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So, do sheep shrink in the rain?

82ask is one of the firms answering thousands of questions a day, sent to it by text message.

Later this year the company is publishing a book, which is bound to serve as a stocking filler, listing 500 of the "most outrageous" questions and answers.



Moths. Just what is the point?

BBC News spent 24 hours with an 82ask texpert to see first hand the queries they received - and can reveal a nation obsessed with beer and badgers.

00:02: Why can women touch strippers but men can't?

00:05: *Were is the Hoegaarden beer factory and can people visit it?*

00:19: Is there a place in Central Bristol, Clifton or Redland that sells booze at this time of day?

00:42: *How tall is a smurf?*

01:19: What is the average size of a British badger?

02:40: *Can I have a couple of taxi numbers for Luton please.*

02:48: Will me and Emily live happily ever after?

03:29: *What kind of motorcycle did Nick Berry drive in the TV series Heartbeat?*

03:53: Will I make it through work tomorrow?

04:21: *Is it a full moon?*

04:22: Is Newton Abbott Tesco open now, and does it sell hoovers?

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05:03: *Inspiring Bible quotes, please.*

06:38: What sort of feed should I use for my citrus trees?

07:08: *How do you make a citizens arrest?*



The world's oldest brand mascot?
Er...no.

07:49: We are in Cassandria and need to find somewhere to hire a motorcycle.

08:07: *Do penguins have knees?*

08:59: Does your hair grow faster in the sun?

09:17: *Can you please send me a nice message for a special friend who is going away on a holiday for a while.*

10:13: What is the average number of Coco Pops in a 500 gram box?

11:17: *Which children's program had a talking totem pole?*



Badgers (on the right) are a regular subject of questions for 82ASK.

12:08: Why does the water in my bathroom taps come out milky?

13:21: *How much does Marlborough College cost per term?*

14:32: What is burdock, as in 'Dandelion & Burdock'?

15:38: *How many people, in the whole world, smoke?*

15:57: Should I go to the gym tonight?

16:18: *What's the point of moths?*

16:59: Who is the oldest food brand mascot in the world? I think it's the Quaker oats man from 1870.

17:21: *Where's the best place in the North East to pull the ladies?*

18:25: Where can I get a sample of a typical Brazilian commentator on the internet?

18:39: *Could you give me some French phrases for social interactions such as "you look beautiful today", "how are you?", "would you like a drink?", "are you enjoying yourself?". Stuff like that.*

19:16: What is the most amount of times one person has been hit by lightning?

20:08: *How many dead bodies are found in the Thames each year.*

21:02: Which mammals lay eggs?

21:26: *What is the recommended length of sleep per night for a four-year-old?*

22:27: Should Vicky marry JP?

22:35: *If two lads are sharing a flat, who gets the bigger bedroom? The one with the girlfriend or the one on the pull?*

23:36: What is a group of badgers called?



We all know what dandelion is. But Burdock?

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