answers keeps my mind sharp. I also get a great feeling knowing I am helping a lot of people with what is often a difficult subject. It also gives me a big thrill seeing my name up on the top ten lists every day. Thank you for providing a valuable and useful service of which I can be an active part.

Don E Knows - Answers Top Contributor



Yahoo!7 Answers is a safe way to interact with different people from different walks of life and to get some opinions, whether serious or otherwise; an opportunity to meet people of intellect, whose wisdom is impressive. It's a chance to have a good hearty laugh; with people who know how to live their lives to the fullest, online or offline. Overall, it's just really addictive and fun in many, many ways.

ohayo - Answers Contributor



Yahoo!7 Answers has offered me a diverse amount of information and situations seen from some great questions, answers and contributors. The community seems happy to help everyone with social, personal, educational, and other problems. I have met some great people along the Yahoo journey and it has opened and changed my thinking in along with completed questions I carry with me. It has greatly improved my knowledge throughout many aspects.

g0ld3n88 - Answers Contributor

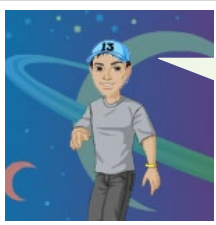
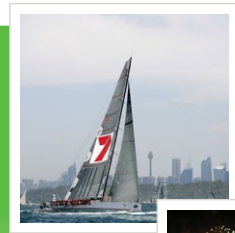


Yahoo!7 Answers provides a fascinating insight into the nature of the ideas which characterise contemporary culture. It allows the exchange of information across a broad spectrum of social issues and practical matters, and provides a forum for discussion, with a diversity of opinion not otherwise available.

I am not an Australopithecine - Answers Contributor

JANUARY

January was the month of recovery post-Christmas and NY celebrations... Days at the beach, BBQ's, backyard cricket, sport on TV, time with friends and loved ones...



Grella

What does Australia day mean to you and how will you celebrate?

Posted in [Australia Day](#) on the 22nd of January, 2009



This question received:
3 STARS



Rose



This answer received:
2 THUMBS-UP

Best Answer

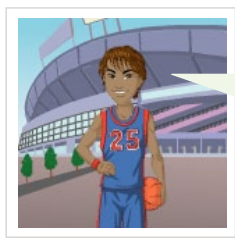
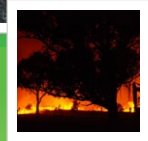
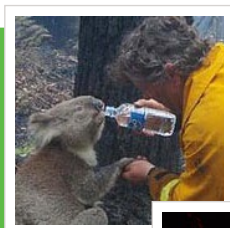
It's a day that all Australians, black, white or any colour, celebrate the lovely country we live in. As the saying goes:

“WE ARE ONE, AND WE ARE AUSTRALIANS”.

It is to remind us we do live in a lucky country, I am English born but have lived here most of my life. I became naturalised in 1997 after being home to Britain on holiday, and realising it was nice to visit but it was great to get back to Australia my home. I live in West Aus, we have great weather... not too cold, not too hot, lovely beaches and the people are great. I don't celebrate any way special on the day, too lazy to get up early to go to Aussie breakfast, and most of my family live 2 hours away and doing their own thing, my son and grand kids are in Brisbane.

FEBRUARY

February 7, 2009 will live infamy for many Australians... Victoria suffered the worst bushfires in the nation's history on what became known as Black Saturday. The fires, mainly lit by arsonists, claimed 173 lives, over 5,000 injured not to mention livestock and wildlife, destroying over 2000 homes across a 4,500 square km area.



Lucas

Should you defend your property or evacuate in a bushfire?

Posted in [Current Events](#) on the 9th of February, 2009



This question received:

2 STARS



Shane Fitzsimmons
NSW RFS

Best Answer

The decision is one that you need to make and you need to weigh up the options carefully, depending on your own situation. You need to consider your physical and mental ability to stay with your property to defend it from fire. Your local fire authority can give you information that can help you make this important decision.

If you are staying to defend, it may be a frightening experience and you should not leave at the last minute. Fleeing at the last minute on car or foot is extremely dangerous.

Source:

Shane Fitzsimmons is the Commissioner of the New South Wales (NSW) Rural Fire Service in Australia.

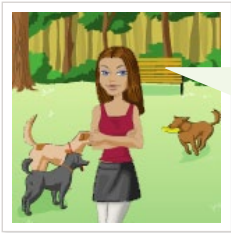
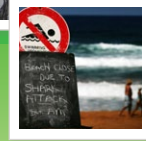


This answer received:

3 THUMBS-UP

MARCH

March was a busy month... Earth Hour, cleanup from the bushfires continued, St Patrick's Day, pub trivia with the Yahoo!7 Answers team, an increase in shark attacks, cyclones in QLD, tax stimulus and the string of NRL controversies began...



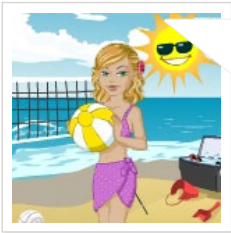
Ania

What do you think we should do to reduce shark attacks in Australian waters?

Posted in [Current Events](#) on the 1st of March, 2009.



This question received:
6 STARS



little rocky



This answer received:
1 THUMBS-UP

Best Answer

No, sharks should not be hunted. Perhaps there may be a few more of them in the water now since the laws were put in place to protect them, but that's a good thing. It means they're on their way back from potential extinction from over fishing.

People need to be more personally accountable for the choices they make and the risks they take. Education would help too. There are numerous risks in entering the oceans off Australia that could be potentially fatal or make you ill. There's rips, dangerous surf, sandbars to break your neck on, collapsing sandbars to sweep you out to sea, undertows, stingers/jellyfish, rays, sharks, puffer fish, polluted water from ocean outfall (i.e. treated sewerage) blown back in to shore, even crocodiles depending on where you go and when.

The key is knowing when to stay out of the water and when the odds are it's safer to go in. You just need to learn what the dangers are so you can weigh the risk. And each time you go down to the water, make an intelligent choice about whether you decide to go in.

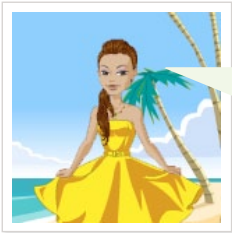
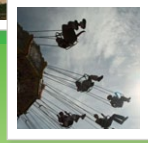
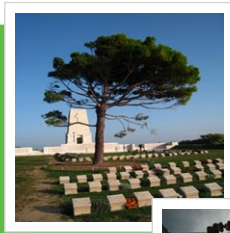
With an average of one person killed by shark a year in Australia for the last 50 odd years, it's a pretty minimal likelihood you'll be killed by a shark if you take care to avoid the riskier scenarios. (E.g. swimming alone, swimming at unpatrolled areas, at dusk or dawn, when water is murky, when sharks are known to be in the area etc.)

Source:

<http://www.taronga.org.au/tcsa/conservation-programs/australian-shark-attack-file/shark-research.aspx>

APRIL

April is a time of celebration with Easter and Sydney's Royal Easter Show. It is also a time of remembrance with ANZAC (Australian New Zealand Army Corps) Day, which commemorates Gallipoli.



Hi

What is the weather like in Australia?

I am planning on studying abroad there and I want to know what the seasons are like? I love hot weather all the time, and I love going to the beach. Is Australia hot a lot of the times? Thanks in advance.

Posted in [Other - Australia](#) on the 10th of April, 2009.



This question received:
1 STAR

Best Answer

Australia is huge and stretches through 33° of latitude from near equatorial tropics in the north to cool temperate in the south with every possible graduation in between.



Ozmaniac

North Queensland (Cairns/Townsville) and the Northern Territory (Darwin) have tropical climates and are warm to hot all year around with only two seasons of warm dry winters and hot, humid, wet summers. You can swim all year around but there is no surf in those areas and stingers around Cairns make it impractical to swim in the sea in summer. In Darwin, there are crocodiles in the sea and estuaries. Brisbane and the rest of southeast Queensland is sub-tropical with mild to warm, dry winters and very warm to hot, wetter summers. The water temperature doesn't drop below about 20° (68°F) even in winter and most people find it comfortable to swim for at least 8 or 9 months of the year. The Gold and Sunshine Coast beaches (about an hour to the north and south of Brisbane) are beautiful and the surf is great.

As you head south, it's warm for fewer months of the year and the sea temperature is lower. Sydney has mild winters and hot summers with great beaches! The southern cities of Melbourne and Adelaide have cool to cold winters with no snow and very hot summers. Good beaches but you can only swim for 5 or 6 months at most.

The climate in Perth in the southwest of Western Australia is warmer than Melbourne/Adelaide and cooler than Sydney. Great beaches.

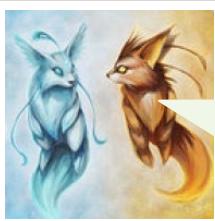
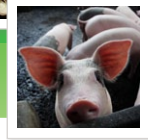
Hobart in Tasmania is cooler than all of the other cities and the sea temperature is pretty cold for most of the year.



This answer received:
2 THUMBS-UP

MAY

May saw global panic take hold as swine flu spread across the world. Harking back to the SARS epidemic, face masks again became essential wear for many.



**floo powder
[in fairyland]**



This question received:
4 STARS

Is Swine Flu as severe as we think it is?

I am just wondering, because I have heard rumours that is just a big propaganda scheme to convince people they need to buy medicines and/or vaccines against it, therefore creating a lot of \$ for the pharmaceutical companies.

Please correct me if I am wrong, and yes , I understand that some people have actually died from this flu. But is this particular flu as bad as it seems? People die from your average cold as well, but you just don't hear about them, whereas the Swine flu is so much more publicised.

Posted in [Infectious Disease](#) on the 30th of May, 2009.



Kathryn W

Best Answer

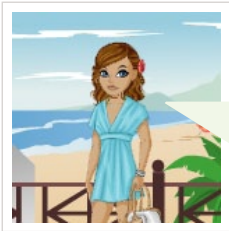
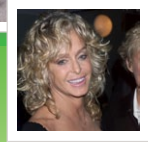
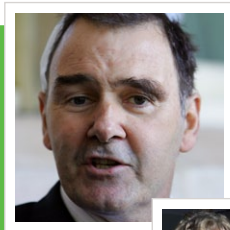
Although highly contagious, the actual illness itself is no more severe than any other type of flu. The fact is, a number of people die from any strain of influenza every year. A large proportion of these people are elderly, children or have other illnesses which made them vulnerable. A vaccine would absolutely help these people. However a healthy teenager or adult would not suffer any more if they had swine flu than if they had any other type of influenza.



This answer received:
1 THUMBS-UP

JUNE

The month of legends passing... John Campbell Ross (last surviving WW1 veteran), Dr Chris O'Brien, Stan Sismey, David Carradine, David Eddings, Farrah Fawcett and of course Michael Jackson.



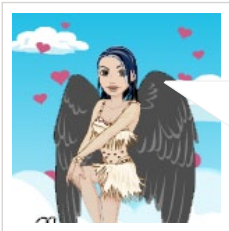
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What caused Michael Jackson's death?

As well as many other people, I am absolutely stunned and upset of Michael Jackson's death, even though I'm only young, I LOVE his music!!! XD

But how did he actually die?? Some people say that he had a heart attack, others say medication overdose, and others say that he had a cardiac arrest... So which one is the truth???

Posted in [Celebrities](#) on the 27th of June, 2009.



Dirtyangel

Best Answer

It's cardiac arrest. Most healthy people just do not go into cardiac arrest... **The thing that caused his cardiac arrest is what would be the reason for his death** The real reason for his death is still unknown because they are doing tests on him... The results of the tests would take a few weeks. Yes it is slow. It is not like CSI where it takes a few hours to get results of testing. It takes a few weeks. So we won't know the real reason for his death till a few more weeks. I guess you have to wait like the rest of us.

HEART ATTACK

Caused by a blockage in an artery that supplies blood to the heart. The affected heart muscle then begins to die due to lack of oxygen. Symptoms including central 'crushing' chest pain, often radiating to arms and jaw. Patient usually remains awake and alert.

SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST

Caused by an abnormal heart rhythm, usually ventricular fibrillation. There is rarely a warning and the patient always loses consciousness.

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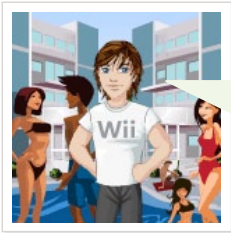
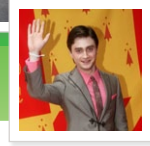
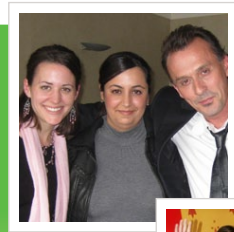
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JULY

The sixth Harry Potter film hit cinemas, Robert Knepper interviewed by the Yahoo!7 Answers team, continuing controversy over Michael Jackson's death.



Dan

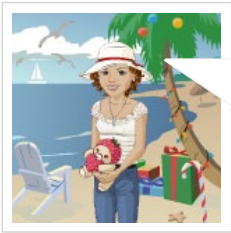
What are the differences between Tim Tams and Gaiety?

What are the main differences between the two? They are both chocolate biscuits but what makes them different to each other?

Posted in [General - Australia](#) on the 2nd of July, 2009



This question received:
1 STAR



Elizabeth

Best Answer

I'm fairly certain that:

Tim Tams are 2 chocolate flavoured biscuits sandwiched together with chocolate or some other flavoured fondant (icing) and then covered with chocolate.

Gaiety are 2 very thick wafers sandwiched together with chocolate flavoured fondant (icing) and then covered with chocolate. They are marketed by Arnotts under the name Choc Gaiety and I think predate Tim Tams. Sort of like a short, fat Kit Kat.

Love 'em both but I really try to avoid them, because it's too hard to stop at one. Can you still buy Tia Maria Tim Tams? Why don't they make orange Tim Tams, I love orange chocolate. On second thoughts maybe its better they don't then.

No, Gaiety isn't just the same with a different name for marketing purposes. Arnotts make both Tim Tams and Choc Gaiety. One's a biscuit and one is a fat wafer. You can't suck your Milo or coffee through a Gaiety but you can through a Tim Tam.

Arnotts Choc Gaiety are in the biscuit aisle of most Aussie supermarkets near the Caramel Crowns, Mint Creams, Choc Montes, Tee Vee Snacks and Tim Tams etc.



This answer received:
5 THUMBS-UP

AUGUST

August is football heaven for Australians, with AFL, NRL, Rugby Union and Soccer seasons in full swing!



chris w

Who is the greatest indigenous rugby league player of all time?

Indigenous players are the most gifted players when it comes to speed and agility. They may not be the most bulky players but they certainly have a lot of flair.

Posted in [Rugby League](#) on the 23rd of August, 2009.



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dogsoldier1962

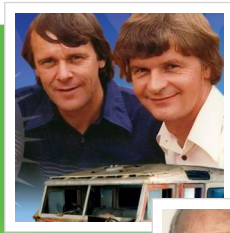
Best Answer

Most people's 'all time' doesn't go back very far... lol

What about players like George Green (the 1st indigenous player), Eric Simms (made them change the field goal from 2 points to 1 point he was that good), Larry Corowa, John Ferguson, Cliff Lyons (still playing somewhere), Gordon Tallis, Jonathan Thurston to name a few.

SEPTEMBER

The end of an era... Most Australians grew up following the adventures of the Leyland Brothers on television. Actor, Paul Newman, also passed away this month.



Bingalee

What is your favourite of all the Leyland Brothers Adventures?

Mike Leyland has recently died: <http://au.news.yahoo.com/a/-/entertainment/6031934/leyland-brother-mike-dies/>

I think it was their first big adventure down the Darling River as teenagers. What part did the Leyland Brothers Show play in your family's TV viewing habits?

Posted in [Current Events](#) on the 14th of September, 2009.



Redstar

Best Answer

Yes Mike will be missed...

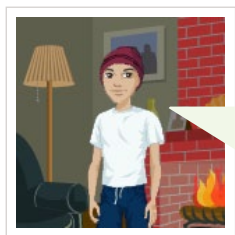
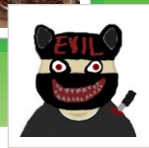
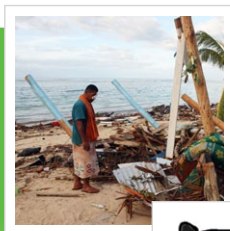
I grew up with them and liked all their programs because they went everywhere. Not like today's adventure programs where they only go to the niche beach resorts and fishing spots. They showed all of Australia, and I found it very interesting.



This answer received:
1 THUMBS-UP

OCTOBER

October was another month of natural disasters with earthquakes and typhoons across the Pacific area. Locally, we held our Yahoo!7 Answers Halloween contest!



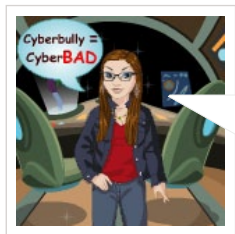
Shannon

Are earthquakes in Australia, related to the pulls of the sun and the moon?

There have been a spate of earthquakes over the past few weeks in Samoa, Indonesia and Australia.

Is there any scientific evidence to suggest that the largest number of earthquakes happen when the moon and sun are pulling on the earth during what we see as full-moon phases?

Posted in [Astronomy & Space](#) on the 1st of October, 2009.



oklatonola

Best Answer

Related mainly to the pulls of mainly the moon, sun, Jupiter, and, Saturn, but ALL the planets and sun have varying vector forces acting on the Earth.

Yes, there is scientific correlation of this, but not much as much as you might think there is. Nova had an episode recently where a geologist correctly predicted that the October, 1989 earth quake would happen around a NEW moon (I think it was a Nova episode, but it might have been a "How the Earth was Made" episode on the History channel).

There's a reason that Yellowstone had increased activity in February and two volcanoes in Alaska and Siberia erupted - Jupiter was in opposition with Earth in early February and again on August 14.

Source:

<http://www.fourmilab.ch/cgi-bin/Solar/action?sys=-Sf>
B.S. and M.S. in geology, aborted M.S. in geophysics

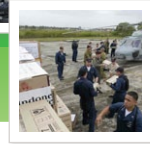


This answer received:

6 THUMBS-UP

NOVEMBER

November saw a marked increase in boats carrying asylum seekers to Australia from countries such as Bangladesh and Sri Lanka, hoping for a better life.



John

Are people smugglers and illegal refugees breaking international law on the high seas?

Posted in [Law & Ethics](#) on the 7th of November, 2009.



bob

Best Answer

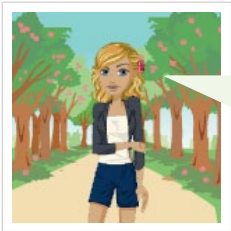
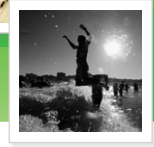
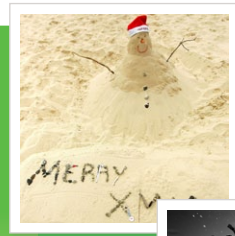
Generally speaking there is no such thing as international law, in that there are no international courts or international parliaments. So no, they are not breaking "international law".

"Illegal refugee" is a confusion of terms. A "Refugee" is not illegal, a "refugee is someone is escaping another country because their life and well being is seriously at risk because of persecution for their race, religious or political beliefs.

Someone who arrives to Australia without a visa is illegal in the sense they have no legal permission to be here, however if they are genuine refugees they will usually be granted a refugee visa. If they are not, they are sent home.

DECEMBER

December is the first month of summer for Australia and it's usually a scorcher! The festive season for us is full of parties, winding down and keeping cool!



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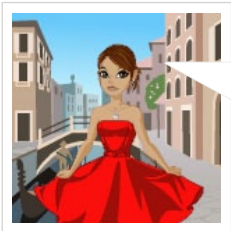
What is Christmas like in Australia?

I am moving to New South Wales next October, so I will be there for Christmas. How does it differ from Canada/America? (Other than the weather?!) I will be without family, will I miss them? (In North America Christmas is a family holiday, same in Oz?).

Posted in [Christmas](#) on the 13th of December, 2008.



This question received:
1 STAR



I love llamas

Best Answer

:) I live in oz.

Well, I have never been to Canada or America but I can tell you that Christmases are really hot so instead of sipping hot chocolate by the fire and eating pumpkin pie and roast turkey, we usually go for platters of cold meats, prawns and salads or a barbecue and salads.

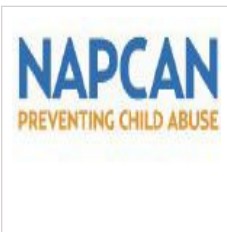
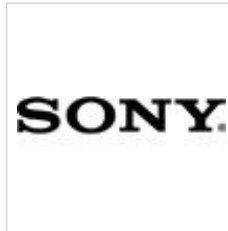
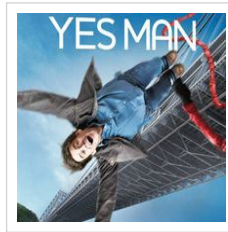
The shopping centres are still crazy with people and sales before Christmas... But it probably isn't as busy.

Christmas here is a family holiday too but I am sure you will make some new friends.. And they could invite you somewhere. My family has done that a lot of times.

If not, there are always community Christmas parties with different community groups and churches. Or you could help out at a community lunch for people who are a bit less fortunate. That would surely brighten their day and yours!

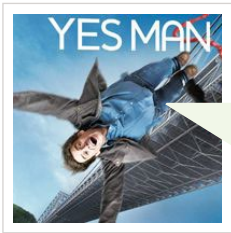
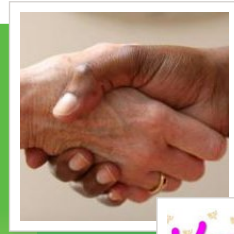
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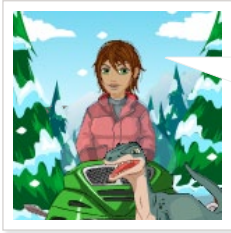


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New Years Resolutions - What will you say YES to in the New Year?

View the YES MAN trailer <http://www.yesmanmovie.com.au> ONLY AT THE MOVIES! January 1

Posted in [Movies](#) on the 15th of December 2008



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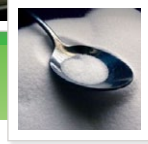
Best Answer

YES to:

- eating healthier and exercising more
- becoming more organised and fighting procrastination
- writing down goals and doing some planning, and actually aiming to see them through
- practicing the violin more
- finally getting up the courage to talk to the guy I'm interested in
- expanding my interests, and finding a new hobby or something I'm passionate about
- haha, seeing YES MAN of course

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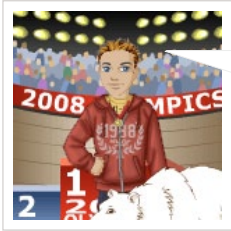
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Do you think café culture is more about drinking coffee or catching up with friends? Why?

For some, meeting friends at a café is a stylish Sunday morning ritual. For others, it's simply about getting a daily caffeine fix.

Do you think our trendy café culture is more about coffee or conversation?

Posted in [Beauty & Style](#) on the 10th of May, 2009.



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This answer received:
1 THUMBS-UP

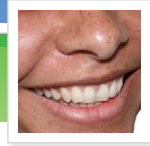
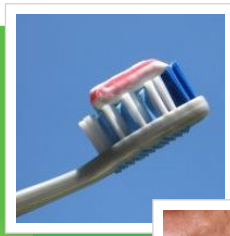
Best Answer

I think they are very complimentary. You can't have one and not the other without a vastly different experience, and the quality of both determines how much fun you're having.

That said, I think the company ultimately wins out, as bad coffee can become a fun talking point in the right company, but even the most amazing tasting coffee can't create a positive experience in poor company.

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What are your tips for encouraging children to care for their teeth?

Posted in [Dental](#) on the 6th of August, 2009.



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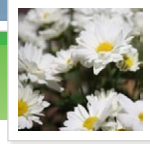
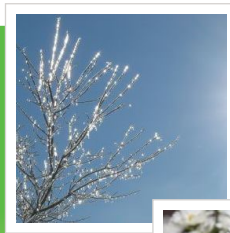
Best Answer

Start at an early age. Talk to them about it. Clean their teeth and supervise cleaning until they are about 10 years old. Make it routine and do it together when possible. Let them choose their own toothbrush as in colour. Some kids like electric toothbrushes so buy them a good one if they want it.

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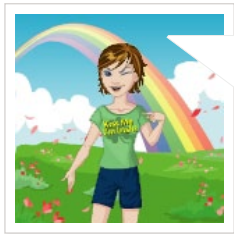
What was your Mum's favourite advice for keeping your home and family happy and healthy?

Mum knows best... particularly when it comes to clean, healthy homes. We'd like to know your Mum's favourite advice for keeping your home and family healthy and happy.

Posted in [Parenting](#) on the 12th of August, 2009.



This question received:
8 STARS



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This answer received:
4 THUMBS-UP

Best Answer

The following are some of the comments my mother made to my siblings and I when we were small:

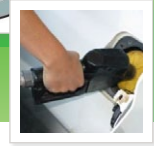
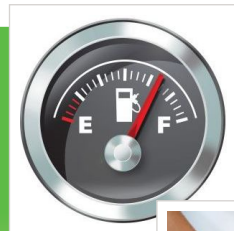
- Make sure to change your underwear always; you never know when you'll have an accident.
- Don't make that face or it'll solidify in that position.
- Be careful or else you'll put your eye out.
- What if everyone jumped into a well? Would you do it, too?
- You have enough filth behind those ears to grow potatoes!
- Shut the door! Were you born in a tent? We want to heat the house not the whole town.
- If you don't have something nice to say, don't say anything at all.
- Don't put that thing in your mouth; you don't know where it's been!

As we got older she had a few more pearls of wisdom to share with us. Some of them were:

- Appreciate your grandparents. You'll really miss them someday. (I miss them dreadfully)
- No-one will ever love you like your mother. (Maternal instinct is stronger than any force known to man)
- Always accept a compliment with grace.
- Flush public toilets with your foot. When washing your hands use a paper towel to turn off the tap.
- Of the men in my sisters and my life: the way he treats his mother is how he will treat you one day.
- Never become so dependent on another person that you wouldn't know how to live if they were gone.
- Always finish. Be the labour great or small, do it well or not at all.

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When driving, what are your tips for reducing fuel consumption?

Posted in [Commuting](#) on the 15th of September, 2009.



This question received:
6 STARS



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Best Answer

1. Reduce your vehicle use.

This may be stating the obvious but there are many times when you can leave the car at home. Walk to the local shops instead of driving. So many people drive to the gym, why not walk and get some extra exercise for free? Take public transport more often. If you always drive to work, taking public transport once or twice a week will save petrol and reduce traffic congestion. Arrange a car pool to take your children to school or to go to work.

2. Plan ahead.

Plan to drive in off peak times to avoid traffic jams. Avoid known trouble spots and where road works are taking place. Listen to traffic reports for the latest road conditions and plan your route accordingly.

3. Don't speed.

Maintain a steady speed at the speed limit. Your car will be most efficient when you reach the highest gear at the lowest practical speed but will quickly become inefficient if you go over this speed. Use cruise control when driving in the country to maintain a constant speed at the speed limit.

4. Avoid wasting fuel by idling.

This is one of the biggest problems leading to excess fuel consumption. Idling is not good for your car or the environment. Don't start your car until you are ready to go and turn off the engine



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if you are going to be stopping for more than 2 minutes. Leave for work early or arrange to start late to avoid having to sit idling in traffic during peak periods.

5. Only use air conditioning when it's really necessary.

Avoid using climate controlled air conditioning systems as the constant use will lead to excess fuel consumption.

6. Choose the right gear.

Change gears as soon as practical to reach high gear and change down a gear when travelling uphill. Automatic transmissions will shift up a gear quicker if you ease back slightly on the accelerator.

7. Service you car regularly.

Maintenance is extremely important in keeping your car fuel efficient.

8. Check your tyre pressure.

Make sure your tyres are inflated correctly and properly aligned. Under inflated tyres increase fuel consumption and reduce tyre life. Check tyre pressure at least once a month.

9. Don't rev the engine and accelerate unnecessarily.

Coasting towards red lights or stop signs is more efficient than driving quickly and then stopping quickly. Accelerating quickly uses a lot of petrol, try to accelerate smoothly, changing gears as soon possible without straining the engine.

10. Minimise drag.

Keep windows closed, especially when travelling at high speed. Remove heavy items from the boot to keep the vehicle as light as possible. Remove roof racks when not in use.

Source:

<http://www.buyorganic.com.au/articles/efficient-driving.htm>



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