

Did you know?

- Early crossing patrol signs were red and black triangles. The round 'lollipops' were introduced in the 1960s.
- The residents of Sesame Street include Oscar the Grouch, Bert and Ernie and the Cookie Monster!
- High-rise flats were popular in the 1960s, and were used to house as many families as possible without using too much valuable land.
- The University of Southern California is working on a giant 3-D printer that is capable of building a whole house in under 24 hours!
- The longest continuously trading sweet shop in the world is called Oldest Sweet Shop and can be found in Pateley Bridge, North Yorkshire. It opened in 1827.
- There are many theories about the origins of the nursery rhyme, *Sing a Song of Sixpence*. One of the most interesting is that the king in the rhyme is Henry VIII, the queen is Catherine of Aragon and the maid is Anne Boleyn!
- Most English towns have a mixture of Georgian, Victorian, Tudor and modern housing.
- The main types of houses in England are detached, semi-detached, terraced, bungalows, flats and apartments. Semi-detached houses are the most popular.
- Items for sale in Victorian shops had no prices on them, which meant the shopkeeper could charge higher prices to people who looked rich! They could also lower the price if they needed to make a quick sale.
- Poor families in Victorian times often lived in cramped conditions with no indoor toilets or running water.
- Wealthier Victorians had luxuries such as gas lighting and indoor bathrooms with flushing toilets.
- Blind man's buff was a popular parlour game in the Victorian era. It was also popular among Henry VIII's courtiers in Tudor times.
- The Shambles, in York, is one of the oldest streets in England and attracts many tourists with its overhanging, timber-framed buildings which are hundreds of years old.
- The first supermarket in the UK opened in 1951.
- The most popular street names in England are High Street, Station Road and Main Street.
- A street in Sandwich, Kent, is called No Name Street.
- TV soaps such as *Coronation Street* and *EastEnders* are based around the lives of people who live on the same street.