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### Animal Oddities

- A group of flamingos is called a flamboyance.
- The only mammal that can truly fly is the bat.
- The heart of a shrimp is located in its head.
- Did you know that a snail can sleep for three years?



## Space Wonders

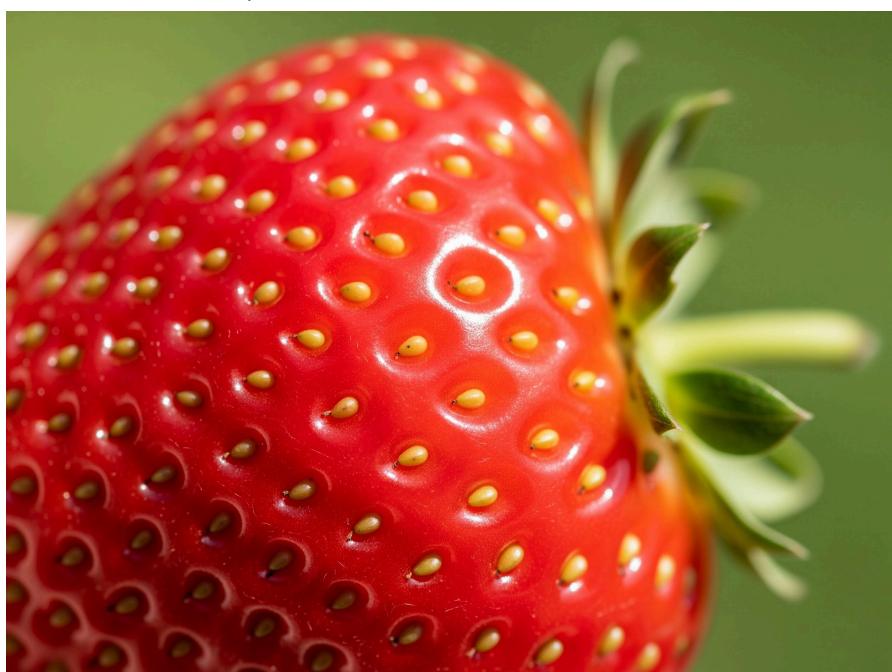
- There are more trees on Earth than stars in the Milky Way galaxy.
- The hottest planet in our solar system is Venus.
- One day on Venus is longer than one year on Venus.

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### Food and Drink Trivia

- Pound cake got its name from its original recipe, which called for a pound of butter, a pound of sugar, a pound of flour, and a pound of eggs.
- Strawberries are the only fruit with seeds on the outside.



- The fear of cooking is called Mageirocophobia.

### Human Body Marvels

- The average person walks the equivalent of five times around the Earth in their lifetime.

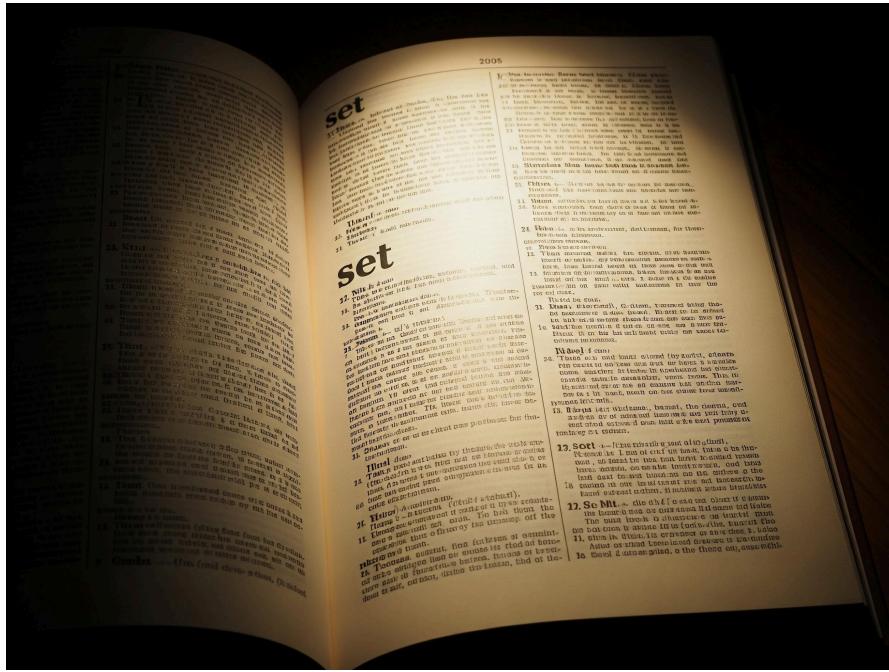
- Your nose can remember 50,000 different scents.

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### Word Play

- "Rhythm" is the longest English word without a vowel.
- The word "set" has the most definitions of any word in the English language.



### Historical Quirks

- The shortest war in history was between Britain and Zanzibar on August 27, 1896. Zanzibar surrendered after 38 to 45 minutes.
- Before the invention of the rubber eraser, people used wads of bread.

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### Nature's Delights

- Honey never spoils. Archaeologists have found pots of honey in ancient Egyptian tombs that are over 3,000 years old and still perfectly edible.



- The northern lights (Aurora Borealis) can be heard, but only faintly, as a crackling sound.

### Architectural Wonders

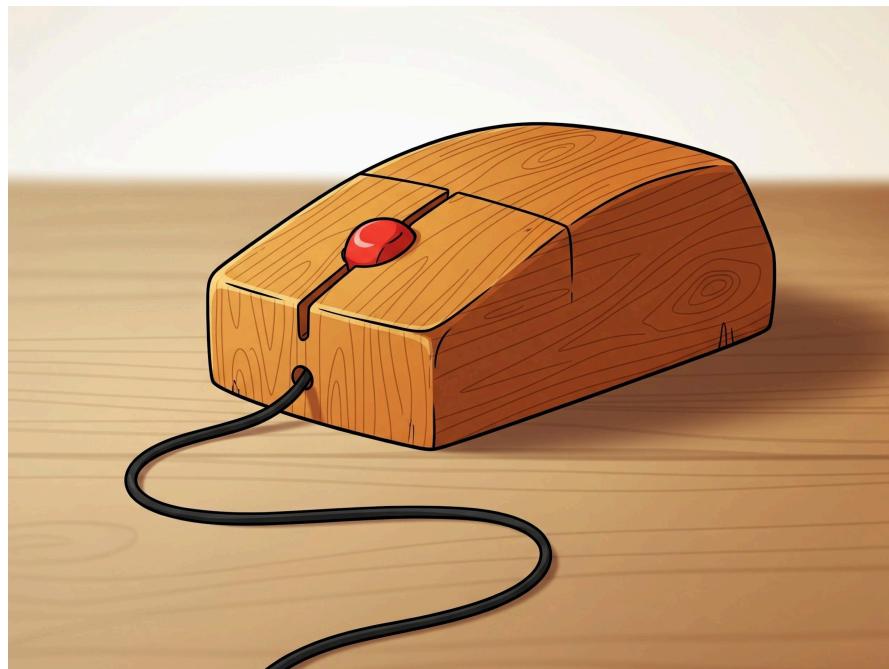
- The Eiffel Tower can be 15 cm taller during the summer due to thermal expansion.
- It took less time to build the Empire State Building than it takes to apply for a construction permit in some modern cities.

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### Inventions and Discoveries

- The inventor of the Pringles can, Fredric Baur, requested that he be buried in one. His children honored his request.
- The first computer mouse was made of wood.



### Random Knowledge

- The total weight of all the ants on Earth is roughly equal to the total weight of all the humans on Earth.
- The original name for the search engine Google was Backrub.

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### Animal Powers

- A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.
- An octopus has three hearts. Two pump blood through the gills, and one circulates blood to the rest of the body.



- Cows have best friends and get stressed when separated from them.

### Geographical Gems

- Mount Everest grows by about 4 millimeters every year.
- Istanbul is the only city in the world that is located on two continents (Europe and Asia).

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### Movie Magic

- The actor who voiced E.T. was an 11-year-old girl.
- The sound effect for the "Lightsaber" in Star Wars was created by combining the hum of a movie projector and the sound of an old television's cathode ray tube.



### Science Surprises

- If you could drive to the sun at 60 mph, it would take you 173 years.
- The core of the Earth is hotter than the surface of the sun.

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### **Sports Facts**

- The longest tennis match in history lasted 11 hours and 5 minutes and was played over three days.
- A golf ball has an average of 336 dimples.



### **Everyday Wonders**

- A cloud can weigh over a million pounds.
- It is physically impossible for pigs to look up at the sky.

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### Fun with Numbers

- The number 4 is the only number that has the same amount of letters as its value.
- The opposite sides of a standard die always add up to seven.



### Name Origins

- The average lifespan of a taste bud is 10 to 14 days.
- The fear of long words is called hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia.

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### A Mix of the Bizarre

Category	Fun Fact	Image
Deep Ocean	The Pacific Ocean is wider than the Moon.	A composite image comparing the width of the Pacific Ocean to the diameter of the Moon. On the left, a globe shows the Pacific Ocean's expanse across the Americas and Asia. A horizontal double-headed arrow at the bottom spans the ocean, labeled "Pacific Ocean Width: approx. 17,000 km". On the right, a full Moon is shown against a dark background. A vertical double-headed arrow next to it is labeled "Moon Diameter: approx. 3,474 km".
Sleep	Humans spend about one-third of their lives sleeping.	A photograph of a person sleeping peacefully in bed, covered with a warm, textured blanket.
Music	The "Star-Spangled Banner" is only one of two songs in the world that can be heard only on the radio.	

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Trees	<p>The tallest living tree is named Hyperion, a Coast Redwood in California.</p>	
Time	<p>Leap seconds are occasionally added to coordinate clocks with the Earth's slowing rotation.</p>	

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