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## **Introduction**

By nature, I tend to collect trivia without trying. Until relatively recently, I had never sought out trivia; however, after creating a holiday trivia presentation for a community party and then showing it at one of our fitness studio's spinning classes, I found myself creating weekly trivia. The cycling clients enjoyed the diversion of answering questions while they exercised, so I continued.

I have tried to ensure that the information is as accurate as possible, and to retain its accuracy, I have also tried to avoid facts that can quickly change with time. This book is intended for people who prefer to read interesting facts rather than quiz themselves with questions and answers. Since the information isn't in a question and answer format, it also allows different types of facts that aren't as well suited for a quiz format.

There are 1,500 fascinating facts covering a wide range of topics including animals, arts, history, literature, miscellaneous, movies, science and nature, sports, television, U.S. geography, U.S. presidents, and around the World.

This is book 4 of my really interesting knowledge series; I hope you enjoy it, and if you do, look for other books in the series.

### **Facts 1-300**

1. In 2013 a lost Egyptian city named Heracleion was discovered underwater after being lost for 1200 years in the Mediterranean Sea.
2. There's an artist named Brian Lai that has the unique ability to draw in negatives.
3. In Japanese myth there's a creature called the Asiarai Yashiki. It's a giant unwashed foot that appears before you and demands to be washed. If you don't wash it, it rampages through your house.
4. There's a dog named Faith that was born with no front legs but learned to walk on its hind legs. The dog and its owner both travel to military hospitals to demonstrate that even a dog with a severe disability can live a full life.
5. There's a 34 year old chimpanzee named Kanzi that not only knows how to start a fire and cook food, but knows how to make omelettes for himself.
5. In 2013 in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, construction workers permanently cemented a truck into a sidewalk after the owner refused to move it.

7. The Canadian post office has assigned a postal code of H, O, H, O, H, O to the North Pole where anyone can send a letter to Santa Claus. Every year more than one million letters are addressed to Santa Claus, each of which are answered in the same language they were written in.
3. There's a spa called 'Bali Heritage Reflexology and Spa' in Jakarta, Indonesia that uses pythons placed on a customer's body as a form of massage treatment.
9. In 2010 a man got lost in the woods of northern Saskatchewan and chopped down power lines just to draw attention to himself, in hopes that someone would rescue him. It worked.
10. Coffee was so influential in early Turkish culture that the word for breakfast literally translates to 'before coffee' and the word brown translates to 'the color of coffee'.
11. The longest that anyone has ever survived in a shipwrecked raft was 133 days by a Chinese man named Poon Lim in 1942. He survived by fishing, drinking bird blood and even killing a shark with a jug of water. He lived to the age of 72, dieing in 1991.
12. In order to be a London Black Cab driver one is expected to know 25,000 roads and 50,000 points of interest in order to pass the test called 'The Knowledge'. Applicants usually need twelve appearances and 34 months of preparation to pass it.
13. In Tunisia you can book an overnight stay at Luke Skywalker's boyhood home which is a real hotel called the Hotel Sidi Driss for only \$10.
14. There is a lake in the country of Palau called Jellyfish Lake where jellyfish have evolved without stingers. These golden jellyfish are completely harmless to humans and you can even swim with them.
15. In 1770 the British Parliament passed a law condemning lipstick stating that any woman found guilty of seducing a man into matrimony by a cosmetic means would be tried for witchcraft.
16. A 'butt' was a medieval unit of measurement for wine. Technically, a butt-load of wine is 125 gallons (475 liters).
17. Tap water in Canada is regulated to a higher standard than bottled water.

18. In 1947, Sugar Ray Robinson, one of the greatest boxers of all time, backed out of a fight because he had a dream that he was going to kill his opponent. After being convinced to fight he went into the ring and actually killed his opponent.
19. In 2011, the Coble family lost their three children, two girls and a boy in an unfortunate car accident. A year later the mother gave birth to triplets, two girls and one boy.
20. The highest scoring soccer game in history recognised by the Guinness Book of World Records was 149 to zero between two teams in Madagascar in 2002. It happened because one of the teams began scoring on themselves in protest of a bad call by one of the referees.
21. The Sahara is only in a dry period and is expected to be green again in 15,000 years.
22. In 1567 Hans Steininger who once had the longest beard in the world at 4.5 feet (1.4 meters) long, died when he broke his neck after accidentally stepping on it.
23. Deceased North Korean leader Kim Jong Il's official biography lists among his achievements a 38-shot round of golf, the ability to control weather, the need to never have to poop, and being the creator of the hamburger.
24. David B. Leak was an American soldier from the Korean War who was given the Medal of Honor after killing five soldiers, four with his bare hands, while giving medical attention to one of his comrades after being shot.
25. Thomas Edison taught his second wife Mina Miller Morse code so that they could communicate in secret by tapping each other's hands when their families were around.
26. Leonardo DiCaprio was named Leonardo because his pregnant mother was looking at a Leonardo da Vinci painting in Italy when he first kicked.
27. The human brain uses 20% of the bodies energy even though it's only 2% of the body's total weight.

28. In 2013 a 59 year old man named Alan Markovitz was upset at his ex-wife for cheating on him, bought a house next to hers and installed a giant \$7,000 statue of a hand giving the finger aimed at her house.
29. Kim Peek, the inspiration for the movie Rain Man, was born with significant brain damage. He's read over 12,000 books and remembers every single one of them. He's even able to read two pages at once, one with each eye and remembers everything in them.
30. In 1997 a seventeen year old Merino sheep named Shrek in New Zealand ran away and hid in a cave for seven years. When he was finally found in 2004, he had gone unsheared for so long that he had accumulated 60 pounds (27kg) of wool on his body, the equivalent to make 20 suits.
31. Mike the Headless Chicken was a famous chicken from 1945 that was beheaded by a farmer for his dinner but continued to live for another 18 full months.
32. It cost's 1.5 cents to make a penny and the U.S. mint issued \$46 million worth of these coins in 2018.
33. The 'Intempo' skyscraper in Spain has forty seven floors but no elevators.
34. The Neanderthal's brain was 10% bigger than ours the homosapiens but they were not as intellectual as us. This is because their brains were more devoted to vision, where more of ours is devoted to reasoning, decision making, and social interaction.
35. The human body contains trillions of microorganisms i.e bacteria outnumbering human cells by 10 to 1.
36. In China the extremely wealthy can avoid prison terms by hiring body doubles.
37. There are miniature wolves in the Middle East that only reach about 30 pounds (6kg). In comparison the largest wolves in the world found in Canada, Russia and Alaska can reach upto 175 pounds (80kg).
38. It takes 40,000 years for a photon of light to travel from the core of the sun to its surface. For the same photon to travel from the sun to Earth only takes eight minutes.

39. The first ever diamonds were found in India in the fourth century BC. The next country it was discovered in was Brazil in 1725.
40. In the year 2020 there will be approximately 40 billion gadgets connected to the internet.
41. The smallest country in the world is the Vatican which only has 0.22 square miles (0.44 square kilometers).
42. As of 2019 the country with the highest homicide rates is El Salvador with 82.84 homicides per 100,000 inhabitants per year. With approximately 6 million people that equates to 5,000 people per year. The extremely high homicide rate in this country is marked by significant occurrence of gang-related crimes and juvenile delinquency.
43. The Terracotta Army is a collection of more than 8,000 clay soldiers, chariots and horses that took around 37 years to make. They were buried with the Emperor in 210 BC with the purpose of protecting him in his afterlife.
44. A person who drives 10 miles to buy a lottery ticket is three times more likely to die in a car accident than winning the lottery.
45. In only three percent of all the bird species does the male have a penis.
46. In 2017 19% of brides said they met their spouse online. This industry now brings in \$3 billion a year.
47. You are not allowed to flush the toilet after 10pm in Switzerland. Other bizzare things you can't do in this country are use a high- pressure power hose on your car, hike naked, hang out laundry, cut your grass or recycle on Sundays. Some random things you must do in this country is pay tax on your dog if you have one and have a buddy for pets such as guinea pigs, goldfish and budgies so they have company.
48. There are no clocks in the casinos of Las Vegas so customers lose track of time and stay in the premises longer.
49. Grasshoppers have ears in the sides of their abdomen.
50. There are 350 pyramids that were built by the rulers of the ancient Kushite kingdoms now known as Sudan.



51. Situated on Sark Island in Guernsey, an island between England and France, Sark Prison is the world's smallest prison which only fits two people.
52. The average speed of a commercial aeroplane is 485 knots which is 560 mph (900km/h)
53. The longest recorded living animal is a Ocean quahog clam which was recorded at a staggering 507 years. Second place goes to a Greenland shark at 392 years followed by a bowhead whale at 211 years.
54. The largest tigers in the world live in Siberia.
55. It has only snowed in Cuba once way back in March 12, 1857.
56. Bamboo can grow upto 35 inches (91cm) in a single day.
57. There are approximately 6,500 languages spoken in the world today however 2,000 of those languages only have 1,000 speakers or less
58. Saddam Hussein the late President of Iraq wrote several novels and a number of poems which were published anonymously.
59. The first building to have more than 100 floors was The Empire State Building.
50. The most visited city in the world is Bangkok with 20 million people in 2018 followed by London and Paris.
51. Humans only make up 48 percent of users on the internet. The other 52 percent of web traffic are bots
52. Hitler was Time's "Man of the Year" in 1938.
53. China is home to half of the pig population on earth.
54. There are 1.2 million species documented in existence today however scientists estimate the number to be somewhere around 8.7 million. Due to extinction however we may never know the exact number.
55. You would weigh more at the poles than you would weigh at the equator however the difference would only be 0.5% approximately. You would weigh slightly more at sea level than at the top of a mountain. This is due to oblateness and gravitational pull.

56. Occasionally in the arctic the sun can appear square when it's on the horizon.
57. On average brunettes have less hairs on their head compared to red-haired and blondes.
58. Royal tradition states that Prince Charles and Prince William cannot board the same plane together in case there is a crash and the monarch loses two heirs at once. Technically the same rule applies for prince William and his five-year-old son, Prince George
59. The largest organ on the body is skin.
70. It is false that you can bite through a finger as easily as a carrot. It takes 200 newtons to bite through a raw carrot and 1485 newtons just to cause a fracture to a finger.
71. It took over 22 centuries to complete the Great Wall of China. It was built, rebuilt and extended by many imperial dynasties and kingdoms. The wall exceeds 12,000 miles (20,000km).
72. The largest empire the world has ever seen was the British Empire which covered almost a quarter of the planet in its peak in 1920.
73. Most of the camels in Saudi Arabia are imported from Australia.
74. China produces the most pollution in the world contributing 30% of all the countries total. These come from coal, oil and natural gases.
75. There are currently 1.6 billion live websites on the web right now. However 99% of these sites you cannot access through Google and is known as the Deep Web.
76. Just like all languages, sign language has different accents based on country, age, ethnicity and whether the person is deaf or not.
77. There are over 1200 different species of bats in the world and contrary to popular belief none of them are blind. Bats can hunt in the dark using echolocation, which means they use echoes of self- produced sounds bouncing off objects to help them navigate.
78. When you're buried six feet down in soil and without a coffin an average adult body normally takes eight to twelve years to decompose to a skeleton.

79. Pigs are physically incapable to look up into the sky.
30. The largest detonated bomb in the world was the Tsar Bomba on October 30 in 1961 by the Soviet Union. The blast was 3,000 times stronger than the bomb used on Hiroshima. The impact was enough to break windows 560 miles (900km) away.
31. The wars between Romans and Persians lasted about 721 years, the longest conflict in human history.
32. There were at least forty two known assassination plots against Hitler.
33. It took approximately 75 years for the telephone to reach 50 million users, the radio 38 years, 13 years for the television, 4 for the Internet, 2 for Facebook and only 19 days for Pokemon Go.
34. The biggest island in the world is Greenland as Australia is a continent.
35. In 2018, 4 billion people have access to the internet yet 844 million people still don't have access to clean water.
36. A single teaspoon of water has eight times more atoms than there are teaspoonsful of water in the Atlantic Ocean.
37. Ancient Egyptians used headrests made of stone instead of pillows.
38. France was the first country to introduce the registration plate on August 14th 1893.
39. The Netherlands was the first country to legalise same sex marriage which was in 2001.
30. The average human attention span has almost halved since 2,000 decreasing from 20 seconds to 12 in 2018.
31. The oldest recorded tree in the world is reported to be 9,550 years old located in Dalarna, Sweden.
32. The oldest living system ever recorded is the Cyanobacterias, a type of bacteria that originated 2.8 billion years ago.
33. Being hungry causes serotonin levels to drop, causing a whirlwind of uncontrollable emotions including anxiety, stress and anger.
34. On Monday March 23, 2178 Pluto will complete its full orbit since its original discovery in 1930.

95. There are more than 150 people cryofrozen right now in the hopes that one day the technology will be invented to revive them with over 1000 people registered to do the same upon their death.
96. Under extremely powerful pressure peanut butter can be turned into diamonds.
97. After the movie 'Princess and the Frog' came out more than 50 people were hospitalized with salmonella poisoning from kissing frogs.
98. Albert Einstein never wore socks.
99. A can of regular coke will sink to the bottom of water while a can of diet coke will float.
100. The Technical University of Munich in 2010 built slides four stories high to help their students get to class quickly instead of them having to take the stairs.
101. Only two percent of the Earth's population has green eyes.
102. When Jackie Chan was eighteen he got into a street fight with bikers where shortly after he noticed a piece of bone sticking out of his knuckle. He tried spending an entire day pushing it back in until he realized that it wasn't his bone but the other guys tooth.
103. In 1971 a man named Jean-Claude Romand lied about passing important medical exams where he continued crafting elaborate lies until everyone he knew thought he was an actual medical doctor. He got away for it for eighteen years until he eventually killed his entire family to avoid being revealed.
104. There was an orangutan named Fu Manchu who was repeatedly able to escape from his cage at the Henry Doorly Zoo in Nebraska. It was found that he was using a key that he fashioned out of a piece of wire. The reason was able to do it so many times and kept getting away with it was because everytime the zookeeper's inspected him he would hide the key in his mouth.
105. In 1984 when the Air Jordans were introduced, they were banned by the NBA. Michael Jordan wore them anyways as Nike was willing to pay the \$5,000 fine each time he stepped onto the court.

106. Zach Galifianakis was approached by Nike to be in their advertising after the success of The Hangover. During the conference call he broke the ice by asking "So do you still have seven year olds making your stuff?"
107. In France a bakery by law has to make all of its bread that it sells from scratch in order to have the right to be called a bakery.
108. In 2005, 110 people tied for the second prize in the Powerball Lottery. Officials suspected cheating was involved but discovered that the winners had all used the same lucky numbers off copies of the same fortune from fortune cookies.
109. In Denmark 'Fartkontrol' means speed check.
110. The Vatican City is home to the world's only ATM that gives instructions in Latin.
111. In Australia there are trees that grow several different types of fruits known as fruit salad trees.
112. The shortest presidency in the history of the world was by President Pedro Paredes of Mexico who ruled for less than one hour on February 19, 1913.
113. A twenty ounce bottle of Mountain Dew contains the equivalent of 22 packets of sugar.
114. In Moscow stray dogs have learned to commute from the suburbs to the city, scavenge for food, then catch the train home in the evening.
115. The human brain has a negativity bias causing us to continually look for bad news. It's an evolutionary trait that stem from early humans as a survival mechanism.
116. The smallest known reptile in the world is the Brookesia micra which is so small it can stand on the head of a match.
117. In 2011 a 99 year old Italian named Antonio C. divorced his 96 year old wife Rosa C. after finding secret love letters revealing that she had an affair in the 1940s.
118. We're technically living about 80 milliseconds in the past because that's how long it takes our brain to process information.

119. In 2008, a nineteen year old from Somerset, England named George Garrett officially changed his name to 'Captain Fantastic Faster Than Superman Batman Wolverine The Hulk And The Flash Combined'.
120. In 1993 Dave Thomas the founder of Wendy's went back to high school to earn his GED decades after dropping out, because he was worried kids may see his success as an excuse to also drop out of school.
121. There was a billionaire named Paul Getty who refused to pay a seventeen million dollar ransom for his kidnapped grandson. When the teenager's severed ear arrived, he agreed to pay three million but only actually paid 2.2 because that was the maximum he would be able to write off as tax.
122. Pogonophobia is the fear of beards.
123. The average Game Of Thrones episode costs \$2-\$3 million to produce. That's two to three times what a typical network or cable show costs per episode.
124. Baboons in the wild have been known to kidnap puppies and raise them as pets.
125. In 2005 a man named Ronald McDonald robbed a Wendy's in Manchester, England.
126. In 1977 we received a radio signal from space that lasted 72 seconds and was dubbed 'the wow signal'. To this day we still don't know where it came from.
127. Socialist Karl Marx's' final words before he died in 1883 were "Go away, last words are for fools who haven't said enough".
128. Oona Chaplin the actress who plays Talisa in the Game of Thrones is actually Charlie Chaplin's granddaughter.
129. A wolf will respond with a howl if a human imitates a howl.
130. The moon is capable of having 'moonquakes'. They are less frequent and intense as the ones on Earth however.
131. It is estimated that only 8 percent of the world's total money is real. The rest exists electronically on computer hard drives and bank accounts.

132. Elephant grass can grow upto 10 feet (3 meters) tall that even elephants can hide in.
133. A single factory in Ireland makes more than 90% of the worlds botox.
134. Most airplane crashes happen either three minutes after taking off or eight minutes before landing.
135. Carl Gugasian is serving 17 years in jail after robbing 50 banks over a 30 year period stealing \$2 million.
136. Twenty four women have made accusations that Donald Trump has elicited inappropriate sexual behavior over the previous thirty years.
137. A group of camels is called a caravan.
138. In 2013 Scottish scientists created a pizza that has 30% of your daily recommended nutrients.
139. There are still 30 million people living in caves in China.
140. There is a skywalk on Tianmen Mountain in China which is a 200 feet (61 meters) long with 8.2 feet (2.5 meter) thick glass. The bridge is so high up that it allows visitors to look down on the peaks of smaller mountains below.
141. The lighter was invented before the matchstick.
142. In 2009 a 10 year old British girl named Zoe Pemberton tried to sell her grandmother on ebay because the little girl found her annoying and wanted to get rid of her.
143. One in five people in Singapore are millionaires.
144. Cockroaches were here 120 million years before the dinosaurs.
145. The most popular animal for a pet is freshwater fish. Next comes the cat followed by a dog.
146. One hundred acres of pizza are cut every day in the US alone.
147. In 2006, artist Kim Graham and a group of 25 volunteers spent 15 days using entirely non-toxic recycled paper products to create a 12 foot (3.7 meter) tall paper mache tree doll.
148. Lightning strikes are not as rare as you think. Approximately 100 strikes hit the earth per second! Each bolt can have upto a billion volts of

electricity.

149. Mark Zuckerberg has signed the 'Giving Pledge' a campaign created by Warren Buffet and Bill Gates which encourages wealthy people to contribute a majority of their wealth to philanthropic causes.
150. In Japan it's considered to be good luck if a sumo-wrestler makes your baby cry.
151. Carrots used to be purple in color.
152. Over 99 percent of all species equating to five billion species in total that ever been on Earth have died out.
153. Jeff Bezos the owner of Amazon.com is also the owner of the Washington Post.
154. Google rents goats to replace lawn mowers at their Mountain view headquarters.
155. When you get blackout drunk you don't actually forget anything because your brain wasn't recording in the first place.
156. Nintendo has banked so much money that they could run a deficit of \$250 million every year and still survive until 2052.
157. Taiwan has become the first country to offer free Wi-Fi to all tourists through over 4,000 hotspots all over the island.
158. There's a fruit called black sapote or chocolate pudding fruit which at the right ripeness tastes like chocolate pudding, is low in fat and has about four times as much vitamin C as an orange.
159. In North Korea citizens are forced to choose from one of twenty eight government approved haircuts.
160. It's estimated that there are approximately three million shipwrecks on the ocean floor worth billions in value and treasure.
161. A seven year old second grader was suspended for biting a pop tart into the shape of a mountain which school officials mistook for a gun.
162. In 2013 a company called Limite Zero created a 2300 foot (720 meter) international zipline between Spain and Portugal.



163. All of the air in potato chip bags that people complain about isn't air at all. It's actually nitrogen which serves the purpose to keep chips crisp and to provide a cushion during shipping.
164. In 2005 a documentary was filmed called Reversal of Fortune where filmmakers gave a homeless man named Ted Rodrigue \$100,000 in cash and followed him around to see what he would do with the money. Less than six months later he was completely broke and back in the same place he was before it all started.
165. The infinite monkey theorem states that a monkey hitting keys at random on a typewriter for an infinite amount of time will eventually type out any given text including the complete works of William Shakespeare.
165. If you don't identify as an extrovert or introvert, you may be an ambivert which is a person moderately comfortable with groups and social interactions but also relishes time alone away from crowds.
167. In 2007 a twin was born 34 minutes after her brother but because of a daylight savings time adjustment was actually born 25 minutes before her brother.
168. In a study to improve hospital design for children, researchers from the University of Sheffield polled 250 children regarding their opinions of clowns. Every single one reported disliking or fearing them.
169. The most expensive thing ever created is the International Space Station at a cost of \$150 billion and rising as new sections are added.
170. In a study conducted by the Bay State Medical Center in Springfield, approximately 58% of people experience phantom vibrations syndrome, a sensory hallucination where you mistakenly think your phone is buzzing in your pocket.
171. In 2013 a man named Harrison Okene survived for three days at the bottom of the ocean in a sunken ship by finding a pocket of air.
172. In North Korea it is currently the year 109 because their calendar is based on the birth of Kim Il-Sung, the founder of North Korea.
173. Teddy Roosevelt was shot in 1912 right before giving a speech. Noticing that it missed his lungs since he wasn't coughing up blood, he

proceeded to give the full ninety minute speech.

174. In Armenia, all children age six and up are taught chess in school as a mandatory part of their curriculum.
175. Schools that ditch schoolyard rules are actually seeing a decrease in bullying, serious injuries and vandalism, while concentration levels in class are increasing. This is because fewer rules requires critical thinking whereas simply obeying instructions requires very little critical thinking.
176. Sand from the Sahara is blown by the wind all the way to the Amazon recharging it's minerals. The desert literally fertilizes the rainforest.
177. As a child, Muhammad Ali was refused an autograph from his boxing idol Sugar Ray Robinson. When Ali became a prized fighter he vowed to never deny an autograph request which he honored throughout his entire career.
178. President JFK purchased over a thousand Cuban cigars just hours before he ordered the Cuban trade embargo in 1962.
179. In 1976 a Greek war veteran named Stamatis Moraitis was diagnosed with cancer and told he only had six months to live. He went back to the doctors ten years later to tell them he was still alive only to discover that all of the doctors who had diagnosed him were dead. He lived to be 102 years old.
180. An Indiana state prison allows murderers to adopt cats in their cells to help teach them love and compassion for other living things.
181. The Gatling gun was invented by doctor Richard Gatling who noticed that the majority of soldiers during the Civil War who died were due to disease, not gunshot wounds. By inventing a machine that could replace hundreds of soldiers, the need for large armies would be reduced thus diminishing exposure to battle and disease.
182. If New York City was its own country and the NYPD was its army, it would be the 20th best funded army in the world just behind Greece and ahead of North Korea.
183. The WWOOF or the Worldwide Opportunities on Organic Farms is an international program that allows you to travel the world with free food

and accommodations in exchange for volunteer work.

184. Brass door knobs automatically disinfect themselves in eight hours which is known as the oligodynamic effect.

185. In 2014 a man in China bought a first class ticket on China Eastern Airlines where he went to the airport and ate free food for almost an entire year in the VIP lounge. Astoundingly he cancelled and re-booked his flight an incredible 300 times over the course of the year and then cancelled his ticket for a full refund once the airline became wise of his scam.

186. Until its demolition in 2012, 1% of Greenland's entire population lived in one apartment building called Blok P.

187. German used to be the second most widely spoken language in the United States before it was forcibly repressed during World War One.

188. In the 1960's the US did an experiment where two people without nuclear training had to design a nuke with only access to publicly available documents. They succeeded.

189. By the time Donald Trump was 27 he owned 14,000 apartments.

190. The Challenger Deep in the Mariana Trench is the deepest point in Earth's oceans that we know of at 10994 meters.

191. Chaology is the study of chaos or chaos theory.

192. Hitler collected Jewish artifacts for a museum of what he hoped to be an extinct race after the second world war.

193. Male puppies will let female puppies win when they play even though they are physically more powerful to encourage them to play more.

194. The Antonov An-225 is the largest aircraft ever made and was initially created for the task of transporting spaceplanes. It weighs 285 tonnes, has a wingspan of 288 feet (88 meters) and cost \$250 million.

195. One quick kick from a giraffe can kill a lion.

196. The youngest Pope to ever be elected was Pope Benedict IX born in 1012 who was 12 years old.

197. Xylography is the art of engraving on wood.

198. It took 410 days for the Empire state building to be made.
199. The average Boeing 747 plane has 160 miles (260km) of wiring inside of it.
200. There are still several unexplored hidden passages in the pyramids of Giza.
201. J.K. Rowling is the first author to reach billionaire status. She also holds the status of losing her billionaire status due to giving away most of her money.
202. During the 1600s there was Tulip mania in Holland where tulips were more valuable than gold. This is the first reported economic bubble. When people came to their senses the bubble burst and caused the market to crash.
203. In ancient Egypt the Egyptians shaved off their eyebrows to show grief from the death of their cat.
204. Lake Chagan is the only lake artificially created by a nuclear test. Even though the nuclear test was fired in 1965 it's still unsafe for swimming due to radiation.
205. Before the renaissance era three quarters of all books in the world were in Chinese.
206. The human eye can see a candle flickering upto 30 miles (48km) away on a dark night.
207. Due to a genetic mutation the first blue eyed humans only began to appear six to ten thousand years ago.
208. For less than the cost of a Ferrari you can buy a renovated Boeing 737.
209. There are approximately 250,000 active patents applicable to the smartphone.
210. Sugar was first invented in India where extraction and purification techniques were developed in 510 BC. Before that the most popular sweetener was honey.
211. The typical American spends \$1,200 on fast food every year.
212. A camel can drink 53 gallons (200 litres) of water in three minutes.

213. The amount of water on earth is constant however a billion years from now the Sun will be ten percent brighter increasing the heat causing Earth to lose all of its water.
214. You cannot invent faces in your dream which means you've encountered every face you've seen in your dream in real life.
215. Crabs are able to regenerate their legs and claws to 95% of their original size.
216. The largest living creature on earth is the Great Barrier reef which measures at 1200 miles (2,000km) long.
217. The Old Testament was written over the course of 1000 years whereas the New Testament was written within 75 years.
218. Astronauts would weigh one sixth of their weight if they were in space compared to on Earth.
219. If two rats were left alone in an enclosed area with enough room they can multiply to a million within 18 months.
220. It's impossible to taste food without saliva. This is because chemicals from the food must first dissolve in saliva. Once dissolved chemicals can be detected by receptors on taste buds.
221. The heaviest drinkers in the world are in Belarus with 17.5 litres consumed per capita every year.
222. Polar bears evolved from brown bears somewhere in the vicinity of Britain and Ireland 150,000 years ago.
223. The fastest land animal is the cheetah which has a recorded speed of between 75.0 mph (120 km/h) . The peregrine falcon is the fastest bird with a diving speed of 242 mph (389 km/h).
224. A jellyfish has no ears, eyes, nose, brain or heart.
225. The largest earthquake recorded was in Chile in 1960. It was placed in at 9.4-9.6 on the magnitude scale and lasted for 10 minutes.
226. There are 2.32 billion monthly active users on Facebook as of 31st December, 2018.
227. The African driver ant can produce 3 to 4 million eggs every 25 days.

228. The average IQ rate has been declining over recent decades. This is because smarter people are having less children.
229. The most popular sport in the world is Football. Second place goes to Cricket followed by Field Hockey.
230. Each sperm contains about 3 billion bases of genetic information, representing 750 Megabytes of digital information.
231. One out of every 4 cranes in the world is located in Dubai. The countries artificial Palm Islands also used enough sand to fill 2.5 Empire State Buildings.
232. Humans can have anywhere from 12 to 60 thousand thoughts per day with 80 percent of these thoughts being negative.
233. The human brain has 100 billion brain cells.
234. The top ten cheese eating countries are all in Europe with French being number one. The average French person consumes 57 pounds (25kg) of cheese per year.
235. The highest temperature ever recorded on Earth was El Azizia on 13th September, 1922, at 136 degrees Fahrenheit (58 degrees Celsius).
236. There are more living organisms in a teaspoon of soil than there are humans in the world.
237. Oranges are not even in the top ten list of common foods when it comes to vitamin C levels.
238. There are 100 to 400 billion stars in the Milky Way and more than 100 billion galaxies in the Universe.
239. Astronomers have found what appears to be one of the oldest known stars in the universe which located about 6,000 light-years away from Earth. The ancient star formed not long after the Big Bang 13.8 billion years ago.
240. A penguin can hold its breath for 20 minutes.
241. According to scientists, the weight of the average cloud is the same as 100 elephants.
242. Ninety five percent of the decisions you make have already been made up by your subconscious mind.

243. By the time you are 2 your brain is already 80% the size of an adults.
244. The reason birds fly in a 'V' formation is to save energy due to wind resistance. The birds take turns being in the front and fall to the back when they're tired.
245. The average person has 10,000 taste buds which are replaced every 2 weeks or so.
246. If all the stored batteries in the world were used for consumption they would be flat in 10 minutes.
247. The Burj Khalifa is the tallest building in the world standing at 2700 feet (830 meters). Construction started in 2004 and took 4 years to complete.
248. Almost a tenth of all Chinese have the last name 'Wang' which translates to king.
249. Humans take in 11 million bits of information every second however we're only aware of about 40 of these things.
250. Russia has 1.8 times the landmass of the U.S.
251. The pollution in Beijing is so bad they have come up with a term called the 'Beijing Cough'.
252. In 1967 the Prime Minister of Australia went missing. It was only four decades after he went missing that it was confirmed that he had accidentally drowned.
253. Jackie Chan's mother was a drug smuggler while his father was a spy. This is infact how they met, when his father arrested his mother for smuggling opium.
254. George Lucas wanted the role of Mace Windu to originally go to Tupac however he died before he could give an audition and the role went to Samuel L. Jackson instead.
255. Many murder cases in Japan are declared suicides in order for Police Officers to save face and to keep crime statistics low.
256. A scorpion can hold its breath underwater for up to six days.
257. Ethiopia is currently in the year 2006 because it has thirteen months in its year.

258. The City of New York paid \$5 million in 1853 for the land that is Central park which is now worth \$530 billion.
259. The oldest instruments date back 43,000 years ago which were flutes made out of bones from birds and mammoth.
260. A flame is round and blue when in zero gravity.
261. Studies have been shown that people with creative minds find it harder to fall asleep at night and prefer to stay up later.
262. Patients in an insane mental asylum in the 1950's have the same stress as the average high school student now days.
263. A group of lemurs is called a conspiracy.
264. The longest prison sentence was 320,000 years to a man named Gabriel Grandos for failing to deliver over 70,000 letters.
265. There is a city being created in the Arab Emirates right now that will be entirely reliant on renewable energy sources with a zero waste ecology.
256. A study done by the Bureau of Economic Research concluded that first born children have higher IQ's than their younger siblings.
267. The smallest poisonous frog is only 10 millimeters in length and secretes a toxic poison from its skin as a defense mechanism.
268. There's a natural gas vent in Iraq known as the Eternal Fire that's been burning for over 4,000 years.
269. Farting helps to reduce blood pressure and is good for overall health.
270. The artificial sweetener Splenda was discovered when a researcher misheard the command to test this chemical as 'taste this chemical'.
271. Before Sylvester Stallone sold the script for Rocky he was broke and had to sell his dog for \$50. A week later he sold the script and bought his dog back for \$3,000.
272. Chinese soldiers stick needles in their shirt collars in order to keep a straight posture during military parades.
273. There are 36 armed dolphins trained by the US Navy to kill terrorists which have been missing in the Gulf of Mexico since Hurricane



Katrina in 2005. They carry toxic dart guns capable of killing a person with one shot.

- 274. A Dutch artist discovered a way to create clouds in the middle of a room by carefully balancing humidity, lighting and temperature. He uses this regularly in his artwork.
- 275. The largest cemetery in the world is the Wadi Al-Salaam Cemetery located in Iraq. It's 2 miles (6km) squared and is so big that it's unknown how many bodies are in there. It's estimated to be in the millions and half a million more get added each year.
- 276. Before Scar got the scar on his face in The Lion King his name was Taka which means garbage in Swahili.
- 277. Benjamin Franklin wasn't trusted to write the US declaration of Independence because it was feared he would conceal a joke in it.
- 278. The app Candy Crush was making \$956,000 a day in its prime.
- 279. Bill Gates, Steve Jobs, Albert Einstein, Walt Disney and Mark Zuckerberg all dropped out of school.
- 280. The deepest indoor pool is located in Belgium, Brussels named Nemo 33 at 108 feet (32 meters) deep.
- 281. The famous torrent site Pirate Bay once tried to buy it's own island to make their own country with no copyright laws.
- 282. Prairie dogs say hello with kisses.
- 283. All humans have the ability to see ultraviolet light however it's passively filtered through our lens. People who get surgery done to remove the lens can see the ultraviolet light.
- 284. The Filipino flag is flown with its Red stripe up in times of war and blue side up in times of peace.
- 285. License plates in the Canadian Northwest territories are shaped like polar bears.
- 286. Crows have the ability to recognise human faces and even hold grudges against ones they don't like.

287. Jaguars in the wild are known for frequently getting high eating hallucinogenic roots which also increases their senses for hunting.
288. The reason Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire is longer than the first three books is because author J.K. Rowling made a plot hole half way through and had to go back and fix it.
289. Cherries contain 2 compounds inhibiting tumor growth and even cause cancer cells to self-destruct without damaging healthy cells.
290. On the planet Venus it snows metal.
291. The U.N. has deemed access to the internet a human right.
292. Crocodiles don't have sweat glands. In order to cool themselves down they keep their jaws open.
293. It takes a sloth two weeks to digest their food.
294. On Valentine's Day 2014, a group of single men in Shanghai bought every odd-numbered seat for a theater showing of Beijing Love Story. They did this to prevent couples from sitting together as a show of support for single people.
295. In 2014, the Department of Transportation in Colorado was forced to change their mile marker from 420 to 419.99 just to get people to stop stealing their sign.
296. Naked mole rats are one of the only animals to not get cancer.
297. LSD has been known to cure Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, such as in the case of Yehiel De-Nur, a Holocaust survivor who, after taking the drug, was able to sleep for the first time in 30 years without nightmares.
298. In 1983 a 61 year old potato farmer named Cliff Young who was not an athlete, won the 544 mile (875 km) Sydney to Melbourne Ultra Marathon, simply because he ran while the other runners slept.
299. Penguin's legs are actually longer than they appear. They only look short because of the amount of feathers covering them.
300. Queen Elizabeth does not have a passport. Since the British Passport is issued in her name, she does not need to possess one however the other members of the Royal Family do.

## **Facts 301-600**

301. Adam Rainer, an Australian man is the only person in medical history to have been classified as both a dwarf and a giant in his lifetime. He stood at 3.8 feet (1.17 meters) on his 21st birthday and was classified as a dwarf but by the time he died at the age of 51, stood at 7 foot 6 (2.34 meters) tall due to a growth spurt.
302. During World War Two, two Japanese officers named Tokiashi Mukai and Tsuyoshi Noda had a contest or race to see who could kill 100 people first using only a sword. Disturbingly it was covered like a sporting event in Japanese newspapers with regular updates on the score.
303. In 2006 the FBI planted a spy in a southern California mosque and disguised him as a radical muslim in order to root out potential threats.

The plan backfired when Muslims in the mosque ended up reporting him to the FBI for being a potentially dangerous extremist.

- 304. On the first day of school, children in Germany, Austria and the Czech Republic are given a cardboard cone filled with toys and sweets known as a Schultüte.
- 305. Coal power stations put out 100 times more radiation into the air than nuclear power plants producing the same amount of energy.
- 306. A group of owls is called a parliament.
- 307. In 1987 a German Shepherd dog named Gabby in a Belgrade Zoo once saved a zoo employee by fighting and defeating an escaped jaguar. For this, a monument was erected in her honor.
- 308. In 1951 a woman named Henrietta Lacks died of cervical cancer but her tumor cells were removed and later discovered to be the first ever human cells that could thrive in a lab. Her cells have been the subject of more than 74,000 studies, many of which have yielded profound insights into cell biology, cancer, vaccine and cloning.
- 309. Sigmund Freud, Austrian neurologist and Father of Psychoanalysis loved cocaine so much that he used to give it away to friends and family as gifts.
- 310. There is an insect called the tree lobster which is almost the size of a human hand. They can only be found in one place, on the huge mountainous remains of an old volcano called Ball's Island off the coast of Australia.
- 311. In Mexico, artists like painters, sculptors and graphic artists can pay their taxes by donating pieces of artwork that they create to the government.
- 312. Despite having billions of dollars and being one of the wealthiest businessmen in the world, Ikea founder Ingvar Kamprad is notoriously cheap. He lives in a small home, eats at Ikea, takes the bus and only flies economy class.
- 313. The stickers that you find on fruit are actually made of edible paper and the glue used to stick them on is actually food grade so even if you eat one you'll be completely fine.

314. When ants die they secrete a chemical that tells other ants to move the body to a sort of burial ground. If this chemical is sprayed on a live ant, other ants will treat it as a dead ant, regardless of what it does.
315. Australia is home to the golden silk orb weave spiders, arachnids that are so big that they can eat entire foot and a half (half meter) long snakes.
316. A group of giraffes is called a tower.
317. There was a goat in Utah named Freckles that was implanted with spider genes as an embryo that is now known as the Spider Goat. She produces spider silk proteins in her milk, which is used to make bio-steel, a material stronger than Kevlar.
318. Richard Klinkhamer, a Dutch crime writer wrote a suspicious book on seven ways to kill your spouse, one year after his wife disappeared. He became a celebrity and spent the next decade hinting that he murdered her, and in 2,000 it turned out that he really had, after her skeleton was discovered at his former residence.
319. In Siberia there's a toilet located 8500 feet (2591 meters) above sea level at the top of the Altai Mountains. It serves the workers of an isolated weather station and is known as the world's loneliest toilet.
320. When Shakira was in the second grade she was rejected from the school choir because her music teacher didn't think she could sing, and thought she sounded like a goat.
321. Cats are one of the only animals that domesticate themselves and approach humans on their own terms.
322. Journalist Sara Bongiorni and her family attempted to live without Chinese-made goods for an entire year and found it almost impossible. They documented their experience in a book called "A year without 'made in China'".
323. In Japan there are owl cafes where you can play with live owls while enjoying a drink or meal.
324. In 1954 a man named John Thomas Doyle committed suicide by jumping off the Golden Gate Bridge. His suicide note read absolutely no reason other than "I have a toothache".

325. Between the 1600's and 1800's lobsters were known as the cockroaches of the sea. They were fed to prisoners and servants and were used as fish bait.
326. There is a super tiny species of antelope called the Dick-Dick, named after the sound they make when alarmed.
327. Termites are currently being researched by scientists at UConn and Caltech as possible renewable energy sources. They can produce up to half a gallon (two liters) of hydrogen by ingesting a single sheet of paper, making them one of the planets most efficient bio-reactors.
328. The first ever ticket purchase to the first ever Comic Con in New York was by George RR Martin in 1964. He was the first of only thirty people there that day.
329. Today there are more people suffering from obesity than there are suffering from hunger.
330. In 2007 a man named Mike Warren-Madden designed a device called the Aquatic Pram that allows you to take your fish for a walk.
331. In Quebec, Sweden and Norway, it's illegal to advertise directly to children. This is to prevent companies from encouraging children to beg their parents to buy them stuff.
332. Smokers are four times more likely to get gray hair in their lives than non-smokers.
333. Marshmallows exist because of sore throats. For centuries juice from the marshmallow plant has been used for pain relief. In the 1800s it was mixed with egg whites and sugar for children with sore throats, and the recipe was so tasty that people turned it into a treat called marshmallow.
334. Skunks have muscles next to their scent glands that allows them to spray their fluids accurately upto 10 foot (3 meters) away.
335. Gorillas are known to sleep upto 12-14 hours a day.
336. The length of human vessels in the body equate to 60,000 miles (96,000 km) if you lay them out from beginning to end.
337. There are 50 different types of kangaroo.

338. Depending on the species of sharks, they can either give birth to live young or lay eggs.
339. A man in Wisconsin took a photo containing three albino deer in the woods. The chances of this happening is one in seventy nine billion.
340. A cockroach can live up to several weeks without its head. It only dies due to hunger.
341. Humans can only live without oxygen for three minutes, water for three days and food for three weeks.
342. An elephant drinks 34 gallons (130 litres) of water a day.
343. If you wear headphones for an hour it will increase the amount of bacteria you have in your ear by 700 times!
344. Camels have three eyelids that protects them from the rough winds in deserts.
345. Due to the placement of a donkey's eyes it can see all four of its feet at all times.
346. Slugs have tentacles, blowholes, and thousands of teeth.
347. In praying mantises 25 percent of all sexual encounters result in the death of the male as the female begins by ripping the male's head off.
348. Flamingos are not born pink and eventually turn this color from their diet of brine shrimp and blue-green algae.
349. The loneliest animal in the world is a male whale in the North Pacific which can't find a mate due to the way it communicates. The whales frequency is on another level and can't be heard by other whales.
350. The largest organism in the known world today is a fungus that lives in the mountains of Oregon. It spans across 2.4 miles (3.8km).
351. Like fingerprints our tongues all have unique prints.
352. You are born with 270 bones when you're born which form into 206 by the time you're an adult. A quarter of these are in your hands and wrists.
353. During the lifespan of a human enough saliva can be created to fill up two swimming pools.

354. A group of parrots is called a pandemonium.
355. Sterling Silver is not completely made out of silver. A little copper is added as pure silver is too soft and would bend otherwise.
356. Chewing gum when cutting onions prevents you from tearing up as it forces you to breathe through your mouth.
357. Honey is the only food that doesn't spoil.
358. Coca-Cola only sold 25 bottles its first year. Today, it sells 1.8 billion bottles a day.
359. There are no genuinely blue foods. Foods that appear blue such as blueberries are often a shade of purple.
360. It takes 12 bees a lifetime of work to create a teaspoon of honey.
361. There used to be horse sized ducks called dromornithidae roaming around present day Australia 50,000 years ago.
362. There are gold glitter pills you can buy for \$400 online that promise to turn your poop gold.
363. The fear of being away from your phone is called nomophobia.
364. The first ever modern toilet was created by Thomas Crapper hence the phrase 'to take a crap'.
365. In the University of Victoria in British Columbia, Canada you can take a course in the science of Batman. It uses the caped crusader to explain the human condition and the limitations of the human mind and body.
366. The Philippine island of Luzon contains a lake that contains an island that contains a lake that contains another island.
367. Hudson Bar in Canada has less gravity than the rest of the earth. It's unsure exactly why but scientist hypothesise that it has something to do with the convection occurring in the earth's mantle.
368. Only one to two percent of the total world population are redheads.
369. There is real life sport called Banzai skydiving which involves throwing your parachute out the plane and jumping out after it.
370. There is a swing at the edge of a cliff in Ecuador that has no safety measures that hangs from a tree house overlooking an active volcano



called the Swing at the End of the World.

- 371. Sunflowers can be used to clean up radioactive waste. Their stems and leaves absorb and store pollutants. It's also why the sunflower is the international symbol for nuclear disarmament.
- 372. Doctors with messy handwriting kill more than 7,000 people and injures over a million people each year due to receiving the wrong medication.
- 373. Adding sugar to a wound will greatly reduce the pain and speed up the healing process.
- 374. Real diamonds don't show up in x-rays.
- 375. Germans were the first country to realise the link between smoking and lung cancer. Hitler was even one of the first ones to lead the anti-smoking campaign.
- 376. The creator of Pringles, Fredric Baur had his ashes stored in a Pringles can after he died.
- 377. In 1996 DC and Marvel Comics published a crossover series where Wolverine and Batman were made into one character called Dark Claw or Logan Wayne.
- 378. There are roses that exist that are all black but can only be found in Halfeti, Turkey.
- 379. Sweden recycles so well that it actually has to import garbage from Norway in order to fuel its waste to power energy plants.
- 380. There are actually seven different types of twins. They are: Identical, fraternal, half-identical, mirror image, mixed chromosome, superfetation and superfecundation.
- 381. Pluto is smaller than Russia.
- 382. There is a Pizza Hut perfume that smells like a fresh box of Pizza Hut pizza when you spray it.
- 383. The tongue of a blue whale weighs more than an elephant and its heart weighs more than a car.
- 384. Labeorphilist is the collection and study of beer bottle labels.

385. Dolphins don't drink as seawater makes them ill or could even potentially kill them. Instead they get all their liquids from the food that they eat.
386. There are giant hornets in Japan with venom so strong it can melt human skin.
387. Before the 17th century carrots were purple until a mutation changed the colors to what we know now.
388. Diet soda ruins your tooth enamel just as badly as cocaine and methamphetamines.
389. The Okinawa island in Japan has over four hundred people living above the age of 100 and is known as the healthiest place on earth.
390. Skittles and jelly beans contain insect cocoons which are used to coat candies to give them that special shine known as shellac.
391. Coco leaves are still used by Coca-Cola to this day. A company in New Jersey first extracts the cocaine from the leaves giving the spent leaves to Coca-Cola to put in their drinks.
392. The skin of a honey badger is so thick that it can withstand machete blows, arrows and spears. The only sure way to kill one is to use a club or a gun.
393. If the sun was scaled down to the size of a cell the Milky Way would be the size of the United States.
394. Grammatical Pedantry Syndrome is a form of OCD in which sufferers feel the need to correct every grammatical error they see.
395. Every year the Netherlands sends 20,000 tulip bulbs to Canada to thank them for their help in the second world war.
396. There is a flower called the chocolate cosmos that smells like chocolate but isn't edible.
397. There is a house sized shoe box in Amsterdam that is an Adidas store.
398. Ben and Jerry's has a cemetery where they bury all their discontinued flavors.

399. Donald Duck comics were banned from Finland because he isn't wearing any pants.
400. If the 1st of January on a leap year falls on a Sunday, the months of January, April and July will each have a Friday the 13th. In the 20th century, this happened in 1928, 1956 and 1984. And in the 21st century this will happen four times in 2012, 2040, 2068, 2096.
401. The average commuter wastes around 42 hours waiting in traffic each year.
402. Even though the Eiffel Tower is stable on its four legs, it is known to move. The 900 foot (320 meter) structure can sway if the wind is strong enough or expand 7 inches if the sun is hot enough.
403. The set used in the 2009 Sherlock Holmes film was reused as the house of Sirius Black in Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix.
404. The 'Santa Rita Do Sapucaí' prison in Brazil allows its inmates to pedal exercise bikes to power lights in a nearby town in exchange for reduced sentences. For every sixteen hours that they pedal one day is reduced from their sentence.
405. In 2012 a man in China named Zao Phen had 9,999 red roses sewn into a dress for his girlfriend before asking for her hand in marriage.
406. The code of Hammurabi is a well preserved Babylonian law that dates all the way back to 1772 BC which had progressive laws in it such as minimum wage and the right to be a free man. It was written well before the Bible.
407. In the novel Forrest Gump that the movie was based upon, Forrest goes into space with NASA but upon returning crash lands on an island full of cannibals and only manages to survive by beating the head cannibal every day at chess.
408. There is a secret McDonald's menu item that you can order which is a McChicken in the middle of a double cheeseburger.
409. A hacker group named UGNazi once took down Papa John's website because the company was two hours later than expected in delivering their food.

410. The world's largest privately constructed nuclear fallout shelter is the 'Ark Two'. It began being built in the 1980's by Bruce Beach just north of Toronto. It's ten thousand square feet and is composed of 42 school buses mixed with concrete, runs on internal generators and has its own chapel, decontamination room and radio station.
411. Lamborghinis, Bentleys, Aston Martins are all used as police cars in Dubai.
412. A prince in Abu Dhabi spent \$2.5 million to create a Mercedes Benz with a V10 engine with 1600 horsepower that goes 0 to 100 in less than two seconds running on biofuel.
413. Instead of using spray cans, some artists create semi-permanent images on walls or other services by removing dirt from a surface known as reverse graffiti or clean tagging.
414. There's a Turkish artist named Esref Armagan who is blind, yet taught himself to write and paint and has been doing so on his own for the last 35 years.
415. Aerogel also known as frozen smoke is one of the world's lowest density solids being made up of anywhere from 95-99 percent air. It's almost impossible to see or feel but can support 4000 times its own weight.
416. There was a golden haired Tibetan Mastiff puppy which sold for twelve million yuan or two million dollars making it the most expensive dog in the world.
417. Unlike many other members of the cat family, tigers actually enjoy water and can swim well. They often soak in streams or pools of water to cool off.
418. 'Oriole O's' are a type of cereal that's exclusively available in South Korea.
419. It was discovered in 2008 that a fifty six year old crime reporter named Vlado Taneski who was reporting on gruesome murders was the serial killer himself.
420. When a person lies they experience an increase in temperature around the nose known as the Pinocchio effect.

421. In 1980s a man known only as George who had severe OCD shot himself in the head in an attempt to commit suicide. Instead of the bullet killing him it destroyed the part of the brain that was causing the OCD and he went on to get straight A's in college five years later.
422. Henry Ford was the first Industrial giant to give his workers both Saturday and Sunday off in hopes that it would encourage more leisure use of vehicles hence popularizing the concept of the weekend.
423. Contrary to popular belief cracking your bones doesn't hurt your bones or cause you arthritis. It's simply the gas bubbles bursting that you hear however doing it too much does cause tissue damage.
424. The reason lego heads have holes in them is so air can pass through them if a child ever swallows one.
425. If your eye were a digital camera it would have 576 megapixels in them.
426. Scientists have discovered a planet using the Hubble telescope, a deep azure blue planet sixty three light years away that rains glass sideways.
427. Tourists throw over a million euros into the Trevi fountain in Rome each year. The city uses this money to fund a supermarket for the poor.
428. There's a mattress invented for cuddling that has a place to put your arm while you cuddle.
429. A leopon is a hybrid animal cross between a male leopard and a lioness.
430. Sand tiger shark embryos fight each other to the death in the mother's womb until there's one survivor which is the one that gets to be born.
431. There is an insect call the assassin bug which wears its victims corpse as armor.
432. Veronica Seider holds the Guinness World Record for the best sight in the world. She can see 20 times better than the average person being able to identify someone's face from one mile (1.6 kms) away.
433. A tablespoon of cake frosting has less fat, calories and sugar than a tablespoon of Nutella.
434. The word font only refers to things like italics, size and boldness. The style of the lettering is called a typeface.

435. A grizzly bear's jaw strength is so powerful that it could crush a bowling bowl with it.
436. The original script of Lord of the Rings was one long saga but was split into three books for the publishers to make more money.
437. In Churchill Manitoba, Canada it's illegal to lock your car in case someone needs to hide from one of the 900 polar bears in the area.
438. The Baobab tree native to Madagascar can hold upto 31,000 gallons (120,000 litres) of water.
439. Pandas are the national animals of China. They are also only found in this country and if you happen to see one in another country they're on loan there.
440. Using a paper towel after washing your hands decrease bacteria by 40% while using an air dryer increases the bacteria by upto 220% as bacteria grow quickly in warm and moist environments.
441. There's a company named Neurowear that sells a headphone that can read your brainwaves and selects music based off your state of mind.
442. Before Nazis used the salute we now know as Hitler's salute, it was called the Bellamy salute and was used by Americans to salute the flag until it was replaced in 1942 by the hand over heart salute.
443. Fire whirls also known as fire tornadoes are whirlwinds of flame that occur in countries where it's sufficiently hot enough such as Australia.
444. The nose is connected to the memory center of your brain hence why smell triggers some of the most powerful memories.
445. Climonia is the excessive desire to stay in bed all day.
446. Blind people who have never seen before will still smile despite never having seen anyone else do it before because it's a natural human reaction.
447. Norway allows any student from anywhere in the world to study at their public universities completely free of charge.
448. In the state of Nevada public intoxication is not only explicitly legal but it's illegal for any city or town to pass a law making it illegal.

449. There's a company called True Mirror that makes non reversing mirrors that show you how you actually appear to other people.
450. Over ninety percent of the Australian population live within 50kms of its coastline.
451. The four ghosts in Pacman are all programmed to do certain things. Blinky the red ghost chases you, pinky the pink ghost simply tries to position herself in front of pacman, Inky the blue ghost tries to position himself in the same way and Clyde the orange ghost moves randomly.
452. The smallest cat in the world was a Himalayan Persian cat named Tinkertoy. At seven years old she measured 3 inches (7cm) tall and 7 inches (19cm) long.
453. There are tiny eight legged creatures that are closely related to spiders living in the pores of your facial skin called demodex.
454. Iceland has no army and has been recognised as the most peaceful country in the world for the last six years. In comparison the UK is 44 and the US sits at 100.
455. The human hearing range is from 20 to 20,000 hertz. If it was any lower than 20 we'd be able to hear our muscles move.
456. Contrary to popular belief washing your hands in warm water doesn't kill any more bacteria than washing them in cold water. This is because bacteria only die when water is boiling.
457. The term for forgetting something after walking through a doorway is called an event boundary.
458. There's a flower located in central and south America that looks like hookers lips that are named Hooker's Lips.
459. The English word orange was the name of the fruit for a few hundred years before the color was later named after the fruit. Before that what we now know as orange was known as yee-o-ler-ee
460. In the early versions of the Little Red Riding Hood the girl cannibalizes her own grandmother and then gets eaten by the wolf after getting into bed with him.

461. In Egypt actors were once not allowed to testify in court as they were seen as professional liars.
462. In 2010 Johnny Depp responded to a letter from a nine year old girl named Beatrice Delap by actually showing up at her school in costume as Captain Jack Sparrow after she wrote asking that pirates help her stage a mutiny against her teachers.
463. Bob Marley was buried with his red Bison guitar, a bible opened to Psalm 23 and a bud of marijuana.
464. Papaphobia is the fear of the pope.
465. In the original version of The Little Mermaid by Hans Christian Anderson, Ariel doesn't marry the prince. He actually marries someone else and she dies.
466. Tigers, Jaguars and Cheetahs are attracted to the cologne 'Obsession' by Calvin Klein.
467. In 2012 a sixty-three year old man named Wallace Weatherhold from Florida had his hand bitten off by an alligator and he was charged with illegally feeding the animal.
468. Jackie Chan's son will receive none of his \$130 million fortune as he's quoted saying "If he's capable he can make his own money. If he's not then he'll just be wasting my money".
469. Bruce Lee could perform one handed push ups using only his index finger and thumb. He was also known for his famous one inch punch where he was capable of knocking back an opponent from a distance of just one inch.
470. In 2013 Vietnam unveiled a steel bridge that's shaped like a dragon that literally shoots fire out of its mouth that's called the Dragon bridge.
471. Manel Torres a Spanish fashion designer invented the world's first spray on clothing which can be worn washed and worn again.
472. In 1983 Marvel published a comic called Your Friendly Neighborhood Spider Ham. He was a spider pig named Peter Porker.
473. Bed bugs survive longer in beds that are made, so scientists actually suggest that you leave your bed unmade once in a while as it ends up



being healthier for you.

- 474. The British submarine HMS Trident had a fully grown reindeer onboard as a pet for six weeks during WWII.
- 475. Democracy was invented in Greece 2500 years ago.
- 476. Romans used urine to clean and whiten their teeth. They were actually onto something as urine contains ammonia which has a cleaning substance that results into clearing out everything.
- 477. There is a city called 'Rome' in each continent
- 478. The driest place on Earth is Antarctica where some parts haven't seen precipitation for years.
- 479. There are zero rivers in Saudi Arabia.
- 480. There's a movie from 2010 called Rubber about a murderous car tire named Robert that rolls around killing people and blowing things up.
- 481. There's an alarm clock named Clocky that has wheels and runs away and hides if you don't get out of bed on time.
- 482. You can make your own Gatorade at home by simply adding salt to some Kool-aid. It's not the exact recipe but it's got just as many electrolytes.
- 483. On Good Friday in 1930 the BBC announced there is no news followed by piano music.
- 484. Volvo invented the three point seat belt but opened up the patent to any car manufacturer who wanted to use it as they felt it had more value as a life saving tool than something to profit from.
- 485. The most successful interrogator of World War Two was Hanns Scharff who instead of using torture would befriend the prisoner. He would gain their trust by taking them to a cinema on camp and sharing a coffee or tea with them.
- 486. In the Curve Gallery at the Barbican Center in London there's something called the rain room where through the use of sensors, rain falls everywhere in the room except for where you're walking.
- 487. At the Crocosaurus Cove Aquarium in Australia there's a popular tourist attraction called the Cage of Death which allows you to get up close

and personal with giant crocodiles.

- 488. There's a Canadian toy company called Child's Own Studios that turns children's drawing into stuffed animals.
- 489. All humans have lines on our bodies called Blaschko's lines which can only be seen under certain conditions such as UV light.
- 490. At the end of the 1990s BMW actually had to recall their GPS systems because male German drivers didn't want to take directions from a female driver.
- 491. In 2010 a black Nigerian couple living in the UK gave birth to a blond white baby with blue eyes that they called the miracle baby.
- 492. The dot over the 'j' or 'i' is called a tittle.
- 493. Atelophobia is the fear of not being good enough or having imperfections.
- 494. The letter 'u' was first used as a substitute for the word 'you' by William Shakespeare in his comedy Love's Labour's Lost around 1595.
- 495. The actor who plays Mr. Bean, Rowan Atkinson once saved a plane from crashing after the pilot passed out despite never having piloted a plane before.
- 496. In the summer of 1932 while sitting in a restaurant Adolf Hitler designed the prototype for what would become the first Volkswagen Beetle.
- 497. In March 2013 a man got a tattoo of the word Netflix on his side for which after tweeting a picture of it to the company gave him a free year of service.
- 498. In order to drink, giraffes have to spread their almost two meter long legs apart just to get close enough to the water.
- 499. The offspring of two identical sets of twins are legally cousins but genetically siblings.
- 500. Doritos can be made without the powder and taste exactly the same but the company intentionally adds it because they believe it adds to the Doritos experience.

501. Ryan Gosling was casted for the role of Noah in the movie 'The Notebook' because the director wanted someone 'not handsome'.
502. When Charles Darwin first discovered the huge tortoises on the Galapagos Islands he tried to ride them.
503. Since 1945, all British tanks have come equipped with tea making facilities.
504. Falling in love produces the same high as taking cocaine.
505. In 1945 a man named Tsutomu Yamaguchi survived the atomic blast at Hiroshima only to catch the morning train so that he could arrive at his job on time in Nagasaki where he survived another atomic blast.
506. There is a metal called gallium that melts in your hand.
507. Bruce Lee's reflexes were so fast that he could snatch a quarter off of a person's open palm and replace it with a penny before the person could close their fist.
508. In the late 90s there was a Russian TV show called The Intercept where contestants had to steal a car. If they didn't get caught by police in 35 minutes they got to keep the car otherwise they were arrested.
509. Turophobia is a fear of cheese.
510. According to a study done by Mekuun University in Canada, playing video games before bedtime actually gives a person the ability to control their dreams. It also suggests that gamers are more likely to have lucid dreams as opposed to non gamers.
511. The small pocket in your large pocket of your jeans was originally meant for your pocket watch.
512. Watermelons contain an ingredient called citrulline that can trigger production of a compound that helps relax the body's blood vessels, just like Viagra.
513. Crocodiles can not stick out their tongues or chew.
514. Marvel Comics once created a superhero named Throg who was a frog that has the power of Thor and is in a group called the Pet Avengers.
515. The largest natural bridge in the world is the Ferry Bridge in China and was virtually unknown to the rest of the world until it was observed on

Google Maps.

- 516. It took a whole month for Erno Rubik, the inventor of the Rubik's cube to solve his own creation.
- 517. In Switzerland if you fail your practical drivers license three times you are required to consult an official psychologist to assess the reason for your previous failures before you're allowed to retake the exam.
- 518. In 2011 a man named Richard James Verone robbed a bank for \$1 so that he could be sent to jail to receive free medical health care.
- 519. A software company called PC Pitstop once hid a \$1000 prize in their terms of service just to see if anyone would read it. After five months and three thousand sales later someone finally did.
- 520. Crying is actually very healthy for you. It helps emotionally, lubricates your eyes, removes toxins and irritants and reduces stress.
- 521. In the US April 2nd is National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day.
- 522. There is a Russian published novel called the Last Ringbearer which retells the Lord of The Rings from the perspective of Sauron.
- 523. If you rearrange the first letters of the main characters names in the movie Inception: Dom, Robert, Eames, Arthur, Mal, Saito they spell 'dreams'.
- 524. Verne Troyer, the actor who plays Mini-me in the Austin Powers movies has to do all of his own stunts because at 2.7 feet (81 cm) tall, there's no stunt double his size that can fill in for him.
- 525. In 2006 a rare grizzly and polar bear hybrid species was confirmed in Canada called pizzly bears or grolar bears. Global warming is causing polar bears habitats to melt so they find shelter elsewhere and end up mating with grizzlies.
- 526. In 1993 a Chinese man named Hu Songwen was diagnosed with Kidney failure. In 1999 after no longer being able to afford the hospital bills he built his own dialysis machine which kept him alive for another 13 years.
- 527. When he was a freshman in 1987, a man named Mike Hayes got a friend who works at the Chicago Tribune to write him an article asking the

millions who read it to donate one penny each towards his tuition. Immediately, pennies, nickels and even larger donations came pouring in from all over the world. After accumulating the equivalent of 2.9 million pennies he graduated and paid for his degree in Food Science.

528. After being eliminated from the show Hell's Kitchen the contestants are immediately taken to get psychiatric evaluations and then to a house where they are pampered with back rubs, haircuts and manicures. This is because the experience on the show is so draining that the producers don't want the eliminated contestants to kill themselves or someone else.
529. Bhumibol Adulyadej, the king of Thailand was actually born in Cambridge Massachusetts in the United States in 1927. When he was born the hospital room that he was delivered in was briefly declared Thai territory so he could be born on Thai soil.
530. Switzerland has enough nuclear shelters to accommodate 114% of its population. It's a legal requirement for the Swiss to have a protected place that can be reached quickly from their place of residence.
531. A study conducted by Loma Linda University in 2010 concluded that laughter not only reduces stress but increases the production of antibodies and kills the activity of tumor cells.
532. There's a chimpanzee in a Russian zoo named Zhora that became addicted to booze and smoking after too many visitors began giving him alcoholic treats and cigarettes. In 2001 the chimp actually had to be sent to rehab to be treated for his addictions.
533. Ioannis Ikononou, the Chief Translator in the European Commission can speak 32 different languages. His native language is Greek and he's the only in-house translator in the European Commission who's trusted to translate classified Chinese documents.
534. In 1860, Abraham Lincoln grew his famous beard because he got a letter from an 11 year old girl named Grace Bedell who said that all ladies liked the whiskers and they would convince their husbands to vote for him for President.

535. In 2013 Sean Conway became the first man ever to swim the entire length of Great Britain. The 900 miles (1400km) trek took him 135 days to complete. Ninety were spent in water while the rest were spent avoiding bad weather and resting.
536. There's a syndrome called the Tetris Effect that occurs when people dedicate so much time and attention to an activity that it starts to pattern their thoughts, mental images and dreams.
537. Experts believe that New York is home to as many as 800 languages, making it the most linguistically-diverse city in the world.
538. The red mushrooms featured in Nintendo's Mario games are based on a real species of a fungi called *amanita muscaria*. They're known for their hallucinogenic properties and can distort the size of perceived objects. This is also the same mushroom that is referenced in Alice in Wonderland.
539. In 2013 France banned child beauty pageants because they promote the hypersexualizations of minors. Anyone who organises such a pageant could face jail time for up to 2 years and a fine of up to 30,000 euros.
540. Before he was Iron Man actor Robert Downey Junior was a notorious drug addict. He credits his sobriety to the fast food chain Burger King. In an interview with Empire magazine he revealed that in 2003 he was driving a car full of drugs when he ordered a burger from Burger King that was so disgusting that he felt compelled to pull over, get out and dump all of his drugs into the ocean.
541. During World War Two, prisoners in Canadian War camps were so well treated that they were given games and entertainment like soccer tournaments and musical groups. When the war ended many of them didn't want to leave Canada.
542. The rules of most airlines require that the pilot and co-pilot of a plane eat different meals. This is just in case one of the meals causes food poisoning.
543. In 1938 Walt Disney was awarded an honorary Oscar for Snow White. The statuette that he received came with seven mini-statuettes on a stepped base.

544. In 2014, Budapest broke the world record for the tallest Lego tower ever built. Made of 450,000 colorful bricks, topped with a large Hungarian Rubik's cube, the structure stands at 114 feet (34 meters) tall in front of Saint Stephen's Basilica.
545. In 2013 Google sent a lone employee to an abandoned Japanese island called Gunkjima to map it for Google Street View. The island was once the most densely-populated island in the world, but is now completely abandoned.
546. Eccrinology is the study of excretion.
547. In the early 1930s a social movement became popular although it eventually died out which proposed replacing politicians and business people with scientists and engineers that could manage the economy.
548. There is a side effect of sleep deprivation called microsleep in which a person will fall asleep for a few seconds or even a few minutes without realizing it. It's extremely dangerous and is one of the largest contributors to accidents on the road.
549. In 2014 a competitive eater named Molly Schuyler who weighs only 126 pounds (57kg) won four eating contests in only three days. She ate a total of 363 chicken wings, 59 pancakes, 5 pounds of bacon and 5 pounds of barbecued meat.
550. The Centennial Light Bulb in Livermore, California has been burning since 1901 and is the world's longest lasting light bulb according to the Guinness Book of World Records. The bulb is at least 113 years old and has only been turned off a handful of times.
551. There is a sixteen story office building in Osaka, Japan called the Gate Tower Building that has an entire highway that passes through the fifth, sixth and seventh floors of the structure.
552. We miss 10% of everything we see due to blinking.
553. There are 1000 gigabytes in a terabyte and most neuroscientists estimate that the human brain can hold between 10 and 100 terabytes of information.
554. Half the world has never made or received a phone call.

555. Roughly a third of all food produced in the world for human consumption every year goes to waste. This is approximately 1.3 billion tonnes equating to roughly a billion dollars down the drain.
556. In Iceland it's forbidden to give your child a name that hasn't been approved by the Icelandic naming committee.
557. A tribe in West Africa known as The Matami Tribe play a version of football which consists of using a human skull as the ball.
558. The first country where a woman was allowed to vote was New Zealand in 1893.
559. The World Health Organisation states that from the one billion smokers in the world more than 600,000 people die every year from secondhand smoke.
560. Until the 1930's the letter 'E' was used to represent a failing grade in the US however that was changed to F as professors began to worry that their students would mistake 'E' for excellent.
561. There's a school called Ordinary Miracle in Yoshkar-Ola, Russia that looks like a fairy-tale castle. A man named Sergey Mamaev had built it for his wife who wanted to teach at a school that children would actually want to go to.
562. In April of 2014 the Danish government built an exact replica of their country in the online game Minecraft using four trillion Minecraft building blocks. It was intended for educational purposes but within weeks American players had invaded the game planting American flags everywhere and blowing things up.
563. In 1975 professor Jack Hetherington from Michigan State University added his cat as a co-author to a theoretical paper that he had been working on. He did this because he mistakenly used words like 'we' and 'our' in the paper and didn't feel like revising it.
564. In Finland when you earn your PhD you're given a doctoral hat that looks like a top hat as well as a doctoral sword.
565. A man named Sogen Kato was thought to be the oldest man in Tokyo until 2010 when officials arrived at his home to wish him a happy 111th birthday only to find his mummified remains. It turns out he had



been dead for 30 years and his family had been collecting his pension money.

- 566. Sound can travel quicker through solids. This is because molecules in a solid medium are much closer together than those in a liquid or gas, allowing sound waves to travel more quickly through it.
- 567. A solid glass ball can bounce higher than a rubber ball when dropped from the same height. A solid steel ball can bounce even higher than a solid glass ball.
- 568. Antibiotics are actually ineffective against fighting viruses. They are only effective against bacterial infections.
- 569. Oil expands with the rise of temperature hence if you're filling your car up it's best in the morning or late at night when it's not hot to get the most bang for your buck.
- 570. The founders Bill Hewlett and David Packard flipped a coin to decide whether the company they created would be called Hewlett-Packard or Packard-Hewlett.
- 571. 1,000 selfies are posted to Instagram every 10 seconds. This is 93 million selfies a day.
- 572. Ninety seven percent of all emails sent are spam.
- 573. Digital storage doesn't go up in measurements of thousands. 1024 bits make a byte, 1024 bytes makes up kilobyte followed by megabyte, gigabyte, terabyte and petabyte.
- 574. A group of ravens is called an unkindness.
- 575. Some estimates report that 1 in 8 babies are given to the wrong parents at some point during their hospital stay.
- 576. Besides the crocodiles belly and top of its head the rest of the skin is bulletproof.
- 577. The filtration technology used in airplanes is the same technology they use to filter air in hospitals.
- 578. Even after 6 hours of dying, a person's muscles continue to spasm periodically.

579. As of 2016 about 280 climbers have died on Everest. Their bodies are so well preserved that they are used as markers.
580. The arteries of a blue whale are so large that an adult human could crawl through it.
581. The nicotine from one puff of a cigarette reaches your brain in seven seconds. Alcohol takes approximately 6 minutes.
582. Humans have the largest brain in terms of brain to body ratio. The animal with the biggest brain overall is a sperm whale weighing in at 17 pounds (7 kgs).
583. The country with the most millionaires is the US. The country with the most billionaires is China.
584. The country with the longest coastline on Earth is Canada.
585. When the silk of a spider is stored in its body it's actually liquid and only hardens and becomes solid when it leaves the spider's glands and comes into contact with the air.
586. The first email was sent in 1971. The email was sent to the computer right next to it as a test.
587. Humans are capable of feeling the effects of a broken heart. This is known as 'stress cardiomyopathy' in medical terms. If you're suffering from a broken heart your blood can have 3 times the amount of adrenaline than someone suffering from a heart attack.
588. The tin can was invented in 1810. The can opener was invented 48 years later. People used hammers and chisels between this time.
589. The average adult has eight pounds (3.6 kilograms) or about 22 square feet (2 square meters) of skin.
590. The first hard drive was invented in 1956 and weighed over a ton.
591. Although the brain is physically developed by the age of 5 the rational part of a brain isn't fully developed and won't be until age 25.
592. From the poll of 2500 participants the average person spends 42 minutes a week, or almost 92 days over a lifetime on the toilet.
593. The Pyramid of Giza was built from 2 million stone bricks with stones weighing more than two tonnes each. It was built over the course of 85

years.

- 594. Lions have the loudest roar of any animal reaching 114 decibels at a distance of about 1 meter. It can be heard from over 2 miles (3km) away.
- 595. Sloths can live upto 30 years and spend 15-18 hours a day sleeping.
- 596. Only 30 percent of the Earth is covered by land.
- 597. The Black Death in the 14th century is estimated to have killed 30–60% of Europe's total population.
- 598. It would take 1.2 million mosquitoes sucking once each to completely drain the blood in a human adult.
- 599. Anything that melts can be made into glass however there will be molten residue stuck to it.
- 500. Written language was invented by the Mayans, Egyptians, Chinese and Sumerians independently.

## **Facts 601-900**

- 501. There's a phenomenon that occurs in the Mekong River in Thailand where red fireballs called "Naga Fireballs" randomly shoot into the air and nobody knows why it happens.
- 502. If you search 'askew' in google the screen will tilt slightly clockwise.
- 503. Mosquitoes don't just bite you and suck your blood, they urinate on you before flying off.
- 504. The reason people traditionally put wedding rings on the left ring finger is because before medical science figured out how the circulatory system functioned people believed that there was a vein that ran directly from the fourth finger of the left hand to the heart.
- 505. Vodka in Russian translates to 'little water' in English.
- 506. Your mobile phone carries 10 times more bacteria than your toilet seat.
- 507. Half of the DNA in a banana is identical to what makes up you.

508. A giraffes tongue is 8 inches (21cm) long.
509. Today's gold medals are only 1.3% gold. The last time a pure gold medal was given out was in the 1912 Stockholm Olympics.
510. It would take over fifty million balloons to lift the average house off the ground like in the movie 'Up'.
511. There's a book that exists called 'Everything Men know about Woman' that has 100 pages all of which are blank.
512. A male honeybee's orgasm is so powerful that its sex organs explode, shortly after which it dies.
513. The Kevlar bulletproof vest was invented by a pizza delivery guy after being shot twice on the job.
514. If you left Tokyo by plane at 7 am you would arrive at Honolulu at approximately 8 pm the previous day due to the nineteen hour difference in time zone.
515. There is a condition called 'hyperthymesia' that causes the person to remember every single detail of their lives. Only twelve people on Earth have this condition.
516. All the characters in Toy Story only blink one eye at a time.
517. Both companies Louis Vuitton and Chanel burn their products at the end of the year preventing them to being sold at a discount.
518. It's possible to see a rainbow as a complete circle from an airplane.
519. The brothers Adolf Dassler and Rudolf Dassler who started Puma and Adidas were part of the Nazi party.
520. The youngest mother in medical history was Lina Medina from Peru who gave birth when she was 5.
521. Ants go to war just like humans and can in fact strategize by doing things like sending out the weaker ants out to fight first.
522. If you're taller than 6 foot 2 you can't become an astronaut.
523. Jackie Chan is an actor as well as a pop star in Asia releasing 20 albums since 1984. He also sings the theme songs to his own movies.

524. Coca-Cola was invented by an American pharmacist named John Pemberton who advertised it as a nerve tonic that could cure headaches and fatigue.
525. You're more likely to die on the way to buying a lottery ticket than you are to winning the lottery.
526. We know more about the surface of the moon than we do about our own oceans.
527. The word 'checkmate' in chess comes from the Arabic 'Shah Mat' which means the king is dead.
528. Voldemort in French translates to 'flight of death'.
529. Russia and Japan have still not signed a peace treaty to end World War Two.
530. Potatoes have more chromosomes than a human.
531. In the United Kingdom the queen cannot be arrested no matter what crime she commits. This is because the crown itself is the prosecuting force in the UK and hence the Crown cannot verse the Crown itself. The other members of the Royal family do not share the same immunity.
532. In 2011 Barack Obama became the first president to have ever brewed beer in the White House which is named 'White House Honey Ale'.
533. The pinky swear came from Japan and indicated that if someone broke the promise they must cut off their pinky.
534. Twilight was rejected fourteen times before it was accepted.
535. The term 'Googol' is actually a mathematical term for a very large number which is one followed by one hundred zeroes.
536. There's a phobia called the 'Jonah complex' which causes a person to fear their own success, preventing them from reaching their full potential.
537. Arnold Schwarzenegger was paid \$15 million in the second Terminator film where he only said 700 words of dialogue. At a cost by word basis his famous line 'Hasta la vista baby' cost over \$85,000.

538. There are now snuggery services where you can hire someone to snuggle with you for \$60 per hour.
539. The 'China National Highway 110' traffic jam was considered the longest traffic jam in history. It was 100 km long and lasted 11 days.
540. If you removed all the empty space from the atoms that make every human on earth, all humans on Earth could fit into an apple.
541. If we somehow discovered a way to extract gold from the Earth's core we would be able to cover all the land in gold up to our knees.
542. It rains diamonds on the planets Uranus and Neptune.
543. Jousting is the official sport in the state of Maryland.
544. A Blue Whale can consume 480 million calories of food in a single dive.
545. There are only two parts on the human body that never stop growing, the ears and the nose.
546. The clothing store H&M stands for Hennes & Mauritz.
547. The longest human jump is further than the longest horse jump. In the 1968 Olympics the world record was set at 8.9m while the record for a horse is 8.4m (28 feet)
548. The entire Pixar staff had to take a graduate class in fish biology before making Finding Nemo.
549. In Bern, Switzerland there's a 500 year old statue of a man eating a sack of babies and nobody is sure why.
550. Koi fish can live for centuries and the oldest Koi to have ever lived was a Koi named Hanako that lived for 225 years before it died.
551. Space Jam is the highest grossing basketball movie of all time.
552. The Beast from Beauty and the Beast is a creature called a 'Chimera' which has features from seven different animals.
553. Bubble wrap was originally invented in 1957 to be sold as wallpaper.
554. If you Google 'Zerg rush', google will begin to eat the search page.
555. The Prince Charles Cinema in London has volunteer ninjas that sneak up and hush anyone in the theater that's making noise or throwing things.

556. An employee at Pixar accidentally deleted a sequence of Toy Story 2 during production. It would've taken a year to remake what was gone but luckily another employee had the whole thing backed up on a personal computer.
557. The first commercial flight only lasted 23 minutes and cost \$8500 in today's money. It was between St. Petersburg, Florida and Tampa, Florida.
558. The French-language Scrabble World Champion doesn't actually speak French. Nigel Richards memorized the whole French Scrabble dictionary which contains 386,000 words in nine weeks.
559. Women have been using pregnancy tests since 1350 BC. They used to pee on wheat and barley seeds to determine if they were pregnant or not. If wheat grew, it predicted a female baby and if barley grew it predicted a male. The woman was not pregnant if nothing grew. This theory was tested and proved accurate 70 percent of the time.
560. Martin Luther King Jr. got a C in public speaking.
561. The temperature of tennis balls affects how a ball can bounce. Wimbledon goes through over fifty thousand tennis balls a year that are kept at 68 degrees Fahrenheit to make sure only the best are used.
562. Adult cats don't have enough lactase enzyme to digest the lactose from milk making them lactose intolerant.
563. Campanology is the art of bell ringing.
564. Popes can't be organ donors because their entire body has to be buried intact as it belongs to the universal Catholic Church.
565. You can create 170 thousand pencils from the average tree.
566. Ninety percent of Earth's ice is in Antarctica.
567. In Italy the richest business is the mafia that turns over \$178 billion a year which is seven percent of the country's GDP.
568. The words Tokyo, Beijing and Seoul all translate to 'capital' in English.
569. The sound you hear when you put a seashell next to your ear isn't the sea but the blood running through your veins.

570. The information travelling inside your brain is moving at 268 miles per hour (430 km/h)
571. In 1936 the Russians created a computer that ran on water.
572. Google, Amazon, Microsoft and Facebook alone have 1.2 million terabytes of information stored on the internet.
573. Cats can't taste sweet food.
574. The human brain can compute over a thousand processes per second making it quicker than any computer.
575. Only 15 percent of all plants are on land.
576. People have been eating potatoes since 7000 years ago.
577. The largest ocean on Earth is the Pacific Ocean covering 30 percent of the globe.
578. The country Brazil is named after a tree.
579. You are 14% more likely to die on your birthday than any other day.
580. There are more vegetarians in India than any other country.
581. Beaver eyelids are transparent so they can see through them as they swim underwater.
582. Indonesia has more than 17,000 islands.
583. Mandarin is the most spoken language in the world with 1.1 billion speakers.
584. Diamonds are actually not that rare. A company called De Beers owns 95% of the market and suppresses supply to keep the prices high.
585. Over 50% of the oxygen supply we breathe comes from the Amazon rainforest.
586. Burger King in Japan has released two black hamburgers called the Kure Diamond and the Kuro Pearl with everything including the bun, the sauce and the cheese colored black with squid ink.
587. There's an artist named Scott Wade who is famous for creating dust art on dirty cars using only his fingers and a brush.



588. When tractor owner Ferruccio Lamborghini voiced his frustration over his clutch in the Ferrari to car's founder Enzo Ferrari, Enzo insulted him telling him that the problem was with the driver, not the car. Ferruccio decided to start his own car company and thus the Lamborghini was born.
589. Putting dry tea bags in smelly shoes or gym bags is an easy and quick way to absorb any unpleasant odors.
590. The creator of Peter Pan, J. M. Barrie gave away the rights to the franchise to the Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital so that they could always collect royalties and fund the hospital.
591. A woman from Michigan named Barbara Soper gave birth on 8/8/8, 9/9/9 and 10/10/10 the odds of which are 50 million to 1.
592. The largest indoor water park in the world is the Seagaia Ocean Dome in Japan at 900 feet (300 meters) long and 328 feet (100 meters) wide.
593. There is a tribe in India called the War Khasi that has been passing down for generations
594. the art of manipulating tree roots to create a system of living bridges.
595. In 2005, Johan Eliasch a Swedish Millionaire bought a plot of land almost half a million acres big in the Amazon rainforest just so he could preserve it.
596. There is a town in Alaska called Talkeetna that has had a cat named Stubbs as its honorary mayor since 1997.
597. In 2011 a 46 year old man named Mark Bradford hunted down and choked a 13 year old boy who killed him several times in Call of Duty.
598. The original founders and owners of Macy's, Isidor and Ida Straus both died on the Titanic and they were the old couple in the movie who went to sleep as the ship went down which is what actually happened.
599. A 102 year old man named Alan Swift from Connecticut drove the same 1928 Rolls Royce Phantom 1 for close to 77 years before he died in 2005.
700. Astronauts aboard the International Space Station see 15 sunrises and 15 sunsets a day averaging one ever forty five minutes due to the

station's proximity to the Earth and speed of its orbit.

701. A study by the University of Westminster in the UK determined that watching horror movies can burn up to almost 200 calories, the same as a half hour walk.
702. It would cost approximately \$42,000 a year to attend Hogwarts if it were real.
703. In the Despicable Me movies, the gibberish that the minions speak is actually a functioning language written by the directors called Minionese.
704. In 2012 a woman from New York named Deborah Stevens donated a kidney to her boss and was fired almost immediately after.
705. Jesse James a notorious outlaw from the 1800s who once gave a widow who housed him enough money to pay off her debt collector and then robbed the debt collector as the man left the widow's home.
706. Every factory employee at Ben and Jerry's gets to take home three pints of ice cream every day.
707. In the ancient Persian empire, men used to debate ideas twice, once sober and once drunk as they believed an idea had to sound good in both states in order to be considered a good idea.
708. Brazil's prisons offer their prisoners the chance to reduce their prison sentence by upto 48 days a year for every book they read and write a report on.
709. Honey badgers have been known to eat porcupines and poisonous snakes, raid bee hives for honey, kidnap baby cheetahs and steal food from hungry lions.
710. Over ninety percent of mobile phone sales in Japan are for waterproof devices because the Japanese are so fond of their mobile phones, they even use them in the shower.
711. A California couple named Helen and Les Brown were both born on December 31st, 1918, were married for 75 years, and then died one day apart at the age of 94 in 2013.

712. In 1939 the New York Times predicted that the television would fail because the average American family wouldn't have enough time to sit around watching it.
713. Former billionaire Chuck Feeney has given away over 99% of his \$6.3 billion to help underprivileged kids go to college resulting in him having \$2 million left.
714. Before alarm clocks were invented, there was a profession called a 'knocker up' which involved going from client to client and tapping on their windows or banging on their doors with long sticks until they were awake. This lasted till the 1920's.
715. Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia has opened a puppy room where students can go play with puppies to relieve stress.
716. There is a man named Tim Harris with down syndrome who owns and runs a restaurant in Albuquerque, New Mexico called Tim's Place where they serve breakfast, lunch and hugs. It's the only known restaurant owned by a person with down syndrome and is known as the world's friendliest restaurant.
717. Scientists from ATR Computational Neuroscience Laboratories in Tokyo, Japan have successfully developed a technology that can put thoughts on a computer screen.
718. Sixty-three year old former math professor Joan Ginther who has a PhD in statistics from Stanford University, has won the scratch and win lottery four separate times for a grand total of \$20.4 million. She never revealed how she did it but the odds of accomplishing what she did is one in 18 septillion.
719. In the early 1990's Michael Jackson tried to buy Marvel comics so that he could play Spider Man in his own self-produced movie.
720. In 2013 the Netherlands closed eight prisons due to the lack of criminals.
721. There is a luxury hotel in Fiji called Poseidon Resort where for \$15,000 a week you can sleep on the ocean floor and you even get a button to feed the fish right outside your window.

722. Percussive maintenance is the technical term for hitting something until it works.
723. In 2005 there was a reality show that piloted in Germany called Sperm Race where 12 contestants donated their sperm to a lab, where doctors observed their seed race toward an egg. The winner of the sperm race got a Porsche.
724. In 1967 a magazine called Berkeley Barb published a fake story about extracting hallucinogenic chemical from bananas to raise moral questions about banning drugs. Unfortunately people didn't realize it was a hoax and began smoking banana peels to try and get high.
725. Buses can replace forty cars if people made the switch.
726. Four American presidents have been killed by gunshot.
727. The first web page went live on August 6, 1991 and was dedicated to information.
728. Zenography is the study of the planet Jupiter.
729. Although the Holy Bible is available for free at many places of worship it is the most stolen book in the world.
730. In the early bottles, Coca-cola contained cocaine.
731. The word "Lord" occurs 7836 times in 6,668 verses in the Bible.
732. If you combined the sales of McDonald's, Kellogg's and Microsoft together, Cocaine would still exceed the three combined.
733. Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan named the Pacific Ocean due to the calmness of the ocean. Pacific translates to peaceful.
734. Angel Falls is a waterfall in Venezuela that is the world's highest uninterrupted waterfall at a height of 3,200 feet (979 meters).
735. The World's Biggest Flower Garden Sits in the Middle of a Desert in Dubai which has over 500,000 fresh flowers.
736. You're not allowed to take Mercury onto a commercial passenger plane as it can damage the aluminium the plane is made out of.
737. If you put an apple in the sea it will float because it's less dense than water.

738. A newborn baby has about one cup of blood in their entire body.
739. Big Ben in London is not the tower but the bell inside.
740. 99.8 percent of Cubans can read and write making it one of the most literate countries in the world.
741. As a person dies, his or her hearing is the last sense to go.
742. Sharks kill about twelve people a year. People kill about eleven thousand sharks an hour.
743. More people die from attempting selfies than from shark attacks.
744. Approximately 1 in every 6 Jewish people killed in the Holocaust died at Auschwitz.
745. Pirates used to wear eye patches on one eye during the day so they could see better at night with that same eye.
746. Astatine is the most rare element on earth with only thirty grams total in the earth's crust.
747. The most powerful organism is the Gonorrhea bacteria which can pull up to 100,000 times their size.
748. Humans have 23 pairs of chromosomes while great apes have 24.
749. The Queen of England legally owns one third of the Earth's surface.
750. The biggest moon in our solar system is called Ganymede which is bigger than the planet Mercury.
751. Antarctica is considered a desert as it only receives 2 inches (50 millimeters) of precipitation a year.
752. By land mass Canada is only 2% smaller than Europe.
753. The hippocampus which is responsible for memory in women's brains is larger than the hippocampus in men.
754. Amazon is the first company to ever hit a trillion dollars.
755. The highest divorce rate in the world by country is Luxembourg at 87%. The lowest is India with 1%.
756. Cats have been around since 3600 BC

757. A penguin has the ability to jump six feet (1.8 meters) out of the water with no aid.
758. Cuba has the highest doctor to patient ratio in the world.
759. 300 hours of video are uploaded to YouTube every minute and almost 5 billion videos are watched on Youtube every single day.
760. A quarter of the world's prisoners are locked up in the US.
761. There is a spa in India dedicated for only Elephants.
762. You would lose a third of your body weight on Mars due to lower gravity.
763. There are more artificial Christmas trees sold in the world than real ones.
764. There is currently 147 million ounces of gold in Fort Knox. At the price of about \$1776 per ounce that's worth \$261.6 billion.
765. The traffic in London is as slow as the carriages from a century ago.
766. Most of the vitamins you get from eating a potato are in the skin.
767. The Kuwaiti Dinar is the strongest currency in the world with one Dinar equating to \$3.29 USD.
768. You're shorter in the evenings than you are in the mornings.
769. The oldest living person on earth whose age has been verified is Japan's Misao Okawa who is 116 years old.
770. Snails have the ability to regrow an eye if it's cut off.
771. The crime rate in Iceland is so low that the Police there don't carry guns.
772. Cats don't meow to each other, they meow to get the attention of humans.
773. The richest man in history was Emperor Mansa Musa's whose wealth is believed to have been around \$400 billion when taking into account inflation.
774. The Witwatersrand Basin was the densest area containing gold in the world. More than 40% of all of the gold ever mined has come out of the Basin.

775. Trypophobia is the fear of holes.
776. The average lifespan of a Redwood tree is 500-700 years old while some coast redwoods have been known to live to over 2,000 years. They can grow to over 360 feet in height (109 meters).
777. Grizzly bears can hibernate up to 7 months. This means no eating, drinking, urinating, or defecating.
778. At the university of Oaksterdam you can graduate with a degree in Cannabis Cultivation.
779. The average strawberry has 200 seeds on the outside. It's also not considered a fruit.
780. Hitler planned on invading Switzerland but gave in as it was too difficult with the surrounding mountains.
781. A group of ferrets is called a business.
782. During the Cold War the US's passcode to nuclear missiles was eight zeroes so they could fire them as quick as possible.
783. Only .1% of an atom is matter. The rest is air.
784. There are over 4 million apps available for download on both the android and apple app store.
785. There are now 22 countries worldwide that have no army, navy or airforce.
786. There is an ancient book called The Voynich from the Italian Renaissance that no one can read.
787. The longest street in the world is Yonge Street in Canada which is 1178 miles (1896 km).
788. There is no explanation why there are no mosquitoes in Iceland.
789. Stephen Hawking was diagnosed with ALS at 21 and was expected to die at 25. He lived till 70.
790. During an emergency landing a plane has the ability to dump its fuel from the wings to prevent it from exploding if it crashes.
791. 'Sir, I demand, I am a maid named Iris' is the longest palindrome, i.e. it makes the same sentence if you say it backwards.

792. Cows have best friends and can be stressed when separated from them.
793. A baby octopus can be as small as your finger tip.
794. There's a restaurant in New Jersey owned by Bon Jovi where there are no fixed prices. Instead customers donate money or volunteer to pay for their meals.
795. Internet addiction disorder also known as IAD is a real mental disorder in which somebody engages in addictive, compulsive or pathological internet use.
796. Cameron Diaz and Snoop Dogg both went to school together. Cameron even bought some weed off of Snoop once.
797. In 1961 Mel Blanc the voice of Bugs Bunny was in a serious car accident that put him in a coma that he could not wake up from. Doctors began speaking directly to the characters that he voiced from which he would actually respond in their voices and three weeks later he actually woke up.
798. The first ever occurrence of the name 'Wendy' was in Peter Pan. This name had never been registered before the book's publication.
799. Pineapple isn't a fruit, it's actually a berry.
300. There are several words that don't rhyme in the English language besides orange and purple. They include silver, month, ninth, pint, wolf, opus, dangerous, marathon and discombobulate.
301. Rhythm is the longest word without any vowels.
302. The companies Audi, Bentley, Bugadi, Ducati, Lamborghini and Porsche are all owned by Volkswagen.
303. Almost is the longest English word in alphabetical order.
304. Uncopyrightable is the longest normal word you can use that doesn't contain repeat letters. Subdermatoglyphic is longer however is only used by dermatologists.
305. 'I am' is the shortest English sentence.
306. In World War Two Jacklyn Lucas lied his way into the military and became the youngest marine ever to earn a medal of honor. When he



was 17 he threw himself on two live grenades to protect his squad members and survived.

- 307. 144 successful prisoners escaped Auschwitz
- 308. It is estimated that malaria has been responsible for half of the deaths of everyone who has ever lived.
- 309. Apples, peaches and raspberries are all members of the rose family.
- 310. The pygmy monkey marmoset is the smallest monkey in the world with an average length of only 5 inches (13 cm) and an average weight of 3.5 ounces (100 grams).
- 311. All US presidents pay for their own food while staying at the White House.
- 312. Overmorrow is a word that means the day after tomorrow.
- 313. Jose Mujica is the president of Uruguay and the poorest president in the world as he gives away most of his income to charity.
- 314. In Cambodia they sell 'Happy Pizza' which is a cheese pizza garnished with weed on top.
- 315. Snoop Dogg has a book published named Rolling words that has lyrics of all his songs that you can later rip out and use as rolling papers.
- 316. Jellyfish and lobsters are biologically immortal.
- 317. There's a fish in Spongebob Squarepants that's been shown in multiple episodes with a clearly shown penis.
- 318. The strongest beer in the world is called Snake Venom containing 67.5% alcohol.
- 319. International 'have a bad day' day is November 19th.
- 320. The human brain cell, the universe and the internet all have similar structures.
- 321. The Indonesian Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries determined that a single manta ray, if caught and killed is worth anywhere from \$40-\$500. They also determined however that if kept alive they're worth upto a million dollars in tourism revenue so they created the largest manta ray sanctuary in the world.

322. A group of turkeys is called a rafter.
323. The person who did the voice of Minnie Mouse, Russi Taylor was married to Wayne Allowing, the voice of Mickey Mouse.
324. There's a vending machine in Singapore that dispenses a Coke to anybody that hugs it.
325. Jim Cummings, the voice of Winnie the Pooh would call up children's hospitals and talk to them in his Winnie voice to make them feel better.
326. Walt Disney was fired from Kansas City Star in 1919 because his editor said that he lacked imagination and had no good ideas.
327. Black tomatoes can be grown without any genetic engineering. They are full of beneficial anthocyanins which are believed to help with obesity, cancer and diabetes.
328. Most cats don't like to drink water if it's too close to their food source. Always keep your cat's water and food supply separate so they don't get dehydrated.
329. The best selling book in history is the Bible with 5 billion copies in sales.
330. DC comics published an alternate universe where Bruce Wayne dies instead of his parents. In it Thomas Wayne becomes Batman and Martha Wayne goes crazy and becomes the Joker.
331. The average iPhone only costs \$200 to make.
332. Watson, IBM's artificially intelligent computer learned how to swear from the urban dictionary. Because of that it began talking sassy so scientists had to remove the entire urban dictionary database from its memory.
333. The children's book 'Where the Wild Things Are' was originally titled 'Where the Wild Horses Are' however the author and illustrator Maurice Sendak ended up changing the name of it after he realized he had no idea how to draw horses.
334. An Indonesian boy named Aldi Rizal began chain smoking when he was just 18 months old and continued smoking over 40 cigarettes a day until he was five years old when he was sent to rehab.

335. The state of Illinois has banned exfoliating face washes because the microbeads in them are so small that they actually slip through the water treatment facilities and end up back in the water supply.
336. The first recorded human flight with artificial wings in history was in the 6th century in China. Emperor Kao Yang would strap prisoners to kites and throw them off buildings to see if they could fly.
337. A psychologist named Timothy Leary was sent to jail in 1970 and given a series of tests to determine which jail he should be placed in. Since he designed many of the tests himself, he manipulated his answers so that he would be placed in a low security prison as a gardener and ended up escaping only eight months later.
338. Noah Webster the creator of the first ever American dictionary learned 26 languages so that he could understand and research the origins of his own country's tongue in order to write it.
339. The word 'jay' used to be used as slang for a dull or stupid person so when anyone who ignored traffic regulations and crossed roads illegally was called a jay walker.
340. Walt Disney used to visit his parks in disguise and test ride operators to make sure that they weren't rushing guests.
341. Barcode scanners actually read the spaces between the black bars, not the black bars themselves.
342. Dressed up Disneyland characters never ever break character. They're even given special autograph training sessions so that they can always sign autographs in the style of the cartoon character they're playing.
343. A study conducted in 2011 by Angela Duckworth proved that IQ tests can be affected by motivation. By promising subjects monetary rewards she found that the higher the reward, the higher they scored on the IQ test.
344. Before Will Smith starred in the Fresh Prince of Bel-Air he was on the verge of bankruptcy owing the government \$2.8 million. For the first three seasons of the show he had to pay 70% of his income.

345. There's a lake in Australia called Lake Disappointment that was named and found by Frank Hann in 1897 who was hoping to find fresh water but instead found salt water.
346. National Geographic star Casey Anderson has a pet grizzly bear named Brutus. The bear was adopted in 2002 when he was a newborn cub and in 2008 served as Casey's best man at his wedding.
347. Philani Dladla is a homeless man from Johannesburg South Africa who's known as the pavement bookworm. He survives by reviewing books for people passing on the street and sells them the book if they like it.
348. Chiune Sugihara was a famous Japanese diplomat that operated in Lithuania during World War 2. He helped more than 6,000 Jewish refugees escape to Japanese territory by issuing them transit visas risking his life and his family's life in the process.
349. Lotso the bear from Toy Story 3 was originally supposed to be in the first movie but the technology needed to create his fur wasn't available at the time so he got pushed back to the third film.
350. Insurance companies have blacklisted Jackie Chan and anyone else who works on his stunt team. This means that if anyone gets injured while on the set of a Jackie Chan movie, he has to pay for their recovery treatment.
351. The oldest hotel in the world is the 'Nishiyama Onsen Keiunkan' in Japan. It was founded in 705 AD and has had 52 generations of the same family operating it since it was founded.
352. Halieutics is the study of fishing.
353. Every spring a set of 21 swings is set up near a bus stop in Montreal's entertainment district. Every one of them acts as a musical instrument and as people swing, pre recorded sounds fill the air.
354. The pizza Louis XIII is the most expensive pizza in the world costing \$12,000. Created by chef Renato Viola, he prepares the entire dish at your house. The toppings include three types of caviar, Mediterranean lobster and red prawns. The size of the pizza is only 8 inches (20 cm) in diameter.

355. Citizens of Norway pay half taxes in November so they can have more money for Christmas.
356. The world's largest tree house is located in Tennessee and is 10 stories, 10,000 square feet (900 square meters), took eleven years to make but cost only \$12,000 since it was made of mostly recycled materials.
357. Sea otters hold hands when they sleep so they don't drift away from each other.
358. It's estimated that the world's helium supply will run out within the next twenty to thirty years.
359. The Pallas's cat is the oldest living species of modern cat that first appeared 12 million years ago.
360. Anuptaphobia is the fear of either remaining unmarried or marrying the wrong person.
361. The famous painter Salvador Dali would avoid paying the bill at restaurants by drawing on the back of his checks as he knew the owner would not want to cash the checks as the drawings would be much too valuable.
362. The Eucalyptus deglupta or more commonly known as the rainbow tree is a tree that sheds its outer bark to reveal a bright green inner bark that turns blue, purple, orange and maroon as it matures.
363. The word 'muggle' was added to the English dictionary and is defined as a person lacking a particular skill.
364. In the UK, people that reach their 100th birthday or their 60th wedding anniversary are sent a personalised card from the Queen.
365. In China there is a 71 meter tall stone statue built of buddha that was constructed over 1,200 years ago.
366. If you were to see a solid form of oxygen it would be a sky-blue color.
367. Woodpeckers are able to peck 20 times per second or around of 8 to 12,000 pecks per day and without ever getting a headache.
368. There is an island off the coast of Brazil in the Atlantic Ocean known as Snake Island as there are upto five snakes per 10 square feet (square meter).

369. Geographically China covers 5 different times zones however only uses one standard time zone within the country.
370. Since the beginning of communication it has been estimated that 31,000 languages have existed.
371. The black mamba is regarded as one of the deadliest snakes in the world. It can move up to speeds of 18 feet per second (5.5 meters per second) and its bite can kill a human in less than an hour.
372. It was known that after examining the animals Charles Darwin used to eat them too.
373. The longest someone has stayed awake continuously is 265 hours which was in 1964 by a high school student.
374. The longest someone has been in a coma and come out of it is 37 years. A six year old went to the hospital for a routine appendectomy where she went under general anesthetic and didn't come out for reasons doctors can't explain.
375. The surface area in South America is greater than that of Pluto's.
376. Fleas can jump over 80 times their own height.
377. Rhinoceros beetles can carry 850 times their weight which is the equivalent of an average human carrying 65 tons.
378. A group of donkeys is called a drove.
379. McDonald's has more than 37,000 stores around the world making it the largest fast food chain globally.
380. There is enough carbon in your body to make over 9,000 pencils.
381. France was the first country that banned supermarkets from throwing out or destroying food that wasn't sold.
382. Koalas can sleep upto 18-22 hours a day whereas a giraffe only needs about two.
383. Author J. K. Rowling wrote the final chapter of the last Harry Potter book in 1990, 7 years before the release of the first book.
384. The Cookie Monster revealed in 2004 during a song that before he started eating cookies and became known as the "Cookie Monster" he

was called Sid.

385. There has only been 240 years of peace in the last 3,000 years.

386. Ostriches have eyes bigger than their head.

387. If gorillas take human birth control pills it will have the same effects on them.

388. When Jadav Payeng was sixteen he began planting trees since he was concerned for the disappearing habitat for the local animals. He continued doing this for over thirty five years. Today he has single handedly restored more than 1360 acres of forest.

389. The scent that lingers after it rains is called petrichor.

390. Jeff Bezos net worth is so high that it wouldn't be worth him picking up a \$100 bill if he dropped it. In fact he has to spend \$28 million a day just to stop getting richer.

391. There are now digital pens that can record everything you write draw or sketch on any surface.

392. Some Japanese companies such as Sony, Toshiba and Panasonic have banishment rooms where they transfer surplus employees and give them useless tasks or even nothing to do until they become disheartened or depressed enough to quit on their own, thus avoiding paying them full benefits.

393. In 1886 a man named H.H. Holmes built a three-story hotel in Chicago specifically to kill people in it. Its design included stairways to nowhere and a maze of over 100 windowless rooms which he used to kill over 200 people.

394. In Finland there is a giant rock named Kummakivi that is sitting perfectly on a seemingly curved mound. The name translates to 'strange rock' since nobody knows how it got there.

395. There is a device known as a ventricular assist device or VAD that can permanently replace the function of your heart. The only side effect is you have no pulse.

396. Country singer Dolly Parton once anonymously entered a Dolly Parton lookalike contest and lost to a drag queen.

- 397. Bangkok University in Thailand makes their students wear anti-cheating helmets during exams.
- 398. Created in Germany, ESSlack is the world's first edible spray paint that comes in gold, silver, red and blue.
- 399. In 2011 archaeologists at the ground zero 9/11 terrorist attack site in New York City uncovered half of an 18th century ship, believed to have once been used by merchants.
- 300. It's possible to hire an evil clown to terrorize your son or daughter for an entire week before their birthday. For a fee, artist Dominic Deville will increasingly pursue your child and leave scary notes, texts and phone calls and ultimately attack your child on their birthday by smashing a cake in their face.

## **Facts 901-1200**

- 301. In the city of Mackinac Island Michigan, all motor vehicles including cars have been banned since 1898.
- 302. In 2004 Volvo introduced a concept car called the YYC that was built specifically for women without a hood and dent resistant bumpers.



903. In the early years of the twentieth century, horses were causing so much pollution with their poop that automobiles were seen as the green alternative.
904. Animal Planet aired a fake documentary about the existence of mermaids that convinced thousands of viewers twice. Once in 2012 and once in 2013.
905. Futureme.org is a website where you can send e-letters to yourself at any time in the future.
906. In 2008 The North Face clothing company sued a clothing company called The South Butt.
907. In 2007 in Louisiana, a pink albino bottlenose dolphin was discovered and photographed by a man named Eric Rue.
908. When the elephant whisperer Lawrence Anthony died in March of 2012 an entire herd of elephants arrived at his home to mourn him.
909. The pollution in China is so bad in some parts that just being in that area for one day is the equivalent of smoking 21 cigarettes.
910. In 2012 a Russian scientist regenerated an arctic flower known as 'Silene Stenophylla' that has been extinct for over 32,000 years from a seed that was buried by an ice-age squirrel.
911. The age of fish can be determined in a similar way to trees. Fish scales have one growth ring for each year of age.
912. In 1985 a New Orleans man named Jerome Moody drowned at a party attended by 100 life guards who were celebrating having made it through the summer without a single drowning at a city pool.
913. In 1976 an underachieving Princeton student named John Aristotle Phillips wrote a term paper describing how to build a nuclear bomb. He received an A but never got his paper back as it was seized by the FBI.
914. According to a study conducted by Brock University in Ontario Canada, racism and homophobia are linked to having lower IQ as those with lower intelligence tend to gravitate toward socially conservative ideologies.

915. There's a resort in Japan called the Tomamu Resort that's located on top of a mountain peak that allows patrons to view a sea of fluffy white clouds beneath them.
916. Michael Birch the founder of the social networking site Bebo sold it to AOL for \$850 million in 2008 only to later buy it back for a million dollars in 2013.
917. In 1961, Italian artist Piero Manzoni filled ninety tin cans of his own feces and called them Artist's sh\*t and sold them according to their equivalent weight in gold.
918. Nomophobia is the fear of being without mobile phone coverage.
919. Newman's Own Food has donated 100% of its post-tax profits to charity since 1982, totaling over \$400 million.
920. In 2013 over 200 strangers responded to a Facebook invitation to attend a funeral for British veteran James McConnel who had no friends or family members to attend otherwise.
921. In Russia wealthy citizens often hire fake ambulances that beat the city traffic which are known as ambulance taxis. They can cost as much as \$200/hour, have luxurious interiors, refreshments and include caviar and champagne.
922. Reed Hastings the founder of Netflix got the idea to start the site when he received a late fine of \$40 on a vhs copy of apollo 13. Reed also approached Blockbuster in 2005 offering to sell the company for \$50 million which was turned down at the time. Today the company is worth over \$9 billion.
923. Airports had to standardise their names in the 1930s with airport codes so those with two letter names simply added an 'x' hence names such as LAX.
924. A quarter of the world's hazelnuts each year go towards making nutella. That's 100,000 tons of hazelnuts per year.
925. In Iceland if you want to name your baby a name that's never been used before you must go to the Icelandic Naming Committee.
926. North Korea is the biggest counterfeiter of US currency.

927. Cats used to be sacred in Egypt and if you killed one you could be sentenced to death.
928. The Coca-Cola made in the Maldives used to be made from ocean water.
929. The biggest family in the world is from Baktawng, India, where father Ziona Chana has 94 children by 39 different wives.
930. The one click option was invented by Amazon who have a patent on it and Apple pays them a licensing fee to use it.
931. Brad Pitt was banned from China for 20 years after his role in the film 'Seven Years In Tibet'.
932. More than half of the world's population is under the age of 30.
933. The electric chair to execute people was created by a dentist.
934. If you went through 17 tons of gold ore and one tonne of personal computers you'd find more gold from the personal computers.
935. Two thousand five hundred and twenty is the smallest number that can be divided by all numbers between 1 and 10.
936. There are 158 verses in the national anthem of Greece making it the longest in the world. In comparison the Canadian anthem only has four verses.
937. The Maldivian coconut is the largest growing seed in the world.
938. In one night a mole can dig a tunnel 300 feet (1km) long in soil.
939. The average lead pencil can draw a line that will be 35 miles (56km) long.
940. You would be a few centimeters taller in space due to gravity.
941. If you were to take out someone's lungs and flatten it out it would have the same surface area as one half of a tennis court.
942. Elephants are constantly tip toeing around, This is because the back of their foot has no bone and is all fat.
943. An octopus has 9 brains, blue blood and three hearts.
944. Polar bears hair is actually clear and it's the light they reflect that makes them appear to look white.

945. A chameleon can move its eyes two different directions at the same time.
946. The whole country of England is smaller than the state of Florida by over 10,000 square miles (26,000 square km).
947. The Mona Lisa has no eyelashes or eyebrows.
948. As of 2019 the largest yacht in the world named Azzam, is 590 feet long (the length of two football fields) and cost \$600 million to build. It was created in 2013 taking four years to construct and beat the previous world record by a full 57 feet. It has 94,000 horsepower and can go up to 37 miles (60km) per hour, the fastest speed for a yacht longer than 300 feet.
949. Fully grown giraffes only have 7 vertebrae in their necks, the same number as humans.
950. Butter milk contains zero butter.
951. Disney land does not sell any gum. This is because Walt Disney didn't want people stepping in gum as they walked around the park.
952. Giraffes can last longer without water than camels can..
953. Ruth Wakefield who invented the chocolate chip cookie around 1938 sold the idea to Nestle Toll House in exchange for a lifetime supply of chocolate.
954. In 2011 Lego produced 381 million tires making them the world's largest rubber tire manufacturer by number of units produced.
955. In 2009 Wikipedia permanently banned the church of Scientology from editing any articles.
956. In the country of Turkmenistan, water, gas and electricity have all been free from the government since 1993.
957. The largest numerical denomination bill ever made was the one milliard Hungarian pengo in 1946. Its value was one sextillion. That's one with 21 zeros behind it, yet it was still only worth 20 cents US.
958. France is the only country in Europe to be completely self-sufficient in basic food production.

959. When dying in 1955, Einstein refused surgery saying, "I want to go when I want, it's tasteless to prolong life artificially, I've done my share, it's time to go, I will do it elegantly".
960. Many animal shelters will not allow black cats to be adopted around Halloween time because most people just buy them as impulse purchases.
961. The singing tree is a wind powered sound sculpture located in Burnley, England and was designed by architects Mike Tonkin and Anna Liu. Each time you sit under it you'll hear a melody played depending on the wind for that day.
962. In 2011 archaeologists discovered the skeletal remains of a Roman couple who had been holding hands for over 1,500 years.
963. The Shangri-La hotel in China captured a record for the largest ball pit ever created measuring 82 by 41 feet (25 by 12.6 meters) and contained over a million balls.
964. Starbuck is a famous Canadian bull whose genome is so desirable that his sperm has sold for over 25 million dollars over his lifetime. In this time he has sired over 200,000 daughters.
965. The Burj Al Arab hotel in Dubai offers their guests a 24 karat gold iPad for the duration of their stay.
966. Poveglia Island in Italy is considered one of the most haunted places in the world as it was the site of wars, a dumping ground for plague victims, and an insane asylum. In fact it's so haunted that the Italian government has forbidden public access to it.
967. In the Victorian era they had special tea cups that protected your mustache from getting dunked in your tea.
968. Around 350 to 420 million years ago, before trees were common, the Earth was covered in giant mushroom stalks.
969. The Lion King was considered a small B movie during productions as all the top Disney animators were working on Pocahontas which they considered an A movie.

970. The Pythagorean cup also known as a Greedy cup is a cup designed to spill its contents if too much wine is poured in, encouraging moderation.
971. In 1955, a six hundred year old plaster Buddhist statue was dropped when it was being moved locations only to reveal that the plaster was covering another Buddhist statue made of solid gold inside.
972. Self-made millionaire Harris Rosen adopted a Florida neighborhood called Tangelo Park. He cut the crime rate in half, increased high school graduation rates from 25 to 100 percent by giving everyone free day care and all high school graduates scholarships.
973. In ancient Athens, the world's first democracy, they had a process called ostracism where once a year the people could vote on the politician that they felt was the most destructive to the democratic process and that person was banished from Athens for ten years.
974. China is building a car free city called the great city that will house 80,000 people. It'll use 48% less energy, 58% less water, produce 89% less landfill waste and 60% less carbon dioxide than a conventional city of the same size.
975. The Vystavochnaya subway station in Moscow accepts 30 squats as payment for a metro ticket as an incentive to exercise more.
976. In 2022 the world cup will be played in Lusail, Qatar, a city that doesn't even exist yet.
977. In 1949 the Prince motor company in Japan developed an electric car that could travel 124 miles (200 km) on a single charge.
978. There's a mushroom in the wild called Laetiporus that tastes like fried chicken.
979. Saturn's largest moon named Titan has an atmosphere so thick and gravity so low that you can actually fly through it by flapping any sort of wings attached to your arms.
980. There's a village in the Netherlands named Giethoorn that has no roads and can only be accessed by boats having the nickname 'Venice of the Netherlands'.

981. Christmas Island is a small Australian Island located in the Indian ocean that every year sees 50 million adult crabs migrate from the forest to breed known as the annual red crab migration.
982. In 1979 debris from NASA's Space Station Skylab crash landed in the town of Esperance western Australia for which the town fined NASA \$400 for littering. They actually paid it.
983. There are completely black chickens in Indonesia known as Ayam Cemani. They have black plumage, black legs and nails, black beak and tongue, black comb and wattle, black meat and bones as well as dark organs.
984. In 2007, Joshua Bell, an award winning violinist and conductor, conducted an experiment where he pretended to be a street violinist and had over a thousand people pass him without stopping. He only collected \$31 that day yet two days previously sold out to a theater where each seat cost \$100. The violin he was playing with on the street was worth \$3.5 million.
985. Due to the aging population in Japan, adult diaper sales are about to surpass baby diaper sales.
986. For years an Indian named Rajesh Kumar Sharma has been teaching slum children who live under a local metro bridge. Five days a week for two hours a day he leaves his job at the general store to teach over 140 kids who would otherwise not be able to learn.
987. There is a method of art called tree shaping where living trees are manipulated to create forms of art.
988. The average person will fall asleep in just seven minutes.
989. The majority of lipsticks contain fish scales.
990. Ischaemic heart disease and stroke are the world's biggest killers. Ischaemic means an inadequate blood supply to an organ.
991. Vending machines kill about 13 people a year
992. It is estimated that about 100 billion people have died since Homo sapiens appeared over 200,000 years ago.
993. The world's largest gold bar is 551 lb (250kg)

994. In 1998 Larry Page and Sergey Brin the founders of Google offered to sell their little startup to AltaVista for \$1 million so they could resume their studies at Stanford. They were rejected and grew the empire to \$101 billion as of 2019 instead.
995. There was a third apple founder named Ronald Wayne who once owned 10% of the whole company. He decided to sell that 10% stake for \$800 in 1976.
996. The fear of clowns is called Coulrophobia.
997. There is a hole in the ozone layer sitting right above Antarctica that is twice the size of Europe.
998. There are fewer than fifty of the original Apple 1 computers in existence with some of them selling for over \$50,000.
999. Snails can sleep for up to three years.
1000. The average shark has 15 rows of teeth in each jaw. They can replace a tooth in a single day and lose over 30,000 teeth in their lifetime.
1001. Fifty nine days on earth is the equivalent of one on Mercury.
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1002. The reason a whip creates a whipping sound is because it's moving quicker than the speed of sound creating a small sonic boom.
1003. Hippos sweat the color red because it contains a pigment that acts as a natural sunscreen.
1004. Cows methane creates just as much pollution as cars do.
1005. Dolphins only fall asleep with half their brain at a time so they're only half conscious which helps them from accidentally drowning.
1006. When you see an advertisement of a watch it's almost always ten past ten.
1007. Most of the dust you'll find in your house will be your dead skin.
1008. One-third of the Earth's surface is partially or total desert.
1009. The word 'Sahara' in Arabic means desert, so 'desert desert' in Arabic. It also once snowed in the Sahara back in 1979.



1010. Columbia's underground drug cartel trades as much as \$10 billion which is more than the country's legal exports.
1011. Only a third of the snakes you see in the movie 'Snakes on a Plane' were real.
1012. One thirds of the world's polar bear population lives in Canada.
1013. Quebec only finished paying off its 1976 Summer Olympics debt 30 years later in 2006.
1014. Lady Gaga stars in the Guinness World Records twelve times. One of them is for including the most product placements in a video.
1015. In 2005 a Nepalese couple climbed Everest and got married on its peak. The youngest person to ever climb Everest was young Jordan Romero at the age of 13.
1016. If Police in Thailand misbehave they're punished by being made to wear bright pink Hello Kitty armbands.
1017. The man who designed Saddam Hussein's secret bunker was the grandson of the woman who designed Adolf Hitler's.
1018. Facebook tracks and records your IP address as well as the URL of every website that you visit that uses any of its social plugins such as the like button.
1019. In 2009 Burger King launched a campaign that if you unfriended ten of your Facebook friends you would receive a free Whopper. Using the Whopper Sacrifice application your friend would receive a message telling them that their friendship was less valuable than a Whopper.
1020. Yale has a rare book and manuscript library that has no windows but instead has walls made entirely of translucent marble that prevents the books from being exposed to direct sunlight.
1021. During the early 1900s, French gangsters used a weapon called an Apache Revolver that functioned as a revolver, a knife, and brass knuckles.
1022. A Mexican artist created an underwater sculpture series that double as art and an an artificial reef.

1023. Queen Elizabeth the second has someone to wear the shoes she get before she wears them to make sure they're comfortable.
1024. If a Google employee dies their spouse gets half their salary for the next ten years, stock benefits and their children get \$1000/month until they're nineteen.
1025. Backpfeifengesicht is a German word that means a face that badly needs a punch.
1026. The cheapest gas prices in the world belong to Venezuela at just over a penny a litre.
1027. In London there's a public toilet encased in a glass cube that's made entirely of one-way glass where you can see passersby but they can't see you.
1028. Leonardo da Vinci loved animals so much that he'd buy caged birds being sold in Italy at the time just to set them free.
1029. Sternutaphobia is the fear of sneezing.
1030. There is an island shaped like a heart in Fiji called Tavarua.
1031. It's possible for a cat to be its own fraternal twin. These cats, known as Chimera cats are an oddity that occur when two fertilized eggs fuse together.
1032. If you inhale a pea it is possible to sprout and grow in your lungs.
1033. There's a lake in Western Australia called Lake Hillier that has water that's naturally pink.
1034. The 'Orca', also known as the killer whale is actually from the dolphin family.
1035. The Appian Way in Rome is a road that was built in 312 BC that is still used to this day.
1036. Cherophobia is the fear of being happy or joyful with the expectation that something bad will happen.
1037. The country of Niue, an island north of New Zealand put various Pokemon on its one dollar coins in 2001. They included Pikachu, Squirtle, Meowth, Bulbasaur and Charmander.

1038. One of the oldest living creatures on earth was believed to be Adwaita, a giant tortoise from India who was believed to be 255 years old before passing away in 2006.
1039. There are at least 7 apps on the app store that are priced \$999.99 which is the maximum price you can charge on the app store.
1040. In real life a roadrunner can only reach speeds of about 32 km/hr while a coyote can reach speeds of upto 69 km/hr.
1041. Johnny Depp has a passion for playing guitar playing with artists such as Marilyn Manson, Oasis, Aerosmith and Eddie Vedder.
1042. There's a religion called Christian Atheism where practitioners believe in essentially the same things as traditional Christians except that the bible is completely metaphorical and that God is an allegory for human morality rather than a real being.
1043. Carmen Dell'Orefice is the world's oldest working model. She started modelling at the age of 15 and is still an active model to this day at the age of 83.
1044. There is a cruise ship named 'The World' where residents permanently live as it travels around the globe. An apartment on board costs \$2 million while you fork out \$270,000 a year for maintenance costs.
1045. The distance between Africa and Europe is only 23 km. There are talks of constructing a bridge between the two continents called the Strait of Gibraltar Crossing.
1046. The Lego-Brücke is a concrete bridge in Germany that has become famous for being painted to look like a giant bridge made of lego blocks.
1047. Deltiology is the collection and study of picture postcards.
1048. Justin Timberlake's mother was Ryan Gosling's legal guardian when he was a child.
1049. Macklemore once worked at a juvenile detention center to help detainees express themselves by writing and creating rap lyrics.
1050. One of the iTunes user agreement policies explicitly states that you're not allowed to use the program to build nuclear, chemical or biological

weapons.

1051. The Bingham Canyon Copper Mine in Utah is the largest man made hole at half a mile (1km) deep, 2 miles (4km) wide and covers 770 hectares.
1052. Nemo makes an appearance in the movie 'Monsters Inc' as a toy that Boo gives to Sully a full two years before the movie 'Finding Nemo' came out. Pixar movies are infamous for being full of Easter eggs like this.
1053. There are Wizard of Oz-inspired shoes that get you home when clicking your heels together using a GPS system. Side note: the author of the novel created part of the name of the book when he was looking at a filing cabinet and saw the letters o-z.
1054. There are three books in the Harvard University that are bound in human skin.
1055. The largest cave in the world is in Vietnam called the Son Doong Cave. It's just under nine kilometers long, and its interior is so big that it has its own clouds and forests. In fact its ceiling is so high that you can fit an entire 40-story skyscraper inside.
1056. Bob Marley's last words to his son were "Money can't buy you life".
1057. There is term known as a friend paradox where the average person has less friends than his friend.
1058. Mobile phones emit electromagnetic frequencies that heat body tissue and can affect over a hundred proteins in the brain.
1059. Turbulence on an airplane cannot be predicted. It can occur even on a cloudless, clear day.
1060. Ancient Rome was eight times more densely populated than modern New York.
1061. Getting hit by lightning heats up your skin to 50,000 degrees fahrenheit (27,000 degrees celsius) which is hotter than the surface of the sun.
1062. The Hawaiian alphabet only has 12 letters. They are a, e, i ,o ,u, h, k, l, m, n, p, and w.
1063. The only bird that can fly backwards is the hummingbird.

1064. A flamingo can only eat when its head is upside down.
1065. A study done in 1915 by the Chicago University concluded that the easiest color to see from a distance was the color yellow hence the most popular taxi color.
1066. The song 'Happy Birthday' is 120 years old and has a copyright to it. It's owned by Warner Chappell Music and insists that no one use it, the reason you rarely hear it on T.V. shows or movies.
1067. In the 1980s, the infamous kingpin Pablo Escobar was making so much money off of his drug cartel that he was he was spending \$2,500 (\$7,200 in today's money) every single month on rubber bands just to hold all of the cash.
1068. The chances of an American being killed by lightning is the same chance a person in Japan has being shot and killed by a gun.
1069. In Victorian London mail used to be delivered 12 times per day.
1070. There used to be sheep that grazed in Central park up until 1934. They were moved during the Great Depression as it was feared they'd be eaten.
1071. One of the clauses in the 1781 U.S. articles of confederation states that if Canada wants to be admitted into the U.S. it'll be automatically accepted.
1072. The scientific term for pins and needles is paresthesia.
1073. The mother of Matt Groening, the creator of 'The Simpsons' was named Marge Wiggum.
1074. Ancient Roman Charioteers earned more money than international sports stars get paid today.
1075. Reciprocal liking is a psychological term used to describe when you start liking someone after you find out that they like you. It's a phenomenon that reflects the way people feel better about themselves and enjoy the company of those that provide them with positive feelings.
1076. A group of stingrays is called a fever.

1077. Contrary to popular belief, white spots on fingernails are not a sign of a deficiency of calcium, zinc or other vitamins in the diet. They're actually called leukonychia and are completely harmless and are most commonly caused by minor injuries that occur while the nail is growing.
1078. Since Venus is not tilted on an axis like Earth it experiences no seasons.
1079. If an astronaut got out of his space suit on the moon he would explode before he suffocated.
1080. Earth is the only planet not named after a god.
1081. The largest volcano in our Solar System is also the largest mountain in the Solar System. It is Olympus Mons on Mars which is 3 times the height of Mt. Everest.
1082. More than 20 percent of the world oxygen is produced in the Amazon Rainforest.
1083. Hot water freezes quicker than cold water. This is called the Mpemba effect, named after a Tanzanian student who discovered it.
1084. Light doesn't actually move at the speed of light. The full quote is actually 'the speed of light in a vacuum' which is 186,282 miles (299,792 kilometers) per second. If you were able to move at this speed you could go around Earth seven and a half times in a second.
1085. The first man made element was Technetium created in 1937. It is used for medical diagnostic studies and as a corrosion inhibitor for steel.
1086. Steven Spielberg waited over ten years after being given the story of the Schindler's list to make the film as he felt he wasn't mature enough to take on the subject.
1087. Shigeru Miyamoto the creator of the famous games Mario, Zelda and Donkey Kong was banned from riding a bicycle. This is because he became so valuable to Nintendo that they didn't want to risk anything happening to him, forcing him to drive a car instead.
1088. One lightning bolt has enough energy to toast one hundred thousand slices of bread.

1089. Over fifty percent of all lottery tickets sold are bought by only five percent of people who buy lottery tickets.
1090. Flamingos are born grey but change to the pink color we see because of the shrimp they eat which dyes their feathers.
1091. The life expectancy in Ancient Rome was only 20 to 30 years.
1092. Yu Youhzen a 53 year old Chinese millionaire works as a street cleaner for \$228 per month to set a good example for her children.
1093. A false awakening is the term used for a vivid or convincing dream about awakening from sleep when in reality you're still sleeping.
1094. A group of zebras is called a zeal.
1095. The Savannah is the largest domestic breed of cat which resembles a small leopard but behaves like a dog. They can grow up to 40 pounds (18 kg), have a 8 foot vertical jump and be trained to walk on a leash and play fetch.
1096. The Curiosity Rover sang Happy Birthday to itself on Mars to commemorate the 1 year anniversary of landing on the planet in 2013.
1097. Walt Disney holds the record for the most Oscars won by any one person with a total of 22.
1098. In the 1960's, Alcatraz was the only federal prison at the time to offer hot water showers for its inmates. The logic behind it was that prisoners who were acclimated to hot water would not be able to withstand the freezing waters of the San Francisco Bay during an escape attempt.
1099. A man named Jonathan Lee Riches got the Guinness Book of World Records for having filed the highest number of lawsuits in the world with a total of over 2,600.
1100. A stock exchange system exists with pirates in Somalia. Locals can invest in a pirate group and after a successful heist will receive a reward. In one instance a woman gave an RPG 7 to a pirate group and ended up receiving \$75,000.
1101. At the 1912 Olympics, a Japanese Marathon Runner named Shizo Kanakuri quit and went home without telling official and was

considered a missing person in Sweden for 50 years. In 1966 he was invited to complete the marathon, finishing with a total time of 54 years, eight months six days and five hours.

- 1102. Graphene is pure carbon in the form of a very thin, nearly transparent sheet, only one atom thick and is the world's strongest material. It's one million times thinner than paper but is 200 times stronger than steel.
- 1103. In 2011 a New Zealand trucker named Steven McCormack fell on a high-pressure valve which lodged in his butt and inflated him to twice his size nearly killing him. He did survive, but it took a full three days to burp and fart out the excess air.
- 1104. When Stephen Hawking was asked what his IQ was he responded "I have no idea, but people who boast about their IQ are losers".
- 1105. The creator of Sherlock Holmes, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle helped to get two falsely accused men out of prison after solving their already closed cases.
- 1106. Oikology is the science of housekeeping.
- 1107. In 1988, a woman named Jean Terese Keating disappeared while awaiting trial for drunkenly killing a woman in a car crash. She was arrested 15 years later after bragging at a bar about having gotten away with the crime.
- 1108. Intel employs a futuris named Brian David Johnson whose job it is, is to determine what life would be like to live ten to fifteen years in the future.
- 1109. Yang Yuanqing, Levino's CEO received a \$3 million bonus as a reward due to record profits in 2012 which is re-distributed to 10,000 of Lenovo's employees. He did the exact same thing in 2013.
- 1110. Thailand celebrates a festival each year named Loy Krathong where they release thousands upon thousands of sky lanterns filling up the night sky as tradition.
- 1111. There is a condition called Math anxiety which causes people to perform poorly in mathematics, not because they're ungifted in math, but because the condition causes their brain to enter such a state where they simply cannot perform math.



1112. Ramon Artagaveytia once survived a sinking ship in 1871. He was so scared from this experience he didn't get on another ship till 41 years later. Unfortunately for him that ship was Titanic.
1113. In 2013 a man named Rogelio Andaverde was abducted from his home right in front of his wife by two masked men with guns. Luckily he returned two days later, unharmed. It was later discovered that he staged his own kidnapping just so he could go out and party with his friends.
1114. When they made 'Breakout' for Atari, Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak agreed to split the pay 50/50. Atari gave Jobs \$5,000 for it but Jobs only told Wozniak he got \$700, only giving him \$350.
1115. Stalin's guards were so afraid of him that no one called a doctor for over ten hours after he had originally had a stroke resulting in his death. They feared that he might recover and execute anyone who acted outside of his orders.
1116. Russia trained and deployed 40,000 anti-tank dogs in World War Two. The dogs were loaded with explosives and trained to run under tanks where they would be detonated except many of the dogs became scared and ran back to their owners trenches where they killed their own people.
1117. The 'over 9,000' meme that was popularized from Dragon Ball Z was a translation error. The power level was actually over 8,000.
1118. The Solvay Hut is the world's most dangerously placed mountain hut, located 13,000 feet (3962 meters) above ground level in Switzerland.
1119. An ancient Persian poet recorded the Fable of a King that challenged wise men to make him a ring that made him happy when he was sad and sad when he was happy. They succeeded by giving him a ring etched with the phrase "This too shall pass".
1120. Workers of Amazon's distribution centers can be expected to walk up to 11 miles (17km) per shift picking up an order once every 33 seconds.
1121. Triskaidekaphobia is the fear of the number 13

1122. In Cuba it's legally mandated that government vehicles must pick up any hitchhikers that they see.
1123. In 2000, the KKK adopted a stretch of highway near St. Louis so the Missouri government responded by renaming the road Rosa Parks Highway.
1124. The longest possible uninterrupted train ride in the world is over 10,000 miles (17,000km) long which goes from Vietnam to Portugal.
1125. Studies have shown that smoking Hookah is no more safer than smoking cigarettes and in fact may cause the smoker to absorb more toxic substances than cigarettes.
1126. There's a museum in Europe called the Museum of Broken Relationships that exclusively displays objects that were meaningful to heartbroken exes.
1127. Inventor Nikola Tesla and Author Mark Twain were best friends and were mutual fans of each others work.
1128. The sun and the moon appear to be the same size in our sky because of the amazing coincidence that the moon is 400 times smaller, but also 400 times closer.
1129. In 2008 a Japanese man noticed that food in his home was disappearing so he set up a webcam and discovered that a 58 year old homeless woman was living in his closet for an entire year.
1130. There's a building in London called the walkie talkie building that's shaped in such a way that it reflects sunlight like a giant magnifying glass, literally melting cars on the street below.
1131. Luis Garavito, one of the world's most dangerous serial killers with 140 victims had his sentence reduced to only 22 years and could be out as early as 2021.
1132. If you open your eyes in a pitch-black room, the color you'll see is called eigengrau.
1133. The Pentagon spends over \$250,000 each year to study the body language of world leaders like Vladimir Putin.

1134. The average tree is made up of about 1% of living cells at any given time.
1135. Humans are not appropriate prey for great white sharks because their digestion is too slow to cope with the ratio of bone to muscle and fat.
1136. A study conducted by the University of Oxford found that for every person that you fall in love with and accommodate into your life you lose two close friends.
1137. There's a travel agency in Tokyo called Unagi Travel, the for a fee will take your stuffed animal on vacation around the world.
1138. The unbroken seal on Tutankhamun's Tomb went untouched for 3245 years until 1942.
1139. Colonel Sanders disliked what the KFC Franchise had done to the food so much that he described it as the worst fried chicken he had ever had and the gravy was like wall paper paste.
1140. In 2008 a businessman from Abu Dhabi spent \$14.3 million at an auction to buy a license plate labelled '1' making it the world's most expensive license plate.
1141. In 2013 it was discovered that some bears in Russia have become addicted to sniffing jet fuel out of discarded barrels. They even go to the lengths of stalking helicopters for the drops of fuel that they leave behind.
1142. The modern handshake dates all the way back to the 5th century BC where swordsmen would greet each other with their weapon hand free, showing no sign of a fight.
1143. Eighty five percent of Chinese share only 100 surnames. Li and Zhang in face cover 13% of the entire Chinese population.
1144. If you enjoyed this book and learnt anything it would mean the world to me if you could please leave a review so others can easily find this book and itch their curiosity!
1145. A multi-millionaire named Forrest Fenn has hidden a treasure valued between one to three million dollars in the Rocky Mountains, and in

order to find it, you must solve his riddle. So far, no one has done it or found the treasure.

- 1146. The director of the 1980 horror film 'Cannibal Holocaust' had to prove in court that the actors were still alive and didn't get killed during the movie.
- 1147. At the age of 15, Anne Mackosinski managed to invent a flashlight that is powered solely by the hands body heat. She later created a headlamp that's also powered by body heat.
- 1148. Ninjas didn't actually wear black. According to the ninja museums in Japan, the best color to wear during the night time for ninjas was actually dark navy blue.
- 1149. Red pandas use their long bushy tails to balance whenever they're in trees. Their tails were also used to cover themselves for warmth in the winter.
- 1150. During job interviews google doesn't ask for GPA or test scores from their candidates, because they don't correlate at all with success at the company.
- 1151. Only 5% of Norway's financial transactions are done in cash. In fact it's possible that by 2020 Norway could be completely cash free.
- 1152. In the movie the Matrix, Neo's passport expires on September 11th, 2001.
- 1153. The Ben Franklin effect is a psychological phenomenon where someone who has done a favor for someone else is more likely to do another favor for that person than they would be if they had received a favor from that person.
- 1154. You can actually reshape some babies' ears. Some of them have a condition called lidling, where the top part of the cartilage in the ear is basically folded over so the top ridge is kind of rounded over. However there's actually a mold, called EarWell, that can change the shape of your baby's ear in approximately six weeks.
- 1155. There are more bicycles than people in Copenhagen, and five times as many bicycles as cars. Over 50% of city dwellers commute by bicycle, and over 41% arrive at their place of work or study by bike.

1156. In the United States, the government can legally read any emails that you have that are over 180 days old without a warrant. The Electronic Communications Privacy Act was enacted long before everybody had email and the law still allows them to do this.
1157. India-based Graviky Labs has found a way to use pigment from carbon soot-polluted air to make pens, oil-based paints, and spray paint. A single Air Ink pen contains 30 to 40 minutes of carbon emissions from a single car.
1158. As of 2019, Apple has sold over one billion iPhones.
1159. NASA's robotic spacecraft, Juno, traveled a total distance of 1.74 billion miles (2.9 billion kms) to arrive on the planet Jupiter. It launched from Cape Canaveral on August 5th, 2011, and arrived on Jupiter on July 4th, 2016.
1160. In California, on July 30th, 2016, 42-year-old paratrooper Luke Aikens became the first person to jump from an airplane without a parachute or wingsuit. He jumped 25,000 feet (7,620 meters) to Earth, setting a world record for the highest jump. He landed safely in a 100-square-foot (9 square meter) net. That's about one third the size of a football field.
1161. According to a study done in 2008, smells can influence our dreams. Subjects of the study where the scent of roses were infused when they were dreaming gave nearly all of them pleasant dreams. However, when the air around those subjects was infused with the smell of rotten eggs while they were dreaming, they had negative dreams.
1162. There's an inn in Idaho called the Dog Bark Park Inn, where guests can stay in the world's largest beagle. You enter the body of the beagle from a second-story deck. Up another level into the head of the dog is a loft, and there's an additional sleeping space and a cozy alcove in the muzzle.
1163. In 1958, Robert Lane from New York City named his son Winner, and later another son, Loser. Winner ended up as a criminal with a lengthy arrest record, and his son loser went on to prep school on a scholarship, graduated from college, and joined the New York Police Department.

1164. The crew of Apollo 15 placed a small aluminum sculpture on the moon to memorialize fallen astronauts. In 1971, that number was 14. There's also a plaque bearing their names.
1165. Squirrels have actually been known to adopt another squirrel's baby if the parent dies.
1166. Monkey brains are considered a delicacy in parts of South Asia, Africa, and China. They're considered an easily digestible substance often given to children, and there are even entire cookbooks dedicated on how to cook them.
1167. The Satere-Mawe Indians initiate their boys at the age of 13 by making them wear gloves made of bullet ants for 10 minutes. They are repeatedly bitten, which is incredibly painful, but must not cry out if they want to be declared a man.
1168. Octopuses will actually break off a limb as part of a fight to impress a mate or to get away from a predator. They will also eat their own arms once in a while, which some scientists believe may be due to a disease of some sort.
1169. When flying in a flock, Flamingos can fly as fast as 35 miles (55 km) per hour. They may seem clumsy in flight, however, because this is because their long necks stretch out in front of their bodies, and their long legs dangle well past their short tails.
1170. In California, there's a law that prohibits a vehicle without a driver to exceed 60 miles (97 km) per hour. Companies like Google who make autonomous cars have the technology to make them go much faster but must limit them based on this law.
1171. There is an app that exists called Photo Math that solves any math equation you can point your phone at.
1172. Lobsters have some really weird anatomy. Their brains are in their throats, their nervous systems are in their abdomens, their teeth are in their stomachs, and their kidneys are in their heads.
1173. The Carrot House in Warsaw is the world's tiniest house measuring only 92 centimeters at its narrowest point and 152 centimeters at its widest.

1174. Africam is a website that brings you live, 24/7 video feed of protected areas of southern Africa. You can watch elephants, giraffes, zebras, hyenas and all kinds of species of wildlife living there.
1175. There is a 1966 Volvo with more than 3 million miles on it.
1176. Horror movie sound tracks sometimes include infrasound, which is sound below the range of human hearing. Even though we can't hear it, we can still feel it, and infrasound has been shown to induce anxiety, heart palpitations and even shivering.
1177. In Japan, you can hire a handsome man to show up at your office and watch sad videos with you until you cry and then wipe away your tears for you.
1178. Charles Baldwin, designer of the international biohazard symbol, said regarding his design, we wanted to create something that was memorable but meaningless, so that we could educate people as to what it means.
1179. The total cost of climbing Mount Everest, to pay for 'Sherpas', supplies and permits, is between \$60,000 and \$120,000.
1180. According to the Guinness World Records, as of 2015, the world record for long distance archery is held by a paralympic, armless archer, Matt Stutzman.
1181. There is a ten-year-old girl named Esther Okade who is already enrolled in university, and has the highest exam scores in her class. She mastered algebra at the age of four.
1182. The rarest wild cat in the world is the Bornean Bay Cat. Only 12 have ever been captured and studied between the years of 1874 and 2002. That's one every 10 years.
1183. Shani Shingnapur is a small village in India with 300 buildings, all of which have no doors in their doorways. These people leave their homes, businesses, and schools open at all times under the belief that if anyone does anything dishonest, that they will face seven years bad luck.
1184. In 1883, the body of a bear and a man named Frank Devereaux were found dead side-by-side with the ground around them thrashed. It's

believed that the man and bear fought to the death.

1185. There are over 500 hundred different ways to cook potatoes. In fact, a recipe book on it was put together by former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's wife, and was gifted to Britain. It now sits in the British foreign office.
1186. There is a bottle of vodka that costs 3.75 million U.S. dollars, and it's filtered through sand made from crushed diamonds and gems.
1187. A study concluded by the Journal of Positive Psychology concluded that two thirds of humans have no idea what they're good at and what their strengths are.
1188. In 2014, Beyonce made about \$3.65 U.S. every second.
1189. The Pixar team came up with the concepts of "Wall-E", "A Bug's Life", "Monsters Inc.", and 'Finding Nemo' all over a lunch-break in 1994.
1190. There is a floating stage in Singapore that sits above the water that can bear the weight of 9,000 people. It's used as a soccer field, concert stage, and place of celebration.
1191. The world's tallest man, Bao Xishun, used his long arms reaching 1.06 meters to remove plastic from the stomachs of two dolphins, which ultimately saved their lives after trainers tried numerous other methods.
1192. When Julius Caesar first discovered giraffes, he named them camelopards, since they reminded him of both camels and leopards.
1193. British banking giant HSBC admitted to laundering billions of dollars for Colombian and Mexican drug cartels and violating a host of important banking laws. But, somehow, there were no criminal charges and no one went to jail.
1194. You can't usually smell your own house or perfume because of the survival instinct called "olfactory adaptation". The brain is always looking for new, unusual, or changing smells as a sign of possible danger. So, it ignores smells that it has become familiar with.
1195. There is a company called Hoxton Street Monster Supplies that sells salt made from real human tears, and disturbingly there are four kinds,



harvested from different moments. Sneezing, chopping onions, laughter and anger.

- 1196. An Australian man named Don Ritchie lives across the street from the most famous suicide spot in Australia; a cliff known as The Gap. He, alone, has prevented around 160 suicides in his 50 years of living there by striking up a conversation with people contemplating suicide by inviting them into his house for tea.
- 1197. For the past 15 years, a Bulgarian man named Dobri Dobrev has walked up to 25 kilometers every single day to beg for money for orphanages that are unable to pay their bills. He turned 101 in July of this year.
- 1198. An adopted man in Michigan named Steve Flaig searched for his birth mother for four years before finally discovering in 2007 that she worked at the same Lowe's store that he worked at. Amazingly neither of them knew.
- 1199. A moment is actually a medieval unit of time equal to 90 seconds. There are 40 moments in an hour.
- 1200. The Queen of England's portrait has been on enough International money to make a progressive timeline of her aging.

### **Facts 1201-1500**

- 1201. An Abu-dhabi oil sheik named Hamad Bin Hamdan Al Nahyan carved his name in the desert in letters that are over 1,000 meters long.
- 1202. Istanbul has a vending machine that releases food and water for stray dogs in exchange for recyclable bottles.
- 1203. The first animal to ever ask an existential question was from a parrot named Alex. He asked what color he was, and learned that he was gray.
- 1204. In January 1961 the U.S. Air Force accidentally dropped two nuclear bombs in Goldsboro North Carolina when a bomber broke in half in the air. Fortunately the bomb didn't go off but if it did it would've caused more destruction than Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

1205. People who're in love can actually synchronize their heartbeats just by gazing into each others eyes.
1206. Exercising increases productivity. Having a regular exercise routine can make you happier, smarter and more energetic and thus last longer throughout the day.
1207. In 2009 archaeologist discovered the fossils of a primitive species of crocodiles that actually galloped. They lived 100 million years ago, walked with the dinosaurs and sometimes even ate them.
1208. Approximately 50% of Asians have trouble metabolizing alcohol because they're missing a liver enzyme that's needed to process it.
1209. England's Big Ben is actually leaning to the northwest by .26 degrees, putting it out of alignment at its highest point by 1.6 feet. It was discovered when Transport for London commissioned a report, that the London clay on which the tower was built on is drying out, causing the lean.
1210. In 1930, the planet Pluto was named by an 11 year old named Venetia Burney. She suggested the name Pluto to her grandfather, who in turn suggested it to a friend who happened to be an astronomy professor at Oxford University. He was also one of the leaders in the worldwide effort to produce an astrographic chart.
1211. According to a study done in 2001 by Diane Reese of the Osborn Laboratory of Marine Sciences at the New York Aquarium, dolphins actually recognize themselves and notice changes in their appearance when looking in a mirror. Prior to this research, only higher primates, such as humans and chimpanzees had demonstrated self-recognition in mirrors.
1212. Researchers at the University of Montreal have concluded that everyone has the potential ability to be a good singer. It's a developed skill that gets better with practice and worse by lack of use.
1213. There's an infrared device that exists that detects the locations of medical patients' veins and projects them onto the skin.
1214. The Keikyu Aburatsubo Marine Park in Japan has tiny holes in the otter enclosure which allows visitors to shake hands with these

animals.

- 1215. A group of pandas is known as an embarrassment.
- 1216. In 1948 the committee responsible for awarding the Nobel Peace Prize chose no one, stating there was no suitable living candidate, mostly as a tribute to Mahatma Gandhi who was assassinated earlier that year.
- 1217. The word "BAE" which is popular in North American society is actually the Danish word for poop.
- 1218. You can tell identical twin babies apart by their navels since the navel is a scar and isn't caused by genetics.
- 1219. Allen Gans holds the world record for the longest person as an icecream man. He's been serving ice cream since 1947 in the greater Boston area and knows 90 % of his customers by name.
- 1220. The Nasir Almoque Mosque in Iran is known for its incredible stained glass windows. When the morning sunlight shines through the windows, the interior of the mosque reflects the windows like a kaleidoscope.
- 1221. In 1995 NASA scientists experimented on spiders to see how drugs like LSD, marijuana, caffeine and peyote would affect them. The results showed that spiders would spin webs differently depending on the type of drug that they were given. The more toxic the drug, the less organised their webs were.
- 1222. Soviet diplomat Vyacheslav Molotov is thought to be the only man to ever shake hands with Stalin, Lenin, Hitler, Himmler, Goering, Roosevelt, and Churchill and is also the inspiration behind the term Molotov cocktail.
- 1223. The Wright brothers only ever flew together once, in 1910. This is because their father feared losing both sons in an airplane accident, so he gave them special permission just that one time.
- 1224. Psychopaths are only capable of perceiving the positive consequences for their actions as opposed to any negative ones.
- 1225. When you yawn and stretch at the time, you are "pandiculating."

1226. Tupac danced ballet in high school and ended up portraying the Mouse King in a production of The Nutcracker.
1227. Babies are born without kneecaps. They don't appear until the child reaches 2-6 years of age.
1228. Arnold Schonberg suffered from triskaidecaphobia, the fear of the number 13. He died at 13 minutes from midnight on Friday the 13th.
1229. Actor Sean Bean is so terrified of flying that during the filming of Lord of the Rings, while shooting in remote mountain locations, he traveled via sky lift and walked the remainder of the journey all in full costume.
1230. There are fireworks that can be set off in daylight by using colored smoke.
1231. That dark band that you can see between the primary and secondary bows of a rainbow has a name. It's been referred to as Alexander's band or Alexander's dark band, after Alexander of Aphrodisiacs first described it in 200 AD.
1232. The Chinese giant salamander is the world's largest living amphibian and can grow up to six feet (1.8 meters) long and can weigh as much as 110 pounds (500 kg).
1233. Watermelon is made up of 92% water. It's actually an excellent choice to stay hydrated and is low in calories.
1234. It's possible for a poisonous snake, after being decapitated for hours, to bite and inject venom and still kill you. According to Steven Beaupre, biology professor at the University of Arkansas, snakes are well-known for retaining reflexes after death. For venomous snakes like cobras and rattlesnakes, biting is one of those reflexes.
1235. In the 15 and 1600s, women who were seen gossiping, riotous, or troublesome were made to wear scold's bridle, also known as branks, as punishment. Disturbingly, it was made of an iron frame that encased the head, and at the front was a bridle or bit, like a horse, that extended into the mouth and held down the tongue with a spiked plate. It literally made it impossible to speak, so it was basically a muzzle for a woman.

1236. After Abraham Lincoln was assassinated his body was taken on a two-week, 1,600-mile (2500 km) tour via train. He was accompanied by the body of his son, William Wallace Lincoln, who had died of typhoid fever at the age of only 11, and buried in the DC area of 1862. The train made a tour through 400 train stations, and viewings were arranged where his body was on display for mourners.
1237. In 2006, Michigan woman Lynn Sterling tried to sell a mummified human skeleton on eBay. eBay removed the posting because it violated their policy against selling human remains.
1238. It's possible for cats and dogs to be allergic to human dander. Dander is made up of tiny cells shed from hair, fur, or feathers. And though you mostly hear it in relation to pets, humans produce it too.
1239. The mantis shrimp can punch with a speed equal to a bullet, fifty times that of a blink of an eye. In fact, a blow from a mantis shrimp can easily break through the shell of a crab or mollusk.
1240. Until 1987, all surgeries performed on infants were done without anesthesia, under the belief that infants were not capable of feeling pain.
1241. In 2012 a man sued Pepsi after he found a mouse in his Mountain Dew. However, Pepsi fought and won the case, proving that any mouse would have dissolved inside a can of Mountain Dew after 30 days, and that this can was purchased 74 days after being manufactured.
1242. Railroad tycoon George Pullman's family were so worried that former employees would desecrate his corpse after death that they buried him at night in a pit 2.4 meters deep under layers of steel reinforced concrete in a lead-lined casket.
1243. Elephants can use the skin folds on their backs to crush mosquitos.
1244. There is a doctor in Nepal named Sanduk Ruit who has restored vision to over 100,000 people in the developing world.
1245. In the average lifetime, a person will walk the equivalent of 5 times around the equator.
1246. A research paper from 2013 concluded that Harry Potter fans tend to be more open to diversity, politically tolerant, less authoritarian, and less

likely to support the use of deadly force or torture.

1247. You can be criminally prosecuted for making death threats written entirely in emoji.

1248. If you were to commit suicide in Japan by either jumping in front of a train or killing yourself in your apartment building, the train or building company will actually sue your family for clean-up fees, loss of income, and negative publicity brought upon them by your suicide.

1249. James Cameron was actually homeless when he wrote 'The Terminator' and sold the rights to it for only one dollar on the condition that he could direct it.

1250. -40 Celsius and -40 Fahrenheit are the same temperature.

1251. A company by the name of Vestergaard Frandsen, in Europe, launched a LifeStraw in 2006, which makes contaminated water safe to drink. Users simply just have to suck up the contaminated water through it as if they were any other regular straw. Without using batteries or chemicals, it removes 99.9% of parasites, 99.9999% of viruses and provides one person with an entire year's worth of drinking water for only \$20.00.

1252. One of the ingredients needed to make dynamite is peanuts.

1253. In Dubai there's a weight loss competition called 'Your Child In Gold'. The campaign is aimed at early obesity and winners get 90 pounds (40 kilograms) in gold.

1254. The pet rock became so popular when it came out that within the first six months of its release, Gary Doll the inventor earned \$15 million.

1255. While you sleep you can't smell anything, even really bad or potent smells.

1256. In 1963 Alfred Heineken designed the 'Heineken World Bottle', a brick that holds beer that can be used to build houses. Unfortunately the project never came into fruition and the Heineken estate and museum are the only two places in the entire world with a beer brick wall.

1257. The Gippsland lakes in Victoria, Australia glow in the dark. The light is created by a chemical reaction called bioluminescence when

naturally occurring microorganisms in the water are disturbed.

1258. In 2012, Healthpoint Biotherapeutics, of Fort Worth, Texas, developed a portable, spray on skin, that can heal severe wounds much faster. The spray on skin is actually made up of skin cells and suspended in a mixture of different types of proteins.
1259. Andre the Giant died on the night of January 27th, 1993 in a hotel room in Paris. Coincidentally, he was in Paris to attend his own father's funeral.
1260. The longest mathematical proof in history is 15,000 pages long, involved more than 100 mathematicians, and took over 30 years to complete.
1261. Some of the largest spider webs in the world are built by the *Anelosimus Eximius*; a breed of social spider that works together in a community. Over 50,000 spiders can live on one web until they eventually outgrow it and have to form new colonies.
1262. Apples originated in Kazakhstan, and wild apples can taste like roses, strawberries, popcorn, anise and many other flavors. In fact, in 90% of modern apples can be traced back to two trees.
1263. Rotterdam, in the Netherlands, is getting a floating forest. They're taking 20 trees that have been removed for development and placing them in boats throughout the waterfront.
1264. Yellow snow isn't the only snow you shouldn't eat. According to a new study published in the Journal of Environmental Science Processes and Impacts, all snow can be harmful because it attracts particles from car exhaust fumes like a magnet.
1265. Instead of its Gross National Product, Bhutan measures its development and prosperity by its Gross National Happiness. It's been doing this since 1971 and is the only country to do so.
1266. There is an English law called right to light that allows long-standing owners of buildings that receive natural daylight for at least 20 years, to forbid any construction that would block the windows and deprive them of that light.

1267. Greek statues aren't actually white like we thought they were. Ultraviolet light has revealed that they were once originally brightly painted, but after thousands of years the paint's wore away to show the statues as we know them today.
1268. Vikings never actually wore horned helmets. The only helmet that was discovered to be a Viking heritage shows a rounded iron cap and no horns whatsoever.
1269. In 1950, almost the entire Soviet hockey team died in a plane crash. The team's manager was Vasily Stalin, son of Joseph Stalin. He was afraid of his father's reaction to the crash and recruited a whole team immediately and surprisingly, his father never knew the difference.
1270. You can rent the entire country of Liechtenstein for 70,000 dollars a night. In fact Snoop Dogg once tried to do that in 2011 for a video shoot but the country said no primarily because he just didn't give them enough notice.
1271. Australia, literally, lost a prime minister Harold Holt, on December 17th of 1967, who went for a swim and just never came back.
1272. High atmospheric pressure affects the bubbles in your coffee. Therefore, if bubbles are closer to the center, you can expect it to rain or have other stormy weather.
1273. Elephants remember and mourn their loved ones like us, sometimes years after their death.
1274. In 1999 a woman named Penny Brown saved a little boy, Kevin Stefan's life by giving him CPR after he was hit in the chest with a baseball bat. However, just seven years later, he ended up saving her from choking to death by giving her the Heimlich maneuver.
1275. There is a cryptid that's believed to exist in the Gobi Desert called the Mongolian Death Worm. It can grow up to 1.5 meters long and kills its prey with electric shocks from its eyes.
1276. In 2013 a bank worker in Germany fell asleep on his keyboard's number- two button causing him to transfer 222,222,222 euros on a transfer that should have been worth only 62 euros. Interestingly his coworker was the one fired for not spotting the error.



1277. Users upload an average of 350 million photos to Facebook every day and in total have uploaded more than 250 billion photos to date.
1278. The role of Captain Jack Sparrow was originally offered to Jim Carrey but he turned it down for the role of Bruce Almighty.
1279. According to neuroscientist Glen Jeffrey, who investigates vision at the University College London, the eye color of reindeer changes depending on the time of year. In the summer, they actually turn golden, reflecting more light through the retina, which helps them deal with the almost continuous Arctic summer daylight. In the winter however, they turn a deep blue to help them deal with the almost continuous winter darkness.
1280. There's a Sign Post Forest just outside of Watson Lake, Yukon. It was started in 1942 when a soldier named Carl K. Lindley was injured while working on the Alcan Highway. He was taken to the Army air station in Watson Lake to recuperate. While he was there he was homesick, so he decided to put up a sign of Danville, Illinois, his hometown. Tourists continued the tradition, and there are currently 72,000 signs from around the world.
1281. Since the first nuclear test explosion on July 16th, 1945, at least eight nations have detonated 2,054 nuclear test explosions at dozens of test sites around the world.
1282. There's something that exists called elimination communication where, instead of using diapers, the parent learns to use timing, signals, and cues to know when their baby needs to pee or poo.
1283. Jackrabbits are actually hares, not rabbits. They can reach speeds of 40 miles (64 km) per hour and jump as high as 10 feet (3 metres) in the air.
1284. The Lehe Ledu Wildlife Zoo in Chongqing, China, put the people visiting the zoo in cages instead of the animals. The cages are stalked by lions and tigers, so the guests are warned to keep their fingers and hands inside the cage at all times.
1285. The unborn babies of a female sea louse actually chew their way out of the mother's insides to be born.

1286. A 63-year-old Tasmanian woman gave birth to her first baby in August of 2016, making her Australia's oldest new mother.
1287. According to a report from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Health Statistics, American men now weigh, on average, 196 pounds (89 kg) on average, 15 pounds (7 kg) more than 20 years ago, and women weigh 168 pounds (76 kg) on average, which is 16 pounds (7 kg) more than 20 years ago.
1288. There's a flower called the corpse flower, which is called that because it smells like putrefying and decaying flesh, which only blooms every seven to 10 years.
1289. According to a study done in 2012 by Japanese researcher Hiroshi Nittono, looking at images of cute animals like puppies and pandas at work not only improve your mood but also boosts your attention to detail and overall performance.
1290. An Iowa artist named Patrick Acton built a complete model of Hogwarts out of six hundred and two thousand matchsticks held together by almost 60 liters of wood glue.
1291. Sugar gliders are such social creatures that if they're deprived of social interaction they can actually become depressed and die.
1292. In the Middle Ages, doctors believed that farting into jars and sniffing them, would prevent death or more specifically the black death plague which they called therapeutic stink.
1293. The richest woman in Germany Susanne Klatten met her husband while she was working in an internship for BMW under a fake name. In the 1980s he had no idea who she actually was until she was sure about the relationship when she revealed herself.
1294. There are approximately 10 quintillion insects on the planet. That's 10 with 18 zeros behind it or roughly 200 million insects per human.
1295. In 1992, thousands of plastic yellow ducks broke free from a cargo ship in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, and for the past 23 years, these ducks have since turned up in locations all over the world, and have even been used to track ocean currents.

1296. Research conducted at the University of Stanford concluded that a racially diverse group has the ability to solve problems more effectively than a group with only one race in it.
1297. If you watch any classic Clint Eastwood film, you will often see his character smoking like Dirty Harry, despite the fact that Clint never smoked habitually in real life, and actually practiced healthy dieting and meditation since his youth.
1298. In South Korea, children under 17 are blocked from playing online games past midnight, which is monitored by their KSSN, the Korean Social Security Number.
1299. On April Fool's Day in 1989, billionaire Richard Branson designed a hot air balloon to look like a UFO, and hired a dwarf in an ET costume to come out and scare whoever was near it when it landed.
1300. The band Blink-182 incorporated under the name Pennywise Poo Poo Butt Inc so that their accountants, managers and attorneys would have to say that when doing business.
1301. When James Bond actor, Daniel Craig first ran off with his current wife Rachel Weisz in 2010, he actually had a fiancée at the time. And when she found out, she spent a million dollars on his credit line in revenge.
1302. Robert Hubbard was executed in 1666 for starting the great fire of London by claiming he threw a firebomb through a bakery window. However, this was despite the fact that he was heavily crippled, the bakery had no windows, and it was proved at his trial that he wasn't even in the country at the time.
1303. Jennifer Lopez's common nickname in parts of Hong Kong and China is Lord of Butt.
1304. Pharrell Williams was fired from three separate McDonald's restaurants when he was 17 for being lazy and stealing McNuggets.
1305. Every December 25th, the inhabitants of the Chumbivilcas Province in Peru celebrate Takanakuy. This is where men settle grudges from the past year by calling each other out and having a fist fight. Then everybody goes drinking to numb the pain and move on to a new year.

1306. There exists a set of 19 questions among doctors such as “do we have the right patient” and “what operation are we performing” known as the “safe surgery checklist” which has been proven to reduce surgical deaths by more than 40 percent. 163.65% of smartphone users download zero apps per month.
1307. The great pyramids in Egypt were actually shiny like glass at one point 4,000 years ago. Craftsmen were tasked to polish the stone surfaces to perfection.
1308. In 2010, Mattel made and sold Wonder Woman's invisible jet as a collectible. The package was an empty plastic shell with nothing inside and the packaging had weights to give the illusion that there was actually something inside, and people bought this.
1309. Actor Don Johnson once asked famed journalist Hunter S. Thompson what is the sound of one hand clapping. Hunter S. Thompson answered by reaching up and slapping Johnson upside the head.
1310. Blind people forget many memories since they don't have visual imagery and can't look at pictures to reminisce. A 3D printing company known as Touchable Memories prints 3D objects from old photos so that the blind can touch them, feel, and relive their cherished moments like never before.
1311. Jamaica, Colombia, and Saint Lucia are the only countries in the world where a boss is more likely to be a woman than a man.
1312. Believe it or not, you can determine the temperature outside by counting the chirps made by crickets. According to the Farmer's Almanac, to convert cricket chirps to celsius, you count the number of chirps in 25 seconds, divide by three, then add four to get the temperature.
1313. There's something called a moonbow or lunar rainbow that's a rainbow that can be seen at night and happens very rarely. In order for this to happen, a full moon is needed, it must be raining opposite to the moon, the sky must be dark, and the moon must be less than 42 degrees high.
1314. The longest solar eclipse in the 21st century lasted six minutes and 39 seconds, and it won't be surpassed in duration until the eclipse of June

13, 2132.

- 1315. Venus and Uranus are the only planets that rotate clockwise. The other six planets in the solar system rotate counterclockwise.
- 1316. Pope Francis broke a record when he hit one million Instagram followers within 12 hours of starting the account. The previous record was set by David Beckham at one million within 24 hours. He christened the account on a Saturday with a photo of him kneeling in prayer with an accompanying message that said, "Pray for me," in nine languages.
- 1317. Before Samuel L. Jackson became a movie star, he was Bill Cosby's camera stand-in 'On The Cosby Show'.
- 1318. Leonardo da Vinci was dyslexic. Also strangely, not because of his dyslexia, he chose to write all of his notes to himself backwards in mirror writing, meaning that you can only read them in the reflection of a mirror. However notes that he wrote to other people, he wrote in a normal direction.
- 1319. A college student in 1979 only had to work about 182 hours per year in order to pay for tuition. The average student in 2013 had to work over 991.
- 1320. Penguin One, an organic chemical compound, got its name from the fact that its molecular structure resembles a penguin.
- 1321. The heaviest human ever recorded was Jon Minnoch and weighed 1,400 pounds (635 kg). He later lost approximately 924 pounds (419 kg), the largest human weight loss ever documented.
- 1322. The idea for the film 'The Human Centipede' came from a joke made by the writer/director Tom Six on how child molesters should be punished.
- 1323. During the late 1800's, a baboon named Jack was employed by the railroad in Cape Town South Africa as a signalman. He never once made a mistake and worked for the railroad until his death.
- 1324. Scientists have begun arguing that we may actually have more than five basic senses including magnetoception, the ability to detect magnetic fields and Chronoception, the sense of time passing.

1325. In 1898 Bayer introduced diacetylmorphine, marketed as a cure for morphine addiction and cough suppressant. Today that drug is better known by the name heroin.
1326. In the 1930s an Argentinean engineer named Juan Vilar created a rain-making machine and successfully made it rain in several places at once. He then disappeared without a trace.
1327. Marvel's The Avengers movie caused shawarma sales to skyrocket nationwide in America in 2012, purely because of an extra scene in which Thor, Captain America, Bruce Banner, and the rest of the heroic clan are quietly enjoying shawarma after casually saving the world.
1328. The most densely populated island on the planet is Santa Cruz del Islote, off the coast of Colombia. It measures only about 0.012 kilometers, but is home to over 12,000 people.
1329. A biotech startup has managed to print 3D rhino horns that are genetically similar to a real horn. The best thing about it is the company plans to flood Chinese and Vietnamese markets, where the demand is high, and bring down the price, and thus, demands.
1330. The movie Straight Outta Compton didn't play in Compton because there are no theaters there.
1331. A man in the United Kingdom was so fed up that his city wasn't repairing potholes he went and spray painted penises on them earning him the nickname "Wanksy."
1332. There is a natural rock formation off of the coast of Iceland that looks like a giant elephant.
1333. Donald Trump was actually the inspiration for the character Biff Tannen in the Back to the Future trilogy.
1334. There is a bookstore in Australia where books are wrapped in paper with short descriptions so that no one can judge a book by its cover.
1335. In Albania, nodding your head means no, and shaking your head means yes.
1336. A human taste bud has an average lifespan of seven to 10 days. Taste bud cells undergo continual turnover, even into adulthood, but taste

buds in rats last from two days to over three weeks.

1337. There were over 13 couples celebrating their honeymoon on the Titanic, however none of them survived upon impact and the subsequent sinking of the boat.
1338. Dogs love the herb anise the same way that cats love catnip. In fact, anise is the scent on the artificial rabbit that is used in greyhound races to get the dogs to run.
1339. The hardest bone in the human body is the jawbone. Also known as the mandible, it's also the largest and strongest bone in the human face.
1340. Believe it or not, you consume 1/10th of a calorie by licking a U.S. stamp, but if you were to lick a stamp in Britain, it's 5.9 calories per lick and the adhesive on a larger commemorative or special British stamp contains a whopping 14.5 calories.
1341. Camels actually have three eyelids to protect their eyes from blowing sand. The upper and lower eyelids have eyelashes, however there's a third one that's a thin membrane that they can see through even in a sandstorm.
1342. Your sense of smell and taste begin to improve dramatically within 48 hours of quitting smoking.
1343. Potatoes have almost all the nutrients that humans need to survive. To prove this, the executive director from the Washington State Potato Commission, ate nothing but potatoes for 60 days and was just fine.
1344. Caromont Farms, in Esmont, Virginia, posted a message on its Facebook page earlier this year, looking for volunteers to snuggle with its baby goats. Not surprisingly, the sign up list filled up immediately.
1345. After its tourism sector boomed, Kazakhstan's foreign minister thanked Sacha Baron Cohen back in 2012 for the release of Borat after the country saw a 10 times increase in issued visas.
1346. In 2014, a woman named Nancy Cohen was moved into a nursing home. Her relocated cat, Cleo, showed up two weeks later, even though she had never been there before. She started hanging out on benches until somebody noticed her, and now they live together at the facility.

1347. The Taxi Fabric Project in Mumbai, India lets upcoming designers reupholster and completely transform taxi cab interiors.
1348. There is a unique tree near Piemonte, Italy called The Double Tree of Casorzo. It's actually two trees in one, a cherry tree growing on top of a mulberry tree.
1349. According to Daniel J. Buysse, a psychiatrist at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, about two percent of the population are considered the sleepless elite. This means that they are night owls and early birds simultaneously.
1350. When Neuroscientist James Fallon was studying the brains of psychopathic killers, he scanned his own brain as a control, only to discover that he himself was a psychopath. When he told his friends and family, the universal response was "That explains a lot."
1351. Argentine ants have a worldwide mega-colony. In fact, if they got on an airplane and traveled to a different continent, they would actually be welcomed by a foreign branch of the colony.
1352. A study once found that, while sober, rats prefer silence, but on cocaine, they prefer jazz.
1353. In the 1930s, two psychologists adopted a baby chimp and tried to raise her as their own child alongside their real infant son, Donald, to see if it caused the chimp to learn human behavior. They stopped the experiment after nine months because their son actually started behaving more like the chimp.
1354. Gun laws in Japan are so strict that even when a police officer killed himself with one once, he was posthumously charged with breaking the law.
1355. Ravens are one of the smartest animals on earth. They actually try to hide their food from each other but are only sometimes successful because they're all so smart.
1356. Various studies have shown that coffee prevents cancer, reduces risk of diabetes, and can improve overall health.
1357. John F. Kennedy's grandmother, Mary Josephine Fitzgerald, not only outlived her grandson, but she was never told about his assassination.



1358. In the early 1930s, Warner Brothers began producing animated shorts specifically for the purpose of promoting music owned by the company. They were called Looney Tunes.
1359. When Google first announced Gmail on April 1st with an unbelievable one gig of free storage, back in 2004, which at the time seemed impossible with Hotmail only offering 2 megabytes, people thought that it was an April Fool's Day joke.
1360. Believe it or not, outer space is only an hour away if you could drive a car straight into the sky at 96 kilometers an hour or 60 miles an hour.
1361. In the early 1800s, Napoleon demanded a method of communication that would not require light or sound. It was called night writing and was developed as a tactile military code. Night writing became the basis for braille.
1362. Niccolò Paganini, regarded by many people to be the greatest violin virtuoso of all time, was so good that in the early 1800s, people began to question if he had sold his soul to the devil for his talent. He was actually forced to publish his mother's letters to him in order to prove that he had human parents.
1363. At one point during the 1985 Geneva Summit, Reagan and Gorbachev agreed to pause the Cold War in case of an alien invasion.
1364. A poisonous lagoon at the quarry in Buxton, England was dyed black for safety. The previous beautiful, azure blue water color was so inviting that the signs did not keep swimmers out.
1365. The world's deepest, darkest, oldest, and quietest motel room is 70 meters underground, at Grand Canyon Caverns in a 65,000,000 year old cave.
1366. Knowledge of silk production was thought to be very valuable and the Chinese kept it a secret for over 3,000 years. In fact it was so secret that anyone who revealed it was sentenced to death by imperial decrees.
1367. A Japanese gymnast named Shun Fujimoto once broke his knee at the Olympics in 1976 but didn't tell anybody and performed miraculously despite his injury, even winning his team a gold medal.

1368. There's a town in Australia where the entire town, 200-plus people, live underground in abandoned opal mines. Residents here have electricity and plumbing, and have been known to find vast amounts of opal when renovating.
1369. Artist Susan Beatrice recycles old watch parts and turns them into intricate steampunk sculptures.
1370. George Hotz, then 17 years old, was the first to unlock a first-generation iPhone and sold the iPhone for a Nissan 350Z and three locked phones.
1371. There's a pepper, grown in Japan, known as the "Shishito pepper". Only one out of every 10 is spicy, and there's no way to know which one beforehand.
1372. There's a mental disorder called maladaptive daydreaming, which causes people to excessively daydream to escape reality as a defense mechanism due to trauma, usually from abuse.
1373. More people have died from selfies than shark attacks.
1374. Treadmills were actually created to punish English prisoners in 1818.
1375. Dr. Duncan MacDougall, Haverhill, once attempted to prove that the human soul had weight by placing dying patients on a giant scale at the exact moment of death. Believe it or not, at the exact moment of death, there was a slight decrease in weight.
1376. Experiences that you have throughout your life leave chemical markers on your DNA, essentially ingraining superficial experiences into your descendants.
1377. Photographer Chompoo Baritone created a photo series that aims at exposing the truth by mocking Instagram users who prop and filter their lives to make them seem more amazing than they really are.
1378. There is a phenomenon that exists called, cellular memory. It occurs when organ transplant recipients experience the same thoughts and cravings as their organ donors.
1379. There is a fish that exists called the Blue Lingcod that has blue flesh. When it's cooked the blue color vanishes completely.

1380. On July 5, 1996, the first mammal ever was successfully cloned. Dolly the sheep was cloned from an adult cell at the Roslin Institute in Scotland. She was named after Dolly Parton because she was cloned from a mammary cell.
1381. Mosquitoes can detect carbon dioxide from 75 feet away. In fact that's how they find their victims.
1382. A galactic year, also known as a cosmic year is the duration of a complete rotation of the Milky Way, which is approximately 200 million terrestrial years.
1383. The human aorta is the largest artery in the human body, and is about the size of a garden hose.
1384. There is a dog breed called Basenji that doesn't have the ability to bark. It can produce a yodeling howl sound though. It's a small to medium sized, square-shaped animal that is believed to be bred intentionally without the ability to bark.
1385. In 2008, the Japanese created a silicon toy called Mugen Puti Puti designed to mimic the sensation of popping bubble wrap for an infinite number of times.
1386. Mexican shamans began to use Coca-Cola in their religious rituals to heal worshipers. When Pepsi discovered this, they offered commissions to Shamans for using Pepsi instead.
1387. Keiko, the orca who starred in Free Willy, was released into the wild on July of 2002 in Iceland after being in captivity for 23 years. A few weeks after his release he showed up at a Norwegian inlet from the sea, looking to make human contact and gave children rides on his back.
1388. If you're looking for a job, the application and resume are not nearly as important as a reference. In fact, knowing someone who works at the company increases your chances of getting an interview and makes you 40% more likely to get the job over someone with a fancier resume.
1389. Jim Wenqi, a blind man, and Jia Haixia a double amputee, together planted 10,000 trees in Yeli Village located in Northern China and plan on planting another 10,000.

1390. According to the world drug report of 2014, Scotland had the highest rate of cocaine use in the world.
1391. While on his deathbed in 1778, French philosopher Voltaire was asked to renounce Satan to which he replied "Now is not the time to be making new enemies" which are thought to be his last words.
1392. Some of the crew working on 'American Horror Story Freak Show' would have to actually leave set at times because 'Twisty the Clown' was so scary while others would complain of nightmares after filming.
1393. Famed writer H.G. Wells' last words on his deathbed in 1946 were "Go away, I'm all right."
1394. Studies in the UK for automotive accidents concluded that short female drivers who sit close to the steering wheel are the most likely to be killed by an airbag.
1395. McDonald's in Hong Kong will soon host cheap "McWeddings" for couples at a cost of around \$1,200 and will actually provide food, drink, and an apple pie for 50 people.
1396. A study conducted in 2013 by the BBC found that 56% of pilots fell asleep while flying and 29% had woken up to find that the copilot was also asleep.
1397. A German engineering company has created the world's first rope free elevator system that uses a magnetic technology which allows elevators to travel sideways as well as up and down.
1398. Economics professors at Emory University found that those who spend below average on their weddings and on their wedding rings have lower divorce rates.
1399. There is only one species of warm-blooded fish on Earth, the Opah.
1400. Pixar spent three years studying the physics of curly hair in order to correctly render Merida's hair in Brave.
1401. If you come across a stranded dolphin, do not help it help it back into the water. More often than not, they beach themselves purposely because they are sick or injured, and are trying to avoid drowning.

1402. In 1888 a pigeon keeper and a beekeeper challenged each other's creatures to a 3.5 mile (5.6 kilometer) organized race in Germany. The bee won by 25 seconds.
1403. When the Confederate Army was low on gun powder, bat caves were raided for poop. Bat poop contains high nitrate content which is a key ingredient for the production of gunpowder.
1404. In 1991, drug lord Pablo Escobar got to build his own prison known as La Cathedral. It featured a soccer field, a giant dollhouse, a bar, a Jacuzzi, and a waterfall. It's where he stayed for only one year and one month after he was caught torturing his guests.
1405. Wild chimpanzees look both ways before crossing the road. The National Museum of Natural History in Paris began studying their vigilance and found that 57% of the time, they would run across the road to be extra safe.
1406. Astronomers have discovered the largest known diamond in the universe is a star named Lucy that is ten trillion, billion karats. This white dwarf has a carbon interior that crystallized as it cooled which formed a giant diamond in the sky. Scientists couldn't resist naming it after The Beatles' song 'Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds'.
1407. In 2013, a dog named Killian saved a baby boy from an abusive babysitter when he alerted his owners by growling and standing between the baby and the sitter whenever she was present. The parents later recorded the abuse and the sitter was convicted.
1408. Panama is the only place in the world where one can see the sun rise on the Pacific Ocean, and set on the Atlantic.
1409. In 1905, 11-year-old Frank Epperson from the San Francisco Bay area invented the popsicle by accident. He left his sugary soda powder that he mixed with water outside overnight and the next morning, it was frozen. He originally named it the eppsicle, but the name was eventually changed to popsicle.
1410. There's a phobia called allodoxaphobia that's actually the fear of people's opinions. People with this live in constant fear and anxiety of hearing other people's opinions of them.

1411. A group of flamingos is called a flamboyance of flamingos.
1412. In 1922, Charles Osborne got a case of the hiccups that lasted until 1990. He was hiccuping 40 times a minute for 68 years and possibly the weirdest thing is that when it stopped, it stopped for unknown reasons.
1413. The New York Presbyterian Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital has a CT scan room that has been turned into a pirate themed island. Children enter the room by walking on a plank and then lay on a boat-shaped table.
1414. Steven Jay Russell escaped four times from prison. The first time, he simply walked out. Upon recapture, Russell lowered and paid his bail by pretending to be a judge, escaped his next capture by impersonating a doctor, and did so again by then faking his death. Eventually he received a 144-year sentence that he is still currently serving.
1415. In 2010, musician Dave Grohl was admitted into a hospital due to a drug overdose. The drug was that he had actually consumed too much caffeine from coffee while recording a new album.
1416. Studies conducted by the University of Toronto concluded that the more that one trusts people, the better they are at spotting liars.
1417. A Japanese soldier was stranded on an island for 30 years after the Second World War had ended. He continued to stand his post in uniform until his commander came to the island to personally dismiss him in 1974.
1418. In 1978, Soviet geologists found a family of six that survived in the middle of Serbia who hadn't seen another human since 1936.
1419. Pumbaa was the first ever character to fart in a Disney movie.
1420. Purple is known as a royal color because back when they relied on only natural dyes purple came from sea snails and it was the hardest dye to extract and produce, so only royals could afford it. In fact, it would take 12,000 snails to produce 1.4 grams of purple dye.
1421. Ants cannot be injured from impact with the ground after being dropped from any height, mostly because they just don't have enough mass.

1422. The Concorde jet, that had its last flight in 2003, had a maximum speed of 1,350 miles (2170 km) per hour. It could fly from London, England to New York City in about three hours, about half the time of other passenger planes.
1423. On the set of the movie, 'Apocalypse Now', the production cast design decided to actually use real bodies instead of fake ones. It was only discovered when a pungent odor became too strong for the rest of the cast to ignore.
1424. There's an annual conference called "The Boring Conference" on boring things. In the past, people have given talks on barcodes, sneezing, and the sounds of vending machines.
1425. Astoundingly the human brain, the universe, and the internet all have similar network patterns and the same growth dynamics.
1426. Norway offers amazing incentives for people who own electric cars such as, free parking, free charging, and the use of bus lanes. Now so many people in Norway have bought electric cars that the incentives actually have to be rolled back.
1427. Sylvan Goldman the inventor of shopping carts, had to hire models to push the carts around in his store to make them more appealing to customers when they first launched.
1428. The first ever 3d feature film was called the Power of Love and premiered in 1922 in Los Angeles. Unfortunately, the 3d version of the film is presumed lost and the 2d version was later shown under the name Forbidden Lover.
1429. Christopher Robin Milne, the son of Winnie the Pooh author, A.A. Milne, and the person who the character Christopher Robin was based off of, actually hated the books his father wrote and thought it was his father's way of exploiting childhood.
1430. The stethoscope was invented in France in 1816 by Rene Laennec because he felt uncomfortable placing his ear on a woman's bare chest in order to listen to her heart.
1431. Owen, a baby hippo from Kenya, was swept away from his mother during a tsunami. He then mistook a 130 year old tortoise for another

hippo and the two actually became best friends.

1432. The graffiti artist David Choe, who painted Facebook's first office in 2005, was paid in shares and is now worth over \$200,000,000.
1433. The Sword-billed hummingbird is the only bird with a bill longer than its body.
1434. High school student Hayden Godfrey started working several jobs, saved his money for a year and a half, and eventually bought a flower for each of the 834 girls at this school, simply because he wanted to them to feel joy.
1435. Watching your favorite movie over and over is good for you. The repetition calms you because knowing the outcome of a story helps you to feel safe in an unpredictable world. It also helps comfort you by recapturing lost feelings, according to a study in 2012 by Cristel Antonia Russell and Sidney J. Levy.
1436. Ironically 'Finding Nemo', a movie about the anguish of a captured clown fish, caused home aquarium demand to triple. Then that demand was met by large-scale harvesting of tropical fish from the wild, which devastated clown fish populations.
1437. In a real world transaction involving Bitcoin a man named Laslow, a computer programmer, paid 10,000 Bitcoin for two large Papa John's pizzas. Only four years later those same Bitcoin were worth 5.12 million dollars.
1438. Even Al Qaeda has gone on record as denouncing the actions of ISIS as anti-Islamic.
1439. A guy named Seth Putnam wrote a song about how being in a coma was stupid, and soon after went into a coma himself. After he awoke, when asked how it felt to be in a coma, he said, "Being in a coma was just as stupid as I wrote it was."
1440. Leonardo da Vinci's The Mona Lisa wasn't famous until it was stolen from the Louvre in 1911.
1441. A hyena's laugh, which is called giggles by zoologists, can be heard up to 42 feet (13 kilometers) away.



1442. Human bone is ridiculously strong. A cubic inch of it can bear the weight of five standard pickup trucks making it four times as strong as concrete.
1443. Barbie's full name is Barbara Millicent Roberts. Her creator, Ruth Handler, invented her back in 1959 and named her after her daughter, Barbara. Ken also has a full name too which is Ken Carson.
1444. There are giant pink slugs found only in the sub-Alpine reaches of Mount Kaputar, Australia. They can reach up to eight inches long and on a good day, you can see hundreds of them.
1445. On D-Day, at least 500 canvassed dummies were dropped away from the Normandy Beaches to distract from actual drop zones. The dummies, called rupertes were just under three feet tall, came with battle sounds and were made to self destruct upon landing so that the Germans couldn't find them.
1450. Prostitution exists among some penguins and chimpanzees. It was first reported in 1998 by Fiona Hunter, a researcher at the University of Cambridge, and Lloyd Davis of the University of Otago. They were studying the mating patterns of the Adelie Penguins, when they noticed that they prostitute themselves for things like stones or food.
1451. Xiao Yun, from China, was missing for 10 years, and was presumed dead, but was then found living in an internet cafe. A runaway at the age of 14, she was good at the game Crossfire, so other gamers paid to watch her play it and she slept at internet cafes for the rest of her life and public bath houses until she was found at the age of 24.
1452. When Don Karkos fought in World War II, he was hit with shrapnel that blinded his right eye. 64 years later, while working in a barn, a horse head-butted him in the exact same spot, threw him against a wall and restored his vision suddenly.
1453. The FBI now tracks animal abuse like it tracks homicides and assaults. They're logic is that they classify animal cruelty as a group A felony, because if you abuse animals, there's a good chance that you'd do the same to a person.

1454. According to a study of surgical residents participating in the Rosser Top Gun Laparoscopic Skills and Suturing Program, surgeons who play video games make 37% fewer errors and complete 27% faster. Video game skills are a strong indicator of surgical skills.
1455. The CIA once created a gun that could shoot darts that caused heart attacks. Upon penetration of the skin, the dart only left a tiny red dot. The poison itself worked rapidly and then denatured quickly afterwards. This was all revealed in 1975, in a congressional testimony.
1456. Wu Hsia, from China, had an ex-girlfriend and current girlfriend jump off a bridge into a river to see who he would rescue. He rescued his current girlfriend.
1457. Oysters make pearls so that they can feel better. When a grain of sand or debris gets stuck in their bodies, they ease the pain and irritation by coating it with multiple layers of nacre. It's a mineral that lines the inside of their shells, and thus, a pearl begins to form.
1458. In the 19th century, Americans purposefully filled their parks with squirrels for entertainment purposes. Before that, they were rarely found outside of forests.
1459. Hippopotamus milk is pink.
1460. Caesar salad has nothing to do with any of the Caesars. It was first concocted in a bar in Tijuana, Mexico, in the 1920's.
1461. Your fingernails grow faster when you are cold.
1462. Snails take the longest naps, some lasting as long as three years.
1463. Crocodiles and alligators are surprisingly fast on land. Although they are rapid, they are not agile. So, if being chased by one, run in a zigzag line to lose him or her.
1464. Octopuses have three hearts.
1465. Since 1978, 37 people have died by Vending Machine's falling on them. 13 people are killed annually. All this while trying to shake merchandise out of them. 113 people have been injured.
1466. Wild dolphins call each other by name.
1467. A grenade blast underwater is more deadly than on land.

1468. To escape the grip of a crocodile's jaws, push your thumbs into its eyeballs - it will let you go instantly.
1469. Mel Blanc (the voice of Bugs Bunny) was allergic to carrots.
1470. Because of the rotation of the earth, an object can be thrown farther if it is thrown west.
1471. Half the foods eaten throughout the world today were developed by farmers in the Andes Mountains (including potatoes, maize, sweet potatoes, squash, all varieties of beans, peanuts, manioc, papayas, strawberries, mulberries and many others).
1472. Right-handed people live, on average; nine years longer than left handed people.
1473. If one spells out numbers, they would have to count to One Thousand before coming across the letter "A".
1474. Ten percent of the Russian government's income comes from the sale of vodka.
1475. The expression 'to get fired' comes from long ago Clans that wanted to get rid of unwanted people, so they would burn their houses instead of killing them, creating the term 'Got fired'.
1476. It has been estimated that humans use only 10% of their brain.
1477. In the United States, a pound of potato chips costs two hundred times more than a pound of potatoes.
1478. If you go blind in one eye you only lose about one fifth of your vision but all your sense of depth.
1479. Celery has negative calories! It takes more calories to eat a piece of celery than the celery has in it.
1480. Studies have shown that children laugh an average of 300 times/day and adults 17 times/day, making the average child more optimistic, curious, and creative than the adult.
1481. The average woman consumes 6 lbs of lipstick in her lifetime.
1482. The phrase "rule of thumb" is derived from an old English law, which stated that you couldn't beat your wife with anything wider than your thumb.

1483. Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history. Spades - King David, Clubs - Alexander the Great, Hearts - Charlemagne, and Diamonds - Julius Caesar.
1484. Jupiter is bigger than all the other planets in our solar system combined.
1485. Emus and kangaroos cannot walk backwards, and are on the Australian coat of arms for that reason.
1486. There are 1 million ants for every human in the world.
1487. The three most recognized Western names in China are Jesus Christ, Richard Nixon, & Elvis Presley.
1488. The Pentagon, in Arlington, Virginia, has twice as many bathrooms as is necessary, because when it was built in the 1940s, the state of Virginia still had segregation laws requiring separate toilet facilities for blacks and whites.
1489. Conception occurs most in the month of December.
1490. One third of all cancers are sun related.
1491. The average lead pencil will draw a line 35 miles long or write approximately 50,000 English words. More than 2 billion pencils are manufactured each year in the United States. If these were laid end to end they would circle the world nine times.
1492. Nearly 80% of all animals on earth have six legs.
1493. Larry Lewis ran the 100-yard dash in 17.8 seconds in 1969, thereby setting a new world's record for runners in the 100-years-or-older class. He was 101.
1494. Ninety percent of all species that have become extinct have been birds.
1495. The only nation whose name begins with an "A", but doesn't end in an "A" is Afghanistan.
1496. The Earth experiences 50,000 Earthquakes per year and is hit by Lightning 100 times a second.
1497. Hershey's Kisses are called that because the machine that makes them looks like it's kissing the conveyor belt.

1498. Statues in parks: If the horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle; if the horse has one front leg in the air, the person died as a result of wounds received in battle; if the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.
1499. It has NEVER rained in Calama, a town in the Atacama Desert of Chile.
1500. The Main Library at Indiana University sinks over an inch every year because when it was built, engineers failed to take into account the weight of all the books that would occupy the building.