True or false? Some facts you might not know about Cologne:



1. The bell of the Cologne Cathedral is the largest functional bell in the world.



or



2. The bridges in Cologne are painted in the same shade of green as the Statue of Liberty.



or



3. As one of three cities in the world, Cologne may bear the title "Holy City."



or



Did you guess the correct answer?



The bell of the Cologne Cathedral is the largest functional bell in the world.

TRUE!

Weighing 24 tons, the world's largest functional bell, called Peter or "Dicker Pitter" (Fat Peter), can be found in the belfry of the Cologne Cathedral.



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Did you guess the correct answer?

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The bridges in Cologne are painted in the same shade of green as the Statue of Liberty.

FALSE!

Far from it! In 1929, during the construction of Mülheimer Brücke, then-mayor Mr. Konrad Adenauer wanted to create a new shade of green. He invented the green tone: "Kölner Brückengrün" or "Kölner Grün." Five of the eight bridges over Cologne's portion of the Rhine river were later painted in this green color tone, but only those bridges maintained by the City of Cologne (Mülheim, Severins-, Zoo and Deutzer) are still covered in this iconic green - in fact they are not allowed to be painted in any other shade.





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Did you guess the correct answer?



As one of three cities in the world, Cologne may bear the title "Holy City."

TRUE!

The Catholic Church has bestowed upon Cologne the title of "Holy City." Only Rome and Constantinople (today Istanbul) possess this title as well.



How much did you know or guess right?



If you got more than one of these facts right, you must be a real Cologne expert! Even many locals don't know about the title of "Holy City," the color "Kölner Brückengrün" and the fact that the "Dicker Pitter" is the largest functional bell in the world.

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