



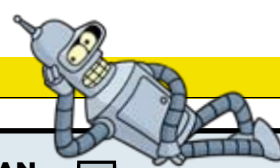
ALASKA 'We have a great life here in Alaska, and we're never going back to America again!' says Homer, after his family flees an ecological disaster in *The Simpsons Movie*.

BURNS Rated as the second richest fictional character ever by *Forbes* magazine, Monty Burns uses his wealth to fund schemes such as stealing Christmas 'from 1981 to 1985'. Excellent!



ELFMAN, DANNY Elfman created *The Simpsons*' theme tune in just two days. He also composes for *Spider-Man*, Tim Burton films and *Desperate Housewives*.

FUTURAMA Co-created by Matt Groening, *Futurama* follows pizza delivery guy Fry's antics 1,000 years in the future. His robot buddy Bender appears in several *Simpsons* episodes.



GAME Take control of your favourite *Simpson* in *The Simpsons Game* and save the world from evil. Unleash Homer's Power Burp, master Lisa's Saxophone Spin or just enjoy hilarious parodies of classic video games. The game is available at Blockbuster now, to rent or buy, for the Wii, DS, Xbox 360 and PS3.



JOBS 119: The number of jobs Homer has moonlighted on to date. Our favourites: Mr Plow, fortune cookie writer, astronaut, fake Krusty, grease salesman, grifter, mayor, Smithers, Kwik-E-Mart clerk and missionary.

ITCHY AND SCRATCHY Mouse Itchy and cat Scratchy have their own ultra-violent series shown on Krusty's TV show. The character of Itchy was created in 1919 by Chester J Lampwick, 'the father of cartoon violence'.

HOMER has a low IQ (55), due to his poor diet, exposure to nuclear materials, head injuries, alcohol consumption and a crayon lodged in his brain. Last year, French doctors dubbed a link between weight problems and slow thinking 'Homer Simpson Syndrome'.



KRUSTY AKA Herschel Krustofski. This popular Springfield children's TV personality is also the face of the Krusty Burger fast food chain. Little-known Krusty fact: Luke Perry is his younger half-brother.

LOVE Romance is rife in the Simpson clan. The Springfield resident most likely to head up the aisle is Marge's sister Selma, whose surname now runs to Bouvier Terwilliger Hutz McClure Stu Simpson. Phew!

THE SIMPSONS A-Z

With *The Simpsons Movie* crash-landing in store, we take a whistle-stop tour of Springfield - before Homer destroys it

CHRISTMAS The series one Christmas special was the first full-length episode aired on US TV. In 2004, *The Simpsons* went head-to-head with the Queen, delivering their own Christmas Day message on Channel 4.

DONUTS 'See these? American donuts. Glazed, powdered, and raspberry-filled. How's that for freedom of choice?' - Homer



QUIZ ZONE



MIDDLE NAMES You think you know the characters inside out. But do you know which of them own these middle names?

- 1 Jay
- 2 Marie
- 3 Jojo
- 4 Underdunk
- 5 Obadiah Zachariah Jebediah
- 6 Mussolini
- 7 Fitzpatrick Fitzgerald Fitzhenry
- 8 Pinkus Yerucham Shmoikel



OPENING SEQUENCE

What price appears for Maggie when she's accidentally scanned at the supermarket at the start of every episode? (Hint: it was the monthly cost of raising a baby back in 1989)

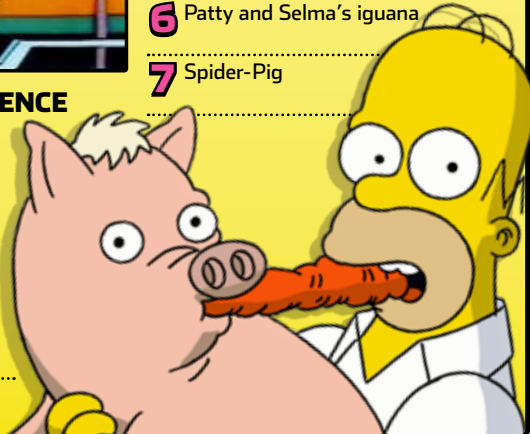
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NATIONAL INSULTS Can you identify these nationalities from their Simpsons insults?

- 1 Cheese-eating surrender monkeys
- 2 Sandal-wearing goldfish-tenders
- 3 Puck-slapping maple suckers
- 4 Shatner-stealing Mexico-touchers

PETS The Simpsons are animal lovers through and through. What names did they give to these creatures?

- 1 A possum found on the monorail
- 2 Lisa's expensive pony
- 3 Homer's helper monkey
- 4 Bart's bad-tempered elephant
- 5 Homer's pet lobster
- 6 Patty and Selma's iguana
- 7 Spider-Pig



THE SIMPSONS MOVIE PG

Spider-Pig, Spider-Pig

Rent/Buy 10 December
Also available on Blu-ray
Stars Dan Castellaneta, Hank Azaria
Director David Silverman
Perfect for Everyone. Oh, come on, you know it's true!



So, after 18 years, *The Simpsons* finally make it into a full-length feature. Was it worth the wait? Hi-diddly-ho, yes! The story is almost irrelevant – it involves a pig, an ecological disaster, a move to Alaska (where you can never be too fat or too drunk) and a showdown with the dastardly President Schwarzenegger ('I vas elected to lead, not to read'). But the real reason we love *The Simpsons* is the gags, and they're here in spades. From Bart's 'doodle' to Mr Burns' crowing, 'For once the rich white man is in charge,' virtually every line crackles. The numerous sight gags demand repeat views, and superb guest stars – Tom Hanks, Albert Brooks and Green Day – get the yellow treatment. Matt Groening has every right to be proud and all we can say is: 'Woohoo!'

EXTRAS ON DVD

- Audio commentary by Groening, Brooks and Castellaneta
- Deleted scenes and alternate ending
- *The Simpsons Judge American Idol*

DID YOU KNOW?

- Work on the script began in 2003 and took 158 drafts
- Albert Brooks (who voices Russ Cargill) also played Marge's bowling alley love interest, Jacques

Answers: MIDDLE NAMES: 1. Homer 2. Lisa 3. Bart 4. Sideshow Bob 5. Jebediah Springfield 6. Milhouse 7. Mayor Quimby 8. Krusty the Clown NATIONAL INSULTS: 1. French 2. Japanese 3. Canadians 4. Americans 5. Stampy 6. Pinchy 7. Flopper 8. Krusty the Clown NATIONAL INSULTS: 1. Brey 2. Princess 3. Mojo 4. Stampy 5. Pinchy 6. Jubb-Jubb 7. Flopper

THE SIMPSONS BOX SETS

Simpsons overload: buy now at Blockbuster

Series 10 New!

Listen out for: Jerry Springer, Mark Hamill, Dolly Parton and Stephen Hawking.



Series 9 Woohoo: 200 episodes and still going strong.



Series 8 From space coyotes to *The X-Files*.



Series 7 George Bush moves in and all hell breaks loose.



Series 6 Who Shot Mr Burns? The clues are here.



Series 5 The world is not enough: Homer goes intergalactic.



Series 4 From *Kamp Krusty* to *Mr Plow*.



Series 3 Aerosmith and possibly Michael Jackson lend voices.



Series 2 Stars Dustin Hoffman and Danny DeVito.



Series 1 Putting the fun into dysfunctional from the start.



SERIES 1-9 ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN STORE FOR JUST £19.96 EACH!

QUIMBY

'Diamond' Joe Quimby is Springfield's 'tax-cheating, wife-swapping, pot-smoking' mayor, allegedly based on any of the Kennedy clan.

SPRINGFIELD

The location of the Simpsons' hometown is deliberately ambiguous – 34 US states have at least one Springfield in them. It's said to be in a state that borders Ohio, Nevada, Maine and Kentucky, which is of course geographically impossible.



WALTONS

In 1992, President Bush said he was trying to 'make American families more like *The Waltons* and less like *The Simpsons*.' Bart retaliated by saying that they were a lot like the Waltons: 'We're praying for an end to the Depression, too.'

RATINGS

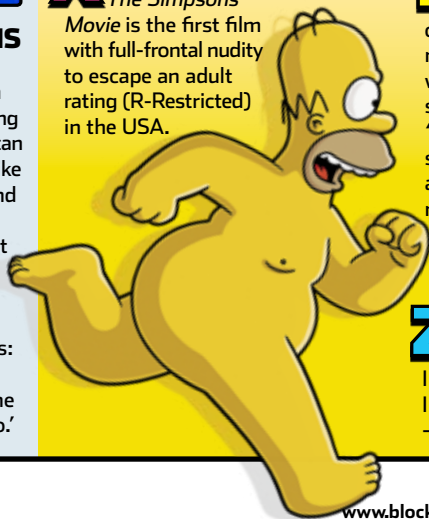
With over 400 episodes made so far, *The Simpsons* is the longest-running US sitcom. The winner of 23 Emmys, *Time Magazine* named it the 20th century's best television series.

TREEHOUSE OF HORROR

Annual Halloween episodes, each containing three 'terrifying' tales. Among the best are Homer selling his soul for a donut, Bart and Homer entering a 3D world and a hilarious parody of *The Shining*. It's also where those loveable aliens Kang and Kodos pitch up.

X-RATED

The Simpsons Movie is the first film with full-frontal nudity to escape an adult rating (R-Restricted) in the USA.



YELLOW

The Simpsons' skin colour is instantly recognisable. 'It wasn't my choice,' says Groening. 'An animator suggested yellow, and it looked right. Then again, she also made the trees purple.'

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'Asleep at the switch? I wasn't asleep, I was drunk!'
– Homer

