

# Finding Inspiration

# 1. Interesting questions

Someone clever once said  
Women were not allowed

PoCKeTs

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There are few things more frustrating than collecting your belongings only to realize that the pockets in your pants are too small to hold them. Or worse, the fabric designed to look like a pocket is merely for decoration and doesn't open

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# 2. Interesting data

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*Toxic pollution, campsite reservations, time zones, NFTs, and damn fine coffees.*

**Toxic pollution.** Last week, ProPublica published what it's calling "[the most detailed map of cancer-causing industrial air pollution in the U.S.](#)," along with an [investigation](#) based on the map's revelations. In a [methodology article](#), reporters explain how they analyzed billions of rows of data from the Environmental Protection Agency's [Risk-Screening Environmental Indicators model](#), which "takes a variety of inputs, including emissions data, weather modeling, and facility specific information, and puts out estimated concentrations of toxic chemicals in the air around industrial facilities." The EPA [publishes the model's output](#) as bulk downloads, in an online dashboard, and in other formats. **Related:** The model incorporates information from the EPA's [Toxics Release Inventory](#), which [publishes](#) self-reported emissions data from [certain mandated industrial facilities](#).

**Campsite reservations.** The US government's [Recreation Information Database](#) "represents an authoritative source of information and services for millions of visitors to federal lands, historic sites, museums, and other attractions/resources." It provides [bulk data](#) and [an API](#) describing recreational areas, campgrounds, campsites, permit entrances, scheduled tours, and more. You can also download detailed historical data on individual campsite and tour reservations going back to 2006. **As seen in:** "[The Camping Crunch](#)," published by the Center for Western Priorities, and [accompanying methodology](#). [h/t [@mtmagog](#)]

**Time zones.** The [Time Zone Database](#), [used extensively](#) by major operating systems and programming languages, "contains code and data that represent the history of local time for many representative locations around the globe." Its files

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# 3. Beautiful visuals

