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You may have heard of the country named Hungary. You may have even been there. You may even know a Hungarian person. But did you know that Hungarians have had a lot to offer to the world?

Let's see what the world would be like without Hungarians. 😊

1) A world without Hungarians – A world without ballpoint pens

Did you know that the man who invented the ballpoint pen was Hungarian? His name was László Bíró and he wanted to create a pen that was easier to use than fountain pens. If he had not existed, I wonder what we would write with nowadays.



2) A world without Hungarians – A world with less healthy people

Do you know what Albert Szent-Györgyi is famous of? He was the doctor who discovered vitamin C. Without him, we probably wouldn't know so well how we can strengthen our immune system.



3) A world without Hungarians – A world without the word 'coach'

Well, this one is not entirely true. We may still have the word '*coach*' since it has two meanings. But we would not call long distance buses coaches. The word '*coach*' comes from the name of a Hungarian town '*Kocs*'. Kocs is the town where a fast light four-wheeled carriage was invented, which later spread across Europe. The Spanish and Portuguese word '*coche*', the German word '*Kutsche*' and the Czech word '*koč*' also derive from the word '*Kocs*'. The Hungarian word '*kocsi*' literally '*of Kocs*' means '*car*' in Hungarian.



4) A world without Hungarians – A world without Rubik's Cubes

Well, you may say that it wouldn't be such a huge loss, but that's only because you probably don't know how to solve it. 😊 Once you learn how to solve it, you will realise how enjoyable and fun this toy is. 😊



5) A world without Hungarians – A world without electric trains and trams

Kálmán Kandó is known as 'the father of the electric train.' He was a Hungarian man who invented the three-phase motor and generator needed for electric railways. Without him, we would possibly have a lot more buses causing even more pollution.



6) A world without Hungarians – A world where Luke would have never met Princess Leia

Have you seen the old Star Wars movies? If you haven't, go and watch them now, before you

continue reading this article. If you have, you may remember that part where Luke watches the holographic message of Princess Leia asking for help. Without Hungarian-British physicist Dennis Gabor (in Hungarian: Gábor Dénes) George Lucas would have never had this idea, because he was the person who invented holography.



7) A world without Hungarians – A world with a lot less talented people

Hungarians gave a lot of talented people to the world. Some of them were born in Hungary, some of them were/are of Hungarian origin.

Tony Curtis, Rachel Weisz, Drew Barrymore, Alanis Morissette, Adrian Brody, Peter Falk, Goldie Hawn, Joaquin Phoenix, Calvin Klein, Estée Lauder, Gene Simmons and Robert Capa are/were all of Hungarian origin. Other famous Hungarians you may have heard of include Harry Houdini, Béla Lugosi, Andy Vajna, Ferenc Puskás, Ferenc Liszt, Béla Bartók, Zoltán Kodály, Márta Sebestyén and Zsa Zsa Gabor.



8) A world without Hungarians – A world with less alcoholic beverages

Have you heard of the famous '*Pálinka*'? It's a Hungarian traditional fruit brandy that most Hungarians love. Have you ever tasted '*Unicum*'? It's a Hungarian herbal liqueur. If you like Jägermeister, you will like Unicum as well. 😊 There are also several world famous wines that wouldn't exist without Hungarians.



9) A world without Hungarians – A world without an atomic bomb

Unfortunately there weren't only good things that Hungarians invented. Edward Teller and Leo Szilárd, two Hungarian scientists, both played a role in creating the atomic bomb. 🙄



10) A world without Hungarians – A world without Budapest

Without Hungarians there would be no [Budapest](#), and without this absolutely beautiful city the world would be so much poorer.



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