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## Little-Known Facts About the 1950's

**First Credit Card:** The Diners Club card, introduced in 1950, was the first widely accepted credit card. It was initially used for dining and entertainment.

**Seat Belts Became a Thing:** The first factory-installed seat belts were introduced by Nash Motors in 1950, but they weren't mandatory in cars until decades later.

**Color TV Debut:** Although television was already popular, the first coast-to-coast color broadcast in the U.S. was in 1954 during the Tournament of Roses Parade.

**Polio Vaccine:** Dr. Jonas Salk developed the first successful polio vaccine in 1955, a breakthrough that drastically reduced the disease's prevalence.

**Drive-In Theaters:** The 1950s were the golden age of drive-in theaters, with over 4,000 operating across the United States by 1958.

**Peanuts Comic Strip:** Charles M. Schulz's beloved comic strip, Peanuts, featuring Charlie Brown and Snoopy, debuted on October 2, 1950.

**Rock 'n' Roll Origins:** The term "rock and roll" was popularized in the early 1950s by DJ Alan Freed, helping to launch a music revolution.

**First Barbie Concept:** Ruth Handler came up with the idea for Barbie in the 1950s, inspired by her daughter's interest in paper dolls. Barbie was officially launched in 1959.



**Frozen Dinners:** TV dinners, first introduced by Swanson in 1953, revolutionized American eating habits, making meal prep quick and convenient.

**McDonald's Revolution:** Ray Kroc joined McDonald's in 1954, turning it into a fast-food empire with its first franchised location.

**Hula Hoop Craze:** The Wham-O company introduced the modern hula hoop in 1958, and it became a massive global fad.

A guy walks into a library, approaches the librarian, and says, "I'll have a cheeseburger, fries, and a Coke." The librarian looks at him and says, "Sir, this is a library. The guy immediately leans in and whispers, "Oh, sorry! I'll have a cheeseburger, fries, and a Coke."

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**Aries (March 21 - April 19)**

Challenges at work may arise, but they will also highlight your ability to stay calm under pressure. Focus on collaboration rather than doing it all alone. Financial gains are likely by the end of the week.

**Taurus (April 20 - May 20)**

You'll feel a strong pull toward comfort and routine, but don't shy away from an opportunity that nudges you out of your comfort zone. Relationships may require extra attention—be patient and open to compromise.

**Gemini (May 21 - June 20)**

Your mind is brimming with ideas, and this is the perfect time to turn them into action. Networking will be particularly fruitful, so don't hesitate to reach out to someone who inspires you.

**Cancer (June 21 - July 22)**

Emotions might run high, but this is a powerful week for personal growth. Focus on resolving lingering conflicts with loved ones. A financial opportunity could come your way—be sure to weigh the risks before making a decision.

**Leo (July 23 - August 22)**

Your natural charm and confidence are at an all-time high. Use this energy to take bold steps in your career or personal projects. However, avoid overpromising or stretching yourself too thin.

**Virgo (August 23 - September 22)**

Clear out clutter, both physically and emotionally, to make space for what truly matters. A health goal you've been working toward may show noticeable progress—keep going!

**Libra (September 23 - October 22)**

Whether it's in your work, hobbies, or personal life, your ideas will be well-received. Romantic connections deepen, but don't overlook small misunderstandings—clear communication is key.

**Scorpio (October 23 - November 21)**

You might feel a desire to retreat from the spotlight, and that's okay. Use this time to recharge and focus on home and family matters. An unexpected revelation midweek could offer clarity on a long-standing issue.

**Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21)**

The world feels full of possibilities, and you're eager to explore them. Travel, learning, or new experiences will enrich your week. However, keep an eye on your spending, as impulse purchases could come back to haunt you.

**Capricorn (December 22 - January 19)**

Your hard work is finally paying off, and recognition is on the horizon. Stay focused on your goals and avoid distractions. Financial stability improves, but don't let it lead to complacency—keep building for the future.

**Aquarius (January 20 - February 18)**

This week brings a fresh perspective and new beginnings. It's an ideal time to set goals and start projects that align with your passions. Social connections thrive, but remember to make time for yourself amid the buzz.

**Pisces (February 19 - March 20)**

Your intuition is your greatest asset this week. Trust your instincts when faced with a difficult decision. Creativity flows easily, so channel it into a project or hobby. A chance encounter could lead to a meaningful connection.



**Excited or Scared?-** When new challenges and opportunities show up in our lives, we may diagnose ourselves as feeling scared when what we really feel is excited. Often we have not been taught how to welcome the thrill of a new opportunity, and so we opt to back off, indulging our anxiety instead of awakening our courage.

One way to inspire ourselves to embrace the opportunities that come our way is to look more deeply into our feelings and see that butterflies in our stomach or a rapidly beating heart are not necessarily a sign that we are afraid. Those very same feelings can be translated as excitement, curiosity, passion, and even love.

There is nothing wrong with being afraid as long as we do not let it stop us from doing the things that excite us. Most of us assume that brave people are fearless, but the truth is that they are simply more comfortable with fear because they face it on a regular basis.

The more we do this, the more we feel excitement in the face of challenges rather than anxiety. The more we cultivate our ability to move forward instead of backing off, the more we trust ourselves to be able to handle the new opportunity, whether it's a new job, an exciting move, or a relationship.

When we feel our fear, we can remind ourselves that maybe we are actually just excited. We can assure ourselves that this opportunity has come our way because we are meant to take it.

Framing things just a little differently can dramatically shift our mental state from one of resistance to one of openness. We can practice this new way of seeing things by saying aloud: I am really excited about this job interview. I am really looking forward to going on a date with this amazing person. I am excited to have the opportunity to do something I have never done before.

As we do this, we will feel our energy shift from fear, which paralyzes, to excitement, which empowers us to direct all that energy in the service of moving forward, growing, and learning.



The most important thing is to enjoy your life - to be happy - it's all that matters". - Steve Jobs

**WORD SUDOKU GAME RULES**

A 9x9 square must be filled in with letters from 1-9 with no repeated letters in each line, horizontally or vertically. **A B C D E F G H I**

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Why are jalapeños such good marksmen?



Because they haben-arrow.



Whatever happens, stay alive. Don't die before you're dead. Don't lose yourself, don't lose hope, don't lose direction.

Stay alive, with yourself, with every cell of your body, with every fiber of your skin. Stay alive, learn, study, think, read, build, invent, create, speak, write, dream, design.

Stay alive, stay alive inside you, stay alive also outside, fill yourself with colors of the world, fill yourself with peace, fill yourself with hope.

Stay alive with joy. There is only one thing you should not waste in life, and that's life itself. ~Virginia Woolf

# STAR WARS Cryptograms

DIRECTIONS: Here are two quotes from your favorite science fiction series. Each distinct letter in the original phrase has been substituted with another letter from the alphabet. The two cryptograms must be solved separately.

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 LEARNER; NOW I AM THE MASTER.  
 - DARTH VADER

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Hear about the first restaurant to open on the moon?  
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"Integrity is doing the right thing even when no one is watching."

— C.S. Lewis

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