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A child is born in Boston, Massachusetts to parents who were both born in Boston, Massachusetts. The child is not a U.S. citizen. How is this possible?

The child was born before the U.S. became a country.




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Before Mount Everest was discovered, what was the highest mountain on Earth?

Mount Everest





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In what year did Christmas AND New Year's day (not New Year's Eve) fall in the same year?

Every year






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After the new canon law took effect on November 27, 1983, would a Roman Catholic man have been allowed to marry his widow's sister?


No – dead men cannot marry anyone!



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Which is correct to say: “The yolk of the egg *are* white” or “The yolk of the egg *is* white?”

Neither – the yolk of the egg is yellow!




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- ▶ 1 Corinthians 12:1 uses the Greek word, **pneumatiko/\$** (pneumatikos) – although most translations will translate it “spiritual gifts”, the word for “gift” is not in the verse.
- ▶ Pneumatikos – means in a spiritual sense or by the aid of the Holy Spirit.
- ▶ The first three verses here are establishing that it is by the Holy Spirit we are believers, that we have understanding of God, etc. (1 Cor. 12:3)
- ▶ 1 Corinthians 12:1-3, “About matters of the spirit: brothers, I do not want you to be unaware. You know how, when you were pagans, you were led to dumb idols – being led astray. Therefore I am informing you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God says, ‘Jesus is cursed,’ and no one can say, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ except by the Holy Spirit.”



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- ▶ 1 Corinthians 12:4 “Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit.”
- ▶ 1 Corinthians 12:5 “And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord.”
- ▶ 1 Corinthians 12:6 “There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all *persons*.”
- ▶ 1 Corinthians 12:7 “But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.”
- ▶ “common good” implies to bear together.



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1 Corinthians 12:12-13

“For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jew or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.”



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1 Corinthians 12:31b

“And I will show you a still more excellent way.”





Questions?