

Science & Technology Simplified

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Enjoy fun science facts for kids. Learn interesting earth facts, amazing chemistry facts, cool space facts, funny facts about animals and much more. Did you know that the ears of a cricket are located on its front legs? Or that sound travels 4 times faster in water than it does through air?

Disclaimer

This learning module has been prepared as a learning tool to provide a description of the basic information related to science and technology facts compiled in an interesting format to make the subject easy and interesting especially for the school going kids who think the subject to be boring.

Science is a fascinating subject, there are so many amazing things to learn and discover. Thankfully you've got a lot of time to research, the average human only sleeps for about 35% of the day compared to 80% for armadillos and sloths, now that's lazy!

Read on to find more fun science facts and trivia while remembering that as society changes and technology develops so too does our understanding of science and the world around us. What is 'fact' today may be disproved tomorrow.

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Planet Facts

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Planets have fascinated scientists and humans in general for years, after all we do live on one ourselves. By learning more about these amazing objects that orbit the same sun as Earth, we can learn more about our own planet.

The beauty of the planets found in our solar system is that they are so varied, with each one offering a new insight into everything from chemistry to physics, geography and how our solar system was formed all those years ago.

Mercury

It's a tough life living next to the sun but someone's got to do it. Find out why Mercury has more in common with the Moon than our own Earth.



Venus

Similar in size to Earth but just a little hotter, ok make that a lot hotter! Venus is like an oven on a high temperature thanks to its thick clouds which keep the heat in.



Mars

The 'Red Planet' hasn't quite been conquered by humans yet but it's had a few interesting visitors in recent years. Find out more about this and the potential for liquid water on this rocky planet.



Jupiter

Its big, its angry and its home to some of the most extreme conditions in our solar system. Welcome to Jupiter, where storms rage and intense gravity rules.



[Saturn](#)

This gas giant is famous for its beautiful rings as well as being the second biggest planet in our solar system. Learn about the ice crystals that make up the rings and much more.



[Uranus](#)

Keen to stand out from the crowd, Uranus rolls like a barrel rather than spinning like Earth. Learn more about this and its long orbit around the sun.



[Neptune](#)

Fierce storms rage on this planet at the edge of our solar system. Read about this and other things that make Neptune such an interesting planet.



[Pluto](#)

Its tough being the little guy and no one knows this better than Pluto who isn't even considered a planet anymore. Still, there's a lot to learn about an object that orbits so far from the sun.



Human Body Facts

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Read some fun human body facts for kids and find out more about bones, skeletons, eyes, blood, muscles, the brain, heart and much more.

Children will love the cool, crazy, strange, funny, weird, odd, bizarre and wacky information as well as did you know facts and other interesting human body info that will help them learn a thing or two along the way.

1. The brain uses over a quarter of the oxygen used by the human body. More [human brain facts](#).
2. Your heart beats around 100000 times a day, 36500000 times a year and over a billion times if you live beyond 30. More [human heart facts](#).
3. Red blood cells carry oxygen around the body. They are created inside the bone marrow of your bones. More [blood facts](#).
4. The colour of a humans skin is determined by the level of pigment melanin that the body produces. Those with small amounts of melanin have light skin while those with large amounts have dark skin. More [skin facts](#).
5. Adult lungs have a surface area of around 70 square metres! More [lung facts](#).
6. Humans have a stage of sleep that features rapid eye movement (REM). REM sleep makes up around 25% of total sleep time and is often when you have your most vivid dreams. More [eye facts](#).
7. The smallest bone found in the human body is located in the middle ear. The staples (or stirrup) bone is only 2.8 millimetres long.
8. Infants blink only once or twice a minute while adults average around 10.
9. As well as having unique fingerprints, humans also have unique tongue prints.
10. The left side of your body is controlled by the right side of your brain while the right side of your body is controlled by the left side of your brain.
11. Antibiotics are only effective against bacteria, they won't help in fighting off a virus.
12. It takes the body around 12 hours to completely digest eaten [food](#).
13. Your sense of smell is around 10000 times more sensitive than your sense of taste.
14. Your nose and ears continue growing throughout your entire life.

Chemistry Facts

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Read some fun chemistry facts for kids and find out more about atoms, elements, gases, liquids, solids, chemicals, experiments and much more.

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1. Hydrogen is the first element on the periodic table. It has an atomic number of 1. It is highly flammable and is the most common element found in our universe. More [hydrogen facts](#).
2. Liquid nitrogen boils at 77 kelvin ($-196\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$, $-321\text{ }^{\circ}\text{F}$). More [nitrogen facts](#).
3. Around 1% of the sun's mass is oxygen. More [oxygen facts](#).
4. Helium is lighter than the air around us so it floats, that's why it is perfect for the balloons you get at parties. More [helium facts](#).
5. Carbon comes in a number of different forms (allotropes), these include diamond, graphite and impure forms such as coal. More [carbon facts](#), [diamond facts](#), and [coal facts](#).
6. Although it is still debated, it is largely recognized that the word 'chemistry' comes from an Egyptian word meaning 'earth'.
7. The use of various forms of chemistry is believed to go back as long ago as the Ancient Egyptians. By 1000 BC civilizations were using more complex forms of chemistry such as using plants for medicine, extracting metal from ores, fermenting wine and making cosmetics.
8. Things invisible to the human eye can often be seen under UV light, which comes in handy for both scientists and detectives.
9. Humans breathe out carbon dioxide (CO_2). Using energy from sunlight, [plants](#) convert carbon dioxide into food during a process called photosynthesis.
10. Chemical reactions occur all the time, including through everyday activities such as cooking. Try adding an acid such as vinegar to a base such as baking soda and see what happens!
11. [Water](#) expands as it drops in temperature, by the time it is frozen it takes up about 9% more space.
12. Often formed under intense pressure over time, a crystal is made up of molecules or atoms that are repeated in a three dimensional repeating pattern. Quartz is a well known example of a crystal.
13. Athletes at the Olympic Games have to be careful how much coffee they drink. The caffeine in coffee is a banned substance because it can enhance performance. One or two cups are fine but they can go over the limit with more than five. (update - as of 2004 caffeine has been taken back off the WADA banned list but its use will be closely monitored to prevent future abuse by athletes.)

Weather Facts

Weather Facts

Enjoy these fun weather facts for kids. Check out the amazing snow fall, rain fall and wind speed records while learning more about lightning, tornadoes and cyclones.

Read on for a range of interesting facts about weather and climate.

1. The highest temperature ever recorded in Antarctica is 14.6 °C (59 °F), recorded on January 5, 1974.
More [temperature facts](#).
2. The most rain fall ever recorded in 24 hours is 182.5 centimetres (71.9 inches) in Foc-Foc, La Réunion, during tropical cyclone Denise on January 8, 1966.
3. The most rain fall ever recorded in one year is 25.4 meters (1000 inches) in Cherrapunji, India.
4. The highest snow fall ever recorded in a one year period was 31.1 meters (1224 inches) in Mount Rainier, Washington State, United States, between February 19, 1971 and February 18, 1972.
5. The fastest wind speed ever recorded is 484±32 km/h (301±20 mph). This was a 3 second gust recorded by a Doppler on Wheels (DOW) radar unit in Oklahoma City on May 3, 1999.
6. The heaviest hailstone ever recorded weighed 1.0 kg (2.25 lb) and landed in Gopalganj District, Bangladesh on April 14, 1986.
7. Clouds can be categorized into a number of different types; these include cumulus, stratus, cirrus and nimbus.
8. The [Earth](#) experiences millions of lightning storms every year, they are incredible discharges of electricity from the atmosphere that can reach temperatures close to 54,000 °F (30,000 °C) and speeds of 60,000 m/s (130,000 mph).
9. The USA has more tornadoes than any other country in the world, averaging around 1200 a year. This is due largely to its unique geography which forms an area in central USA called “Tornado Alley” which is frequently hit by tornadoes.
10. Tropical cyclones (often referred to as hurricanes or typhoons) feature strong winds, driving rain, rough seas and areas of low atmospheric pressure. They frequently form in tropical areas of the globe and can do considerable damage to populated areas. Examples of this include the 1970 Bhola cyclone, Typhoon Nina which hit China in 1975 and more recently in 2005 when Hurricane Katrina which caused great devastation and loss of life when it hit southern parts of the USA.

Water Facts

Water Facts

Enjoy our fun water facts for kids. Learn how important water is to life on Earth as well its many amazing uses and properties.

Read about ice, steam, snow, drinking water, oceans, water pollution, seawater, rivers the water cycle and much more with our huge range of interesting facts about water.

1. Water is made up of two elements, [hydrogen](#) and [oxygen](#). Its chemical formula is H₂O.
2. Each molecule of water is made up of two hydrogen atoms bonded to a single oxygen atom.
3. The existence of water is essential for life on Earth.
4. Water has three different states, liquid, solid and gas.
5. The word water usually refers to water in its liquid state. The solid state of water is known as ice while the gas state of water is known as steam or water vapor.
6. Water covers around 70% of the Earth's surface.
7. The three largest oceans on Earth are the Pacific Ocean (largest), the Atlantic Ocean (second largest) and the Indian Ocean (third largest). More [ocean facts](#).
8. Found in the Pacific Ocean, the Mariana Trench is the deepest known point in the world's oceans.
9. Ocean tides are caused by the rotation of the Earth and the [gravitational](#) pull of the Moon and Sun acting on ocean water.
10. Water from a sea or ocean is known as seawater. On average, every kilogram (2.2lb) of seawater contains around 35 grams (1.2 oz) of dissolved salt.
11. The freezing point of water lowers as the amount of salt dissolved in it increases. With average levels of salt, seawater freezes at -2 °C (28.4 °F).
12. The longest river in the world is the [Nile River](#), it reaches 6650 kilometers in length (4132 miles).
13. The second longest river in the world is the [Amazon River](#), it reaches 6400 kilometres (4000 miles) in length.
14. The longest river in the USA is the [Mississippi River](#), it reaches 6275 kilometers in length (3902 miles).
15. Water makes a good solvent with many sugar, salts and acids easily dissolving in it. On the other hand oils and fats don't mix well with water.

16. The water cycle involves water evaporating (turning into a gas), rising to the sky, cooling and condensing into tiny drops of water or ice crystals that we see as clouds, falling back to [Earth](#) as rain, snow or hail before evaporating again and continuing the cycle.
17. Water in the form of ice is found at the polar ice caps of the planet [Mars](#), some scientists have also suggested the possibility of liquid water on the red planet.
18. Pure water has no smell and no taste, it also has a pH level around 7.
19. While most people know that water boils at 100 °C (212 °F), this is at the normal conditions of sea level. The boiling point of water actually changes relative to the barometric pressure. For example, water boils at just 68 °C (154 °F) on the top of Mount Everest while water deep in the ocean near geothermal vents can remain in liquid form at temperatures much higher than 100 °C (212 °F).
20. Water expands as it cools. In freezing conditions, water has been known to burst water pipes as it freezes to ice.
21. Water can move up narrow tubes against the force of gravity in what is known as capillary action. Check out this [capillary action experiment](#) for more.
22. Most people around the world have access to clean drinking water but it is a major problem in poorer areas of the world. Water pollution and low quality water can lead to dangerous bacteria, disease and viruses such as E coli and Cryptosporidium.
23. Drinking water is needed for [humans](#) to avoid dehydration, the amount you need each day depends on the temperature, how much activity you are involved in and other factors.
24. An important use for water is in agricultural irrigation, this is when water is artificially added to soil in order to assist the growth of crops.
25. Water is used frequently by firefighters to extinguish fires. Helicopters sometimes drop large amount of water on wildfires and bushfires to stop fires spreading and limit the damage they can cause.
26. The water industry helps deliver water to homes in various cities and countries around the world. This can involve services such as purification, sewage treatment, filtering, distillation and plumbing.
27. [Electricity](#) can be created from hydropower, a process that uses water to drive water turbines connected to generators. There are many hydroelectric power stations around the world.
28. Water also plays a role in cooking. Steaming and boiling food are well known cooking methods. You may have noticed this last time you made pasta or noodles.
29. Water is also used for fun. Water sports are a very popular recreational activity and include things like swimming, surfing and waterskiing. Ice and snow is also used in ice skating, ice hockey, skiing and snowboarding.

Electricity Facts

Electricity Facts

Enjoy a wide range of fun electricity facts for kids.

Electricity plays an important role in everyday life, learn more about static electricity, electric eels, circuits, lightning, electric shock, volts, amps and much more.

1. Modern society relies heavily on the convenience and versatility of electricity. It powers your microwave, helps light your house, lets you watch TV and so much more.
2. Electric current is measured in amperes (amps).
3. Electric potential energy is measured in volts.
4. Two positive charges repel each other, as do two negative charges. Opposite charges on the other hand attract each other.
5. When an electric charge builds up on the surface of an object it creates static electricity. You have probably experienced static electricity in the form of a small electric shock, which is what happens when the electric charge is quickly neutralized by an opposite charge.
6. Electric eels can produce strong electric shocks of around 500 volts for both self defense and hunting.
7. Electric circuits can contain parts such as switches, transformers, resistors and transformers.
8. A common way to produce electricity is by hydropower, a process that generates electricity by using water to spin turbines attached to generators.
9. The world's biggest source of [energy](#) for producing electricity comes from coal. The burning of coal in furnaces heats boiler water until it becomes steam which then spins turbines attached to generators.
10. Lightning is a discharge of electricity in the atmosphere. Lightning bolts can travel at around 210,000 kph (130,000 mph), while reaching nearly 30,000 °C (54,000 °F) in temperature.
11. Electricity plays a role in the way your [heart](#) beats. Muscle cells in the heart are contracted by electricity going through the heart. Electrocardiogram (ECG) machines used in hospitals measure the electricity going through someone's heart, when the person is healthy it usually shows a line moving across a screen with regular spikes as the heart beats.
12. You may have heard of direct current (DC) and alternating current (AC). The difference between the two is in the way the electrons flow. In DCC electrons move in a single direction while in AC they change directions, switching between backwards and forwards. The electricity use in your home is AC while DC comes from sources that include batteries.
13. Back in the 1880's there was even a 'war of currents' between Thomas Edison (who helped invent DC) and Nikola Tesla (who helped invent AC). Both wanted their system to be used with AC eventually winning out due to the fact that it is safer and can be used over longer distances.
14. Electric fields work in a similar way to gravity with an important exception being that while gravity always attracts, electric fields can either attract or repulse.
15. American Benjamin Franklin carried out extensive electricity research in the 18th century, inventing the lightning rod amongst his many discoveries. Lightning rods protect buildings in the event of lightning by conducting lightning strikes through a grounded wire.

Health Facts

Health Facts

Enjoy our range of amazing health facts. Learn about important topics such as exercise, nutrition, disease, obesity, cancer, medicine and allergies.

Find out what's good for the human body and what isn't with our interesting health facts.

1. It might only take you a few minutes to finish a meal but it takes your body around 12 hours before it has completely digested the [food](#).
2. The [human body](#) needs iron to help perform a number of important functions. Iron helps carry oxygen to parts of your body in the form of hemoglobin. Not having enough can lead to iron deficiency and symptoms such as weakness and fatigue.
3. Examples of iron rich foods include red meat, fish, chick peas, tofu, beans and lentils.
4. Red [blood](#) cells are created inside the marrow of your bones, they serve the important role of carrying blood around your body.
5. Antibiotics can be useful in fighting off bacteria but they are ineffective against viruses, this is because bacteria and virus are completely different, both having unique characteristics that need specialized treatments.
6. Viruses are usually around 100 times smaller than bacteria.
7. Around 7 million people die every year from food poisoning out of a total of around 70 million cases. Careful food preparation and storage is vital in order to avoid dangerous toxins, viruses and bacteria.
8. Food allergies are fairly common amongst adults and even more so among children. Around 2% of adults and 8% of children suffer from some type of food allergy where the immune system makes a mistake and thinks a certain food protein is dangerous and attacks it. Well known food allergies can include unwanted reactions to gluten, seafood and peanuts.
9. Access to clean drinking [water](#) can be taken for granted by people living in developed countries. In poorer parts of the world the quality water and pollution can give rise to dangerous diseases and bacteria such as cryptosporidium and e coli.
10. Obesity can increase the chances of developing diseases such as type 2 diabetes and [heart](#) disease.
11. In recent times there has been a drop in the amount of physical activity both adults and children do. Some of the reasons for this include new technologies that require less physical labor and increased time watching TV. It has been suggested that at least 60% of the world's population doesn't do enough exercise.
12. In 2007, heart disease was the leading cause of death in the USA.
13. In 2007 around 13% of all deaths worldwide were caused by cancer. The branch of medicine related to cancer study and treatment is known as oncology.
14. Infectious diseases such as AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis lead to around 26% of worldwide deaths in 2002.

Plant Facts

Plant Facts

Explore the amazing world of plants with our cool range of fun plant facts for kids.

Learn about trees, flowers and photosynthesis before checking out information on some weird species such as poison ivy and the venus flytrap.

1. Tree resin which has been fossilized is known as amber, it sometimes contains plant material or small [animals](#) that were trapped inside.
2. Some plants are carnivores, gaining nutrients by eating various small insects and spiders. A well known example of a carnivorous plant is the Venus Flytrap.
3. Bamboo can be a fast growing plant, some types can grow almost a metre (3.28 feet) in just one day!
4. While using [energy](#) from sunlight, plants turn carbon dioxide into food in a process called photosynthesis.
5. Around 2000 different types of plants are used by humans to make [food](#).
6. Onions might taste good but they can be painful to chop. A gas is released when you cut onions that irritates you eyes, the tears you produce while this happens are your body's way of washing it from your eyes.
7. In the agricultural industry, to ensure crops of food grow well water is often added to soil in the form of irrigation.
8. Plant matter found at the bottom of areas with water such as swamps can eventually turn into [coal](#) due to a process called metamorphosis (changing form).
9. There are over 200,000 identified plant species and the list is growing all the time.
10. Poison ivy produces a skin irritant called urushiol. Touching poison ivy will cause an allergic reaction, usually in the form of an itchy rash on the skin.
11. Fertilizers are chemicals added to plants to help them grow. Important elements in fertilizers include [nitrogen](#), phosphorus and potassium. Manure (animal waste) is also used as a fertilizer.

Energy Facts

Energy Facts

Check out our fun energy facts for kids! Read about interesting types of energy such as solar, wind, kinetic, chemical, nuclear and geothermal.

Learn important energy laws, what potential energy is, how joules and calories are used to measure energy and much more.

1. The word energy comes from the Greek word *energeia*.
2. Most types of energy are either a form of kinetic energy or potential energy.
3. Common examples include heat energy, elastic potential energy, chemical energy, sound energy, nuclear energy, geothermal energy and gravitational potential energy.
4. Kinetic energy refers to the energy an object has because of its movement. A car in motion has kinetic energy, as does a basketball when you pass or shoot it.
5. Energy can be transformed from one form to another. In lightning, electric potential energy transforms into [light](#), heat and [sound](#) energy.
6. The law of conservation of energy states that energy can only be transformed, it can't be created or destroyed.
7. You might have heard of [Albert Einstein](#)'s famous formula $E = mc^2$ (energy equals mass multiplied by the speed of light squared).
8. [Food](#) contains chemical energy which is used by living organisms such as animals to grow and reproduce. Food energy is usually measured in calories or joules.
9. Wind farms contain large numbers of wind turbines which are used to transform wind energy into a useful energy such as [electricity](#). The use of wind power to generate electricity doubled between the years 2005 and 2008.
10. [Plants](#) use energy from sunlight during an important process called photosynthesis.
11. A person standing on a diving board above a swimming pool has gravitational potential energy.
12. During chemical reactions, chemical energy is often transformed into light or heat.
13. Stretched rubber bands and compressed springs are examples of elastic potential energy.

Funny Science Facts

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Read some funny science facts for kids.

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1. Rabbits and parrots can see behind themselves without even moving their heads!
2. Butterflies taste food by standing on top of it! Their taste receptors are in their feet unlike humans who have most on their tongue.
3. Most of the dust in your home is actually dead skin! Yuck!
4. Although the Stegosaurus dinosaur was over 9 metres long, its brain was only the size of a walnut.
5. Humans get a little taller in space because there is no gravity pulling down on them.
6. Because of the unusual shape of their legs, kangaroos and emus struggle to walk backwards.
7. A hippopotamus may seem huge but it can still run faster than a man.
8. Even if an analog clock is broken, at least it shows the correct time twice a day.
9. Sneezing with your eyes open is impossible.
10. The trickiest tongue twister in the English language is apparently "Sixth sick sheik's sixth sheep's sick". Give it a try and see for yourself.

Sports Science Facts

Sports Science Facts

Check out our list of interesting sports science facts and enjoy a wide range of amazing trivia and information related to sports such as golf, baseball, tennis, running and basketball.

Learn about sports equipment, technology, exercise, injuries, physics, records and more.

1. Olympic gold medals are actually made mostly of silver.
2. Dimples on a golf ball help reduce drag, allowing the ball to fly further than a ball without dimples.
3. Anaerobic exercise refers to high intensity activities over a short duration (e.g. sprinting) while aerobic exercise refers to physical activity performed at a moderate level over longer periods of time (e.g. jogging).
4. Regular exercise helps boost the immune system.
5. The string tension of most tennis racquets is around 50 to 70 pounds (220 to 310 newtons). With lower tension a tennis racquet produces less control and more power while higher tension produces more control and less power.
6. The official distance of a marathon is 42.195 kilometres (26.219 miles).
7. The tallest basketball players to ever play in the NBA were Manute Bol (from Sudan) and Gheorghe Muresan (from Romania). They were both 7 ft 7 in tall (231 cm).
8. Common sports injuries include muscle cramps, muscle pulls, back strains, shin splints, tennis elbow (tendonitis), sprained ankles and plantar fasciitis (foot pain).
9. The fastest recorded tennis serve was 155 mph (249 kph), by Andy Roddick in 2004.
10. Regulation Major League baseballs feature exactly 108 stitches.
11. Snowboarders and ice skaters glide on a thin layer of water as their skates and boards heat the snow beneath them.
12. Modern swimwear has developed to the point where the fabric and designs are actually faster through the water than human skin. Controversial neck to ankle suits have been one of the reasons behind the consistent breaking of world record times since they were introduced around the year 2000.
13. Curling stones used in the Olympic sport of curling are made from granite.
14. Astronaut Alan Shepard played golf on the Moon after he smuggled a golf ball and club on to the NASA Apollo 14 mission to the Moon in 1971.
15. The diameter of a full sized basketball is half the diameter of a basketball hoop.

Nature Facts

Nature Facts

Check out our fun nature facts for kids and learn about a range of awesome topics including the natural environment, interesting wildlife, recycling, global warming, oceans, volcanoes, plants, animals and more.

Enjoy amazing information and cool facts about everything from plants that eat insects to animals that sleep while standing up with our wide range of fun nature facts for kids.

1. The [Great Barrier Reef](#) in Australia is the world's largest reef system.
2. The waste hierarchy or 3 R's are (in order of importance) reduce, reuse and recycle.
3. Around 75% of the [volcanoes](#) on Earth are found in the Pacific Ring of Fire, an area around the Pacific Ocean where tectonic plates meet.
4. Despite its name, the Killer Whale (Orca) is actually a type of dolphin.
5. [Giant water lilies](#) in the Amazon can grow over 6 feet in diameter.
6. The largest [ocean](#) on Earth is the Pacific Ocean.
7. The largest individual flower on Earth is from a plant called [Rafflesia arnoldii](#). Its flowers reach up to 1 metre (3 feet) in diameter and weigh around 10kg.
8. [Plants](#) on the surface of the Earth have existed for around 400 million years.
9. Unlike humans, cows and horses sleep while standing up.
10. When an insect touches the hairs of a [Venus Fly Trap](#) it triggers the plant to close, trapping its victim before killing and dissolving it in acid.
11. Although Polar Bears have white, fluffy fur, their skin is actually black.
12. Female [lions](#) are better hunters than male lions and do most of the hunting for a pride.
13. Around three quarters of the increase in CO₂ levels from human activity over the last 20 years is from the burning of fossil fuels. The rest is made up largely of land use changes such as deforestation.
14. The largest land based mammals on Earth are [elephants](#).
15. Born in 1809, [Charles Darwin](#) was an English naturalist who developed the idea of natural selection and changed the way we think about evolution.

More Science Facts for Kids

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Read some fun science facts for kids and find out more about the strange, crazy, amazing and odd science processes that make our world go round.

Children will love the cool and sometimes bizarre information as well as did you know facts and a range of other interesting science related trivia.

1. The noise that is thunder is created when the air around lightning gets rapidly heated and expands at a rate faster than the speed of [sound](#).
2. Rather than putting on weight from eating celery you actually lose it, you burn more calories from the chewing than you put on from the [food](#) itself.
3. Sound travels 4 times faster in water than it does through air.
4. Cranberries can be tested for ripeness by bouncing them, if they are ripe they should have a bouncing quality.
5. Travelling at 80 kilometres per hour, a car uses half its fuel to overcome wind resistance.
6. The largest living structure on Earth is the Great Barrier Reef. Found in Australia, it is over 2000 kilometres long.
7. The QWERTY keyboard layout used on most computers was invented way back in the 1860's.
8. Some types of bamboo can grow nearly a metre a day!
9. [Diamonds](#) are the hardest known substance.
10. [Light](#) from the sun can reach a depth of 80 metres in the ocean.
11. When you crack a whip, it makes a loud noise because the tip is actually moving faster than the speed of sound!

Space Facts

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Read some fun space facts for kids and find out more about astronomy, the Moon, planets, our Sun, the Milky Way galaxy, our Universe and much more.

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1. The Sun is over 300000 times larger than earth. More [Sun facts](#).
2. [Halley's Comet](#) was last seen in the inner Solar System in 1986, it will be visible again from Earth sometime in 2061 (get your camera ready). More [comet facts](#).
3. [Venus](#) is the hottest planet in our solar system with a surface temperature of over 450 degrees celcius.
4. Many scientists believe that an asteroid impact caused the extinction of the dinosaurs around 65 million years ago. More [asteroid facts](#).
5. The Solar System formed around 4.6 billion years ago. More [Solar System facts](#).
6. The Moon appears to have more craters and scars than Earth because it has a lot less natural activity going on, the Earth is constantly reforming its surface through earthquakes, erosion, rain, wind and plants growing on the surface, while the moon has very little weather to alter its appearance. More [Moon facts](#).
7. [Saturn](#) isn't the only ringed planet, other gas giants such as [Jupiter](#), [Uranus](#) and [Neptune](#) also have rings, they are just less obvious.
8. Footprints and tyre tracks left behind by astronauts on the moon will stay there forever as there is no wind to blow them away.
9. In 2006, astronomers changed the definition of a planet. This means that [Pluto](#) is now referred to as a dwarf planet. Learn more [dwarf planet facts](#).
10. Because of lower [gravity](#), a person who weighs 100kg on earth would only weigh 38kg on the surface of [Mars](#).
11. The only planet that rotates on its side like a barrel is Uranus. The only planet that spins backwards relative to the others is Venus.
12. Some of the fastest meteoroids can travel through the solar system at a speed of around 42 kilometres per second (26 miles per second). Check out more [meteoroid facts](#) or learn the [difference between comets, asteroids and meteoroids](#).
13. The first man made object sent into space was in 1957 when the Russian satellite named Sputnik was launched.
14. Jupiter's 4 biggest moons are named Europa, Ganymede, Callisto and Io. More [Solar System moon facts](#).
15. It is because of the Sun & Moons gravity that we have high & low tides.
16. For a list of important space definitions take a look at our [glossary of easy space and astronomy definitions for kids](#).

Technology Facts

Technology Facts

Get some great technology information and enjoy our interesting tech facts that will surprise and amaze you. Technology is a fun topic that covers a wide range of interesting areas including the Internet, video games, computers, cell phones, robots and more.

These technology facts are perfect for kids, the cool information will keep them interested as they learn some important ideas and concepts along the way.

Computers

Enjoy our wide range of fun computer facts which help shed light on a number of computer related topics. Learn about hardware, software, the history of computing, networks, how we use computers and much more.



Video Games

Video games have become a popular form of mainstream entertainment, a multi-billion dollar industry at the cutting edge of technology. Read some great facts about a range of video game related topics.



History of Robotics

Although we've seen some amazing advancements in robotic technology in recent years, the groundwork was laid in much earlier times. Read about some of the important moments in the history of robotics.



Types of Robots

Get some great information on the world's most exciting and technologically advanced robots. These robots range from cute and cuddly to feature packed and functional.



Cell Phones

Mobile phones have become an important part of our everyday lives. We use these powerful tools to keep in touch with friends, search the web, take photos and more. Check out our fun cell phone facts for more info.



The Internet

From humble beginnings, the Internet has transformed the way we gather information, interact with friends and family and entertain ourselves. Enjoy our Internet facts that cover everything from emails to the World Wide Web.



Earth Facts

Earth Facts

Read some fun planet Earth facts for kids and find out more about our world, volcanoes, earthquakes, minerals, structures, gas and much more.

Children will love the cool, crazy, strange, funny, weird, odd, bizarre and wacky information as well as did you know facts and other interesting Earth info that will help them learn a thing or two along the way.

1. Magma is the hot liquid rock under the surface of the Earth, it is known as lava after it comes out of a volcano. More [volcano facts](#).
2. Natural gas doesn't have an odour, strong smells are added to it by humans so it can be detected when there are leaks. More [gas facts](#).
3. Hawaii is moving towards Japan at the speed of 10cm a year. This is because they are on different tectonic plates.
4. The worlds largest desert is the Sahara, it covers about one third of Africa!
5. Stretching out to an impressive length of 6696 kilometres (4160 miles) long, the Nile River is the longest river on earth. More [Nile River facts](#), [Amazon River facts](#), [Mississippi River facts](#) and other [river facts](#).
6. The volcanic rock known as pumice is the only rock that can float in water.
7. Mt Everest is the highest mountain on earth, its peak reaches 8,848 metres (29028 feet) above sea level. Check out the [highest mountains on each continent of the Earth](#).
8. On average the Atlantic Ocean is the saltiest of Earth's major oceans. More [ocean facts](#).
9. Earthquakes that occur out at sea can cause huge tsunamis capable of reaching land and endangering people.
10. Check out our interesting [fossil facts and information](#).
11. The earth isn't perfectly round, it is slightly fattened at the north and south poles.
12. Scared of the Bermuda Triangle? Despite its reputation it is actually part of a common sailed shipping route. More [Bermuda Triangle mystery facts](#).
13. Scientists have dated the Earth as being between 4 and 5 billion years old!
14. Talc is the softest mineral found on Earth, reaching just 1 on Mohs scale of hardness, it is often used to make talcum powder.
15. Although earthquakes can be deadly, most are very small and not even felt by humans.

Food Facts

Food Facts

Enjoy these fun food facts for kids. Learn a range of interesting facts about food and nutrition, topics that play an important role in everyone's lives.

What foods are popular around the world? Is it common to have a food allergy? What is a vegan? Find out the answers to these questions and much more.

1. McDonald's fast food chains employ over 1.5 million people around the world. More [fast food facts](#).
2. Different parts of the world have their own local cuisine. The diets and general food habits of various cultures depend on social, religious, economic and safety factors as well as the availability of different foods.
3. Examples of food and cuisine that are popular or famous in certain areas of the world include hummus in the Middle East, apple pie in the USA, raw fish in Japan, cheese in France, roast meat and vegetables in England, curry in India and tortillas in Mexico.
4. There are around 2000 different [plant](#) types that humans use to cultivate food.
5. Examples of popular vegetables include lettuce, carrots, asparagus, cauliflower, broccoli, spinach, potatoes and onions.
6. Cutting onions releases a gas which causes a stinging sensation when it comes into contact with your eyes. Your body produces tears to dilute the irritant and remove it from your eyes.
7. China is the largest producer of garlic, producing over 10 million tons in 2008 and accounting for over 75% of world output.
8. Examples of popular fruits include apples, oranges, pears, strawberries, peaches, bananas, apricots and grapes.
9. India is the world's largest producer of bananas, producing nearly 22 million tons in 2007.
10. Humans use many different methods for gathering food which include farming, hunting, gardening, foraging and fishing.
11. Humans eat meat from a number of different animals, common examples include meat from chickens, cows, sheep and pigs. Other food products that come from animals include milk, eggs and honey.
12. Although humans are omnivores (eating both plants and animals), many people choose not to eat meat and fish, they are known as vegetarians. Those who don't eat or use any products made from animals (including eggs, dairy products and honey) are known as vegans.

13. Food for human consumption is typically made from plants and animals but we also eat other products such as fermented foods and fungus (mushrooms, truffles etc).
14. Cooking is an important part of food preparation that involves applying heat. In most cases this transforms the chemical make up of food, altering its texture, flavor, nutritional properties and appearance.
15. Types of equipment used in the cooking process include ovens, microwaves, toasters, grills, pots and frying pans.
16. Various cooking methods include boiling, simmering, steaming, sautéing, pan frying and deep-frying.
17. Around 70 million people suffer from food poisoning every year with around 7 million of these cases being fatal. Careful food storage, temperature control and preparation is necessary to avoid potentially dangerous bacteria, toxins and viruses.
18. Around 8% of children and 2% of adults have some kind of food allergy, this occurs when the body's immune system incorrectly assumes a certain food protein is harmful and attacks it. Common examples of food allergies include reactions to peanuts, gluten and shellfish.

Famous Scientist Facts

Famous Scientist Facts

The world we live in today would no doubt be a different place if it weren't for the amazing discoveries produced by this list of famous scientists. Their ideas, research, experiments, publications and determination are an inspiration to those that follow in their footsteps. Covering a broad range of scientific fields such as biology, physics, astronomy and chemistry, these men and women have pushed the world of science forward, allowing the human race to answer seemingly impossible questions while at the same time opening the door to new fields of research and discovery. Follow the links and read more about your favorite inventor, chemist, biologist, physicist, or female scientist.

[Albert Einstein](#)

Albert Einstein changed the world of science with his brilliant work in theoretical physics. His theories, equations and ideas became the stuff of legend and his image is known around the world.



[Isaac Newton](#)

Isaac Newton developed the theory of universal gravitation as well as his famous three laws of motion, forever leaving his mark on physics, astronomy and mathematics.



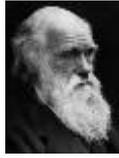
[Galileo Galilei](#)

Italian scientist Galileo developed telescopes and used them to make revolutionary observations about our solar system, discovering new objects like the moons that orbit Jupiter.



[Charles Darwin](#)

Charles Darwin introduced the idea of natural selection to the world, backing up his theories on evolution with substantial observational data recorded on his long sea voyages.



[Johannes Kepler](#)

Johannes Kepler was a famous German astronomer and mathematician who made a number of scientific breakthroughs including his three laws of planetary motion.



[Louis Pasteur](#)

French chemist and microbiologist Louis Pasteur created a new level of understanding regarding microorganisms, the causes of disease and disease prevention.



[Ernest Rutherford](#)

Often referred to as the father of nuclear physics, New Zealand born chemist Ernest Rutherford won a Nobel Prize in chemistry, developed a new model of the atom and mentored other scientists.



[Jane Goodall](#)

Jane Goodall is known for her life long study of the behavior of chimpanzees in social situations as well as being a tireless animal rights advocate and humanitarian.



[Michael Faraday](#)

What British physicist and chemist Michael Faraday lacked in formal education he more than made up for with brilliant experimental techniques and revolutionary electromagnetism ideas.



[Edwin Hubble](#)

Edwin Hubble was a major contributor in the field of astrophysics, helping open our eyes to the idea of other galaxies. He was honored by NASA who named the Hubble Space Telescope after him.



[Pierre & Marie Curie](#)

The husband and wife combination of Pierre & Marie Curie contributed much to science through both their own individual work and their combined research efforts in the field of radioactivity.



[James Maxwell](#)

Scottish physicist James Maxwell brought together the ideas of electromagnetic fields, describing their nature in publications such as 'A Dynamic Theory of the Electromagnetic Field'.



[Stephen Hawking](#)

British theoretical physicist Stephen Hawking is famous for his work on black holes. He also wrote books such as 'A Brief History of Time', enabling a wide audience to appreciate his ideas.



[Aristotle](#)

Aristotle's famous work covered many subjects. He wrote about philosophy, politics, logic and music as well as developing many new and influential scientific ideas.



Sound Facts

Sound Facts

Learn some interesting facts about sound that you might not have known. Understand how sound waves come from vibrations and how your ears give you the ability to hear them.

Find out what the speed of sound is, how sound relates to music, the meaning of acoustics and much more.

1. Sound comes from vibrations. These vibrations create sound waves which move through mediums such as air and [water](#) before reaching our ears.
2. Our ears vibrate in a similar way to the original source of the vibration, allowing us to hear many different sounds.
3. [Dogs](#) can hear sound at a higher frequency than humans, allowing them to hear noises that we can't.
4. Sound is used by many [animals](#) to detect danger, warning them of possible attacks before they happen.
5. Sound can't travel through a vacuum (an area empty of matter).
6. The speed of sound is around 767 miles per hour (1,230 kilometres per hour).
7. The loud noise you create by cracking a whip occurs because the tip is moving so fast it breaks the speed of sound!
8. When traveling through water, sound moves around four times faster than when it travels through air.
9. The scientific study of sound waves is known as acoustics.
10. Although music can be hard to define, it is often described as a pleasing or meaningful arrangement of sounds.
11. The sound of thunder is produced by rapidly heated air surrounding lightning which expands faster than the speed of sound.

Physics Facts

Physics Facts

Check out these fun physics facts for kids. Learn about a wide range of cool topics such as gravity, electricity, light, sound and much more.

Enjoy the world of science with our amazing physics facts.

1. Because of differences in gravity, a 100kg (220 pound) person would only weigh 38kg (84 pounds) on Mars. More [gravity facts](#).
2. Electric eels can stun both predators and prey with electric shocks of around 500 volts. More [electricity facts](#).
3. Energy from food is usually measured in joules or calories. More [energy facts](#).
4. Light from the Earth takes just 1.255 seconds to reach the Moon. More [light facts](#).
5. Sound travels at a speed of around 767 miles per hour (1,230 kilometres per hour). More [sound facts](#).
6. When traveling at 80 kilometres per hour (50 miles per hour), cars use around half of their fuel just to overcome wind resistance.
7. [Water](#) can work against gravity, moving up narrow tubes in a process called capillary action.
8. A magnifying glass uses the properties of a convex shaped lens to magnify an image, making it easier to see.
9. A scientist who studies physics is known as a physicist.
10. [Uranus](#) is the only planet in our solar system that rolls on its side like a barrel, while [Venus](#) is the only planet that spins in the opposite direction to Earth.
11. The fastest land animal in the world is the [Cheetah](#), clocking a max speed of around 113 km per hour (70 mph).
12. 1921 Nobel Prize in Physics was won by [Albert Einstein](#) for his work in the field of theoretical physics.

Biology Facts

Biology Facts

Increase your biology knowledge with this great collection of interesting biology facts.

Learn about cells, DNA, ecology, natural selection, bacteria, viruses, yeast, evolution, cloning and much more.

1. People that study biology are known as biologists.
2. Australia's Great Barrier Reef is the largest living structure on Earth. Reaching over 2000 kilometres (1240 miles) in length.
3. The first person to see a live cell with a microscope was Antonie van Leeuwenhoek, in 1674.
4. Ecology is the study of ecosystems and how organisms interact with their environment.
5. While some bacteria can make you sick, others have positive benefits such as helping you digest [food](#) or even make yoghurt.
6. Moulds, yeasts and mushrooms are types of fungus.
7. The common cold is a type of virus.
8. Viruses can be treated with antiviral drugs.
9. Bacteria are extremely small and are made up of just one cell.
10. Bacterial infections can be treated with antibiotics.
11. Animals that eat plants as their primary food source are known as herbivores.
12. Endangered species are those that are in danger of being completely wiped out, they include blue whales, tigers and pandas. Without protection these species may eventually become extinct.
13. Born on July 5th 1996, Dolly the sheep was the first mammal to be cloned from an adult cell.
14. When the DNA of an organism changes and results in a new trait (characteristic) it is known as mutation.
15. French chemist and microbiologist [Louis Pasteur](#) was well known for inventing a process to stop various foods and liquids making people sick. Called Pasteurization, it reduces the amount of microorganisms that could lead to disease without having a noticeable effect on taste and quality in a way which methods such as sterilization might.
16. [Charles Darwin](#) developed the idea of natural selection, sometimes called survival of the fittest. It is a process that involves living things with favorable traits being more likely to reproduce, passing on their favorable traits to future generations.

Animal Facts

Animal Facts

Enjoy our wide range of fun animal facts for kids. Children will love reading the crazy, cool, strange, weird, odd and funny information as well as did you know facts and other interesting animal info that will help them learn a thing or two along the way.

Learning about animals is great fun. Whether it's endangered African animals, sea animals, wild animals or pets, there are so many amazing types of animals that each have their own characteristics and behaviors. Living in all parts of the world, these animals include cats, dogs, insects, birds, sharks, gorillas, frogs, cheetahs, giraffes, elephants, horses, sharks and many more.

<p>Dogs</p> <p>Dogs are popular animals which make for great family pets as well as reliable workers. Enjoy these great dog facts which help explain why dogs are so special.</p>		<p>Cats</p> <p>If you like cats then you'll love our range of cat facts that will teach you interesting information about their sleeping habits, hunting techniques, powerful senses and much more.</p>	
<p>Tigers</p> <p>Tigers are the largest members of the cat family. They are the national animals of many countries but a number of tiger subspecies are endangered because of human activity.</p>		<p>Sharks</p> <p>We've all had nightmares about a great white shark attack like that in 'Jaws' but that's just one of many different types of shark species that swim through our oceans.</p>	
<p>Dolphins</p> <p>Dolphins are intelligent animals that display a wide range of unique behaviors. Learn about their playful attitude, how they communicate with each other and much more.</p>		<p>Lions</p> <p>Lions are powerful and ferocious but did you know that female lions do most of the hunting? Enjoy lots more interesting lion information with these fun facts.</p>	
<p>Gorillas</p> <p>Gorillas are imposing beasts that live in tropical and subtropical forests. Being a close relative to the human race they are intelligent animals with a complex social structure.</p>		<p>Frogs</p> <p>Frogs begin life as tadpoles before they develop into a fully grown frog. Find out why they need to live near water and more cool frog facts.</p>	
<p>Cheetahs</p> <p>Faster than any other land animal in the world, cheetahs are unique big cats that love to live life in the fast lane. Follow the link for some fascinating cheetah facts.</p>		<p>Giraffes</p> <p>Giraffe's are easy to spot thanks to their height and unique necks. Find out what else makes these safari favorites special.</p>	

<p>Elephants</p> <p>Elephants are amazing animals that impress with more than just their size. Learn where elephants live in the wild, what they eat and other great elephant facts.</p>		<p>Leopards</p> <p>A member of the cat family, leopards are born to hunt. They have powerful bodies and other physical attributes which help them find food and survive in the wild.</p>	
<p>Whales</p> <p>There are many different species of whales and they are well known for their incredible size and long migration patterns. Follow the link to read a range of amazing whale facts.</p>		<p>Wolves</p> <p>Wolves live and hunt in packs, learning to survive in the wild from an early age. Find out how they hunt, what their pups are like and other interesting wolf facts.</p>	

More Fun Animal Facts

1. Rats breed so quickly that in just 18 months, 2 rats could have created over 1 million relatives.
2. The blue whale can produce the loudest sound of any animal. At 188 decibels, the noise can be detected over 800 kilometres away.
3. Horses and cows sleep while standing up.
4. Giant Arctic jellyfish have tentacles that can reach over 36 metres in length.
5. Locusts have leg muscles that are about 1000 times more powerful than an equal weight of human muscle.
6. Hummingbirds are so agile and have such good control that they can fly backwards.
7. Instead of bones, sharks have a skeleton made from cartilage.
8. Insects such as bees, mosquitoes and cicadas make noise by rapidly moving their wings.
9. The horn of a rhinoceros is made from compacted hair rather than bone or another substance.
10. Sharks lay the biggest eggs in the world.
11. Even when a snake has its eyes closed, it can still see through its eyelids.
12. Unlike humans, sheep have four stomachs, each one helps them digest the food they eat.
13. Despite the white, fluffy appearance of Polar Bears fur, it actually has black skin.
14. The average housefly only lives for 2 or 3 weeks.
15. Mosquitoes can be annoying insects but did you know that it's only the female mosquito that actually bites humans.
16. Cats use their whiskers to check whether a space is too small for them to fit through or not.

Light Facts

Light Facts

Brighten your science knowledge with our fun light facts for kids. Enjoy interesting trivia related to color, the speed of light, optics, sunlight, ultraviolet light and infrared light.

Understand how electromagnetic radiation works and discover the many fascinating properties of light.

1. In physics, light refers to electromagnetic radiation. The light we normally talk about in everyday life refers to the visible spectrum (the part of the electromagnetic spectrum that the human eye can see).
2. Other animals can see parts of the spectrum that humans can't. For example, a large number of insects can see ultraviolet (UV) light.
3. UV light can be used to show things the human eye can't see, coming in handy for forensic scientists.
4. The wavelength of infrared light is too long to be visible to the human eye.
5. Scientists study the properties and behaviors of light in a branch of physics known as optics.
6. [Isaac Newton](#) observed that a thin beam of sunlight hitting a glass prism on an angle creates a band of visible colors that includes red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet (ROYGBIV). This occurred because different colors travel through glass (and other mediums) at different speeds, causing them to refract at different angles and separate from each other.
7. Light travels very, very fast. The speed of light in a vacuum (an area empty of matter) is around 186,000 miles per second (300,000 kilometres per second).
8. Light travels slower through different mediums such as glass, [water](#) and air. These mediums are given a refractive index to describe by how much they slow the movement of light. Glass has a refractive index of 1.5, meaning that light travels through it at around 124,000 miles per second (200,000 kilometres per second). The refractive index of water is 1.3 while the refractive index of air is 1.0003, meaning that air only slightly slows down light.
9. Light takes 1.255 seconds to get from the Earth to the Moon.
10. Sunlight can reach a depth of around 80 metres (262 feet) in the ocean.
11. One of the many things Italian scientist [Galileo Galilei](#) worked on was telescopes, producing telescopes with around 30x magnification in some of his later work. These telescopes helped him discover the four largest moons orbiting [Jupiter](#) (later named the Galilean satellites).
12. Photosynthesis is a process that involves [plants](#) using [energy](#) from sunlight to convert carbon dioxide into [food](#).

Gravity Facts

Gravity Facts

Enjoy our range of interesting gravity facts that help explain how gravity relates to both life on Earth and other objects in our solar system.

Learn about important concepts such as acceleration, mass, tides and orbits as well as some useful formulas, strange trivia and other fun information relating to the topic of gravity.

1. Objects with mass are attracted to each other, this is known as gravity.
2. Gravity keeps Earth and the other planets in our solar system in orbit around the Sun. It also keeps the Moon in orbit around Earth.
3. Tides are caused by the rotation of the Earth and the gravitational effects of the Moon and Sun.
4. Because [Mars](#) has a lower gravity than Earth, a person weighing 100kg (220 pounds) on Earth would only weigh 38kg (84 pounds) on Mars.
5. It is thought that [Isaac Newton](#)'s theories on gravity were inspired by seeing an apple fall from a tree.
6. While Newton's older law of universal gravitation is accurate in most scenarios, modern physics uses [Albert Einstein](#)'s general theory of relativity to describe gravity.
7. Acceleration of objects due to the gravity on Earth is around 9.8 m/s². If you ignore air resistance (drag) then the speed of an object falling to Earth increases by around 9.8 metres per second every second.
8. The force of gravity 100 kilometres (62 miles) above Earth is just 3% less than at the Earth's surface.
9. The human body can handle increased g-forces as seen in activities such as dragster races, airplane acrobatics and space training. The highest known acceleration voluntarily experienced by a human is 46.2 g by g-force pioneer John Stapp.
10. While formula one racing drivers may feel around 5 g's under heavy braking, they can experience over 100 g's if a crash causes them to decelerate extremely quickly over a very short distance.
11. Some roller coasters have been known to include g-forces of around 4 to 6 g.
12. The higher something is, the greater its gravitational potential energy. Back in the Middle Ages, weapons called trebuchets were used to take advantage of this principle, using mechanical advantage and the gravitational potential energy of a counterweight to hurl rocks and other projectiles at or over walls. In modern times we use the gravitational potential of water to create hydroelectricity.

Metal Facts

Metal Facts

Enjoy these fascinating metal facts. Metals are chemical elements that are used in a number of different ways.

Read on and learn some interesting facts about metals.

1. Metals are usually solid, good conductors of electricity and heat, shiny when clean, strong and malleable (meaning they can be bent and shaped).
2. Gold is shiny and doesn't corrode, this means it is a great metal for making jewelry. More [gold facts](#).
3. The chemical symbol used for silver is Ag, this comes from the Latin word for silver, argentum. More [silver facts](#).
4. While aluminum is the most common metal found in the Earth's crust, the most common metal found on Earth is iron, mostly because it makes up such a large part of the Earth's core. More [iron facts](#).
5. Copper is a good conductor of electricity and is often used for making wires.
6. At room temperature, mercury is the only metal that is in liquid form.
7. Aluminum is a good conductor of heat and is often used to make cooking pots.
8. Alkali metals such as sodium, potassium, rubidium, caesium and francium are extremely reactive elements, just putting them in water can result in an explosion! They are carefully stored in oil to prevent this happening. More [alkali metals facts & properties](#).
9. Tungsten has a very high melting point, after carbon it has the second highest melting point of all elements.
10. Metals are strong and are useful for making tools, buildings, bridges and other structures where strength is important.
11. Steel is an important alloy (combination of metals) that is created from a mixture of metals, mostly iron. There are many different types of steel including stainless steel, galvanized steel and carbon steel. Steel is commonly used to make a number of products including knives, machines, train rails, cars, motors and wires.
12. Bronze is a metal alloy made from copper and tin. Copper makes up the larger amount, usually between 80 to 95%.

Engineering Facts

Engineering Facts

Check out our interesting engineering facts and get some cool trivia related to amazing structures, famous landmarks and other impressive engineering achievements.

Learn about different types of engineering such as civil, mechanical, electrical, chemical and aerospace while enjoying all the incredible information related to famous bridges, buildings, dams, trains, tunnels and more.

1. Engineers solve practical problems by applying mathematical and scientific knowledge.
2. The word engineer comes from a Latin word meaning ‘cleverness’.
3. Learn about different types of engineering jobs such as civil, mechanical and electrical with our [engineering job facts](#).
4. As of 2010, the tallest building in the world is the Burj Khalifa in Dubai, UAE. It reaches an incredible 828 metres (2717 feet) in height. Check out more [building facts](#) or our list of the [tallest buildings in the world](#).
5. The building of the Panama Canal, which links the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, was one of the most difficult engineering projects ever. It is estimated that over 25000 workers lost their lives during the long and dangerous project, with most dying from disease and landslides.
6. Golf balls have dimples because they help reduce drag, this allows the ball to fly further than a smooth ball would.
7. As of 2010, the longest suspension bridge in the world is the Akashi Kaikyo Bridge in Kobe, Japan. Opened in 1998, it spans an amazing 1991 metres (6529 feet). Check out more [interesting bridge facts](#) or our list of the [longest bridges in the world](#).
8. Used for water distribution, the Delaware Aqueduct in New York, USA is the longest tunnel in the world (as of 2010). Drilled through solid rock, it reaches a staggering 137 kilometres (85 miles) in length. More [tunnel facts](#).
9. The Hoover Dam, built along the Colorado River between 1931 and 1936 reaches 726 feet in height (221 metres). More [interesting dam facts](#).
10. High speed passenger trains in China reach speeds of up to 350 kph (220 mph).
11. The London Eye in England is the largest Ferris wheel in Europe, standing at a height of 135 metres (442 feet).
12. The tallest wind turbine in the world has rotor tips that reach over 200 metres (656 feet) above the ground.
13. Branches of engineering include [aerospace](#), [biomedical](#), [chemical](#), [civil](#), [computer](#), [electrical](#), [environmental](#), [forensic](#), [genetic](#), [mechanical](#), [military](#), [nuclear](#), [reverse](#), [software](#) and [structural](#).

Top Ten Lists

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Check out our awesome top ten lists for kids. Be amazed by the extreme science, world records, amazing engineering and unbelievable feats of human achievement.

Our top ten lists are all about the biggest, fastest, closest, heaviest, oldest and longest. Enjoy the fascinating facts and unbelievable information on a wide range of topics that include geography, engineering, the human body, space and more.

Top Ten Tallest Buildings

Reaching for space and towering over the cities below them, these are the top ten tallest buildings in the world.



Top Ten Longest Bridges

These ten amazing bridges cover huge distances, linking cities together and making life much easier for motorists.



Top Ten Largest Earthquakes

The intense magnitude of these devastating earthquakes makes them the ten strongest in recorded history.



Top Ten Closest Stars

Just how close are the ten closest stars to the Earth? Check out this interesting space related top ten list and find out.



[Top Ten Longest Rivers](#)

The Nile, Amazon, Yangtze and Mississippi rivers all feature in the top ten list of the longest rivers in the world.



[Top Ten Highest Mountains](#)

Most people know that Mt Everest is the highest mountain in the world but how about the others that round out the top ten?



[Top Ten Tallest People](#)

Basketball players you see on television are tall but they don't even compare to the tallest ten people in world history.



[Top Ten Heaviest People](#)

These are the ten heaviest people in recorded history and amazingly nine of them are from the same country!



[Top Ten Fastest Sprinters](#)

The 100 metre sprint is a special athletics event that helps prove just who the fastest people in the world really are.



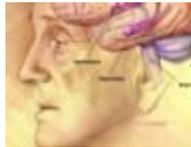
[Top Ten Countries by Population](#)

China, USA, Brazil, India, Nigeria and Indonesia all feature on the list of the top ten countries with the biggest populations.



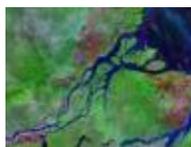
[Top Ten Countries by Life Expectancy](#)

Humans are living longer and longer all around the world but what country features the oldest average life expectancy?



[Top Ten Countries by Land Mass](#)

While some countries have a lot of people, others have a lot of land. Check out the top ten biggest countries by land mass.



World's Tallest Buildings

Check out our list of the top ten tallest buildings in the world. What building is the world's tallest? Where is it located? What's the tallest building in the USA? How about China? Find the answers with our amazing list of skyscrapers. The heights are measured from the ground to the architectural top of the buildings, listed in both metres and feet and are accurate as of 2010. Enjoy our list of the tallest buildings in the world plus a wide range of other top ten lists and fun science facts for kids.

Number	Building name	Location	Height (metres)	Height (feet)	Floors	Year built
1.	Burj Khalifa	Dubai, UAE	828	2717	160	2010
2.	Taipei 101	Taipei, Taiwan	509	1671	101	2004
3.	Shanghai World Financial Center	Shanghai, China	492	1614	101	2008
4.	International Commerce Centre	Kowloon, Hong Kong	483	1584	118	2009
5.	Petronas Towers	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	452	1483	88	1998
6.	Nanjing Greenland Financial Center	Nanjing, China	450	1476	89	2009
7.	Willis Tower	Chicago, USA	442	1451	108	1973
8.	Guangzhou West Tower	Guangzhou, China	440	1444	103	2009
9.	Trump International Hotel and Tower	Chicago, USA	423	1389	96	2009
10.	Jin Mao Tower	Shanghai, China	421	1380	88	1998

Largest Earthquakes in History

The following is a top ten list of the largest earthquakes ever recorded in history by magnitude. While there have been a large number of earthquakes that have measured a magnitude of between 8 and 9, there are only six on record that have measured between 9 and 10. Earthquakes such as these release huge amounts of energy and are incredibly dangerous to human life, especially if they trigger tsunamis or are centered near areas of high population.

Number	Location	Date	Magnitude
1.	Valdivia, Chile	May 22, 1960	9.5
2.	Sumatra, Indonesia	December 26, 2004	9.3
3.	Prince William Sound, Alaska, USA	March 27, 1964	9.2
4.	Kamchatka, USSR	November 4, 1952	9.0
4.	Arica, Chile	August 13, 1868	9.0
4.	Cascadia subduction zone, Canada and USA	January 26, 1700	9.0
7.	Maule, Chile	February 27, 2010	8.8
7.	Ecuador and Colombia	January 31, 1906	8.8
7.	Sumatra, Indonesia	November 25, 1833	8.8
10.	Rat Islands, Alaska, USA	February 4, 1965	8.7
10.	Lisbon, Portugal	November 1, 1755	8.7
10.	Valparaiso, Chile	July 8, 1730	8.7

Longest Rivers in the World

The world features some amazingly long rivers but which are the longest? Check out our list of the top ten longest rivers in the world featuring well known rivers such as the Nile, Amazon and Mississippi. While most scientists and researchers agree on the order, accurately measuring the length of such enormous rivers can be difficult and there is at times disagreement on where a river starts, where it finishes and its accurate length. Learn about the longest rivers on Earth plus lots more with our huge range of fun science facts for kids.

Number	River name	Kilometres	Miles	Location
1.	Nile	6650	4132	North East Africa
2.	Amazon	6400	4000	South America
3.	Yangtze	6300	3917	China
4.	Mississippi - Missouri	6275	3902	USA
5.	Yenisei - Angara - Selenga	5539	3445	Russia, Mongolia
6.	Yellow	5464	3398	China
7.	Ob - Irtysh	5410	3364	Russia, Kazakhstan, China, Mongolia
8.	Congo - Chambeshi	4700	2922	Central Africa
9.	Amur - Argun	4444	2763	Russia, China, Mongolia
10.	Lena	4400	2736	Russia

Tallest People in History

Take a minute to check out our list of the top ten tallest people in world history. Who is the tallest man ever? What country is he from? When was he born? How about the tallest woman? Find the answers to these questions and much more with this fun list of the tallest humans in history. Note that the top ten include only the tallest heights recorded and as such don't include disputed and unverified claims. They are accurate as of 2010 and include measurements in both metric metres and imperial feet and inches. Enjoy this top ten list and our wide range of other interesting facts and information for kids.

Number	Name	Height (metres)	Height (feet)	Year of birth	Gender	Country
1.	Robert Wadlow	2.78	8ft 11in	1918	Male	USA
2.	John Rogan	2.67	8ft 9in	1868	Male	USA
3.	Trijntje Keever	2.54	8ft 4in	1616	Female	Netherlands
4.	Edouard Beaupre	2.51	8ft 3in	1881	Male	Canada
4.	Vaino Myllyrinne	2.51	8ft 3in	1909	Male	Finland
6.	Don Koehler	2.49	8ft 2in	1925	Male	USA
6.	Zeng Jinlian	2.49	8ft 2in	1964	Female	China
8.	Sultan Kosen	2.47	8ft 1in	1982	Male	Turkey
9.	Patrick Cotter O'Brien	2.46	8 ft 1in	1760	Male	Ireland
10.	Gabriel Estevao Monjane	2.46	8ft 1in	1944	Male	Mozambique

Fastest Sprinters in History

Check out our list of the top ten quickest 100m sprinters in history. Who is the fastest man in the world? Currently the answer is Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt, he's also the fastest man in history with a world record time of 9.58 seconds. The fastest woman in history is Florence Griffith-Joyner with a world record time of 10.49. Take a look at the other fastest people ever, what countries are they from? Are humans getting faster? Note that the records are accurate as of 2010 and do not include a number of times set by athletes who used performance enhancing drugs. Enjoy our top ten lists of the fastest men and women in history as well as all our other fun science facts for kids.

Fastest Male 100m Sprinters in History

Number	Time (seconds)	Athlete name	Nationality	Date	Location
1.	9.58	Usain Bolt	Jamaica	16 August 2009	Berlin
2.	9.69	Tyson Gay	USA	20 September 2009	Shanghai
3.	9.72	Asafa Powell	Jamaica	2 September 2008	Lausanne
4.	9.79	Maurice Greene	USA	16 June 1999	Athens
5.	9.84	Donovan Bailey	Canada	27 July 1996	Atlanta
5.	9.84	Bruny Surin	Canada	22 August 1999	Seville
7.	9.85	Leroy Burrell	USA	6 July 1994	Lausanne
7.	9.85	Justin Gatlin	USA	22 August 2004	Athens
7.	9.85	Olusoji Fasuba	Nigeria	12 May 2006	Doha
10.	9.86	Carl Lewis	USA	25 August 1991	Tokyo
10.	9.86	Frankie Fredericks	Namibia	3 July 1996	Lausanne
10.	9.86	Ato Boldon	Trinidad and Tobago	19 April 1998	Walnut
10.	9.86	Francis Obikwelu	Portugal	22 August 2004	Athens

Fastest Female 100m Sprinters in History

Number	Time (seconds)	Athlete name	Nationality	Date	Location
1.	10.49	Florence Griffith-Joyner	USA	16 July 1988	Indianapolis
2.	10.64	Carmelita Jeter	USA	20 September 2009	Shanghai
3.	10.65	Marion Jones	USA	12 September 1998	Johannesburg
4.	10.73	Shelly-Ann Fraser	Jamaica	17 August 2009	Berlin
4.	10.73	Christine Arron	France	19 August 1998	Budapest
6.	10.74	Merlene Ottey	Jamaica	7 September 1996	Milan
7.	10.75	Kerron Stewart	Jamaica	10 July 2009	Rome
8.	10.76	Evelyn Ashford	USA	22 August 1984	Zurich
9.	10.77	Irina Privalova	Russia	6 July 1994	Lausanne
9.	10.77	Ivet Lalova	Bulgaria	19 June 2004	Plovdiv

Top Ten Countries by Life Expectancy

Who lives the longest? Check out our top ten countries by life expectancy. Is your country one of the top ten? How about big countries such as Germany, China, Japan and the USA?

Take a look and find out which nationalities have the longest life expectancy. The statistics are from 2009 and include the life expectancy for females, males and the overall figure.

Number	Country	Overall life expectancy in years	Females	Males
1.	Japan	82.6	86.1	79.0
2.	Hong Kong	82.2	85.1	79.4
3.	Iceland	81.8	83.3	80.2
4.	Switzerland	81.7	84.2	79.0
5.	Australia	81.2	83.6	78.9
6.	Spain	80.9	84.2	77.7
7.	Sweden	80.9	83.0	78.7
8.	Israel	80.7	82.8	78.5
9.	Macau	80.7	82.8	78.5
10.	France	80.7	84.1	77.1

Longest Bridges in the World

Check out our list of the top ten longest bridges in the world. What bridge is the world's longest? In what country is it located? Answer these questions and more with our top ten list. The bridges are measured by their length above land or water in terms of metres and feet. The figures are accurate as of 2010 and while efforts are made to ensure the measurements are as accurate as possible, there is no standard rule for measuring the length of bridges so the given figures may differ slightly to the true lengths. Enjoy our list of longest bridges in the world plus a wide range of other top ten lists and fun science facts for kids.

Number	Bridge name	Length (metres)	Length (feet)	Year completed	Country
1.	Weihe Grand Bridge	79732	261558	2008	China
2.	Bang Na Expressway	54000	177000	2000	Thailand
3.	Lake Pontchartrain Causeway	38442	126122	1956	USA
4.	Manchac Swamp bridge	36710	120440	1970	USA
5.	Yangcun Bridge	35812	117493	2007	China
6.	Hangzhou Bay Bridge	35673	117037	2007	China
7.	Runyang Bridge	35660	116990	2005	China
8.	Donghai Bridge	32500	106600	2005	China
9.	Shanghai Maglev line	29908	98123	2004	China
10.	Atchafalaya Basin Bridge	29290	96100	1973	USA

Closest Stars to Earth

Check out our list of the top ten closest stars to Earth. What is the nearest star to Earth you ask? Well it's the Sun of course! Read on and find out what the next closest stars are, you may have heard of some of them or even seen them in the night sky. The distances to Earth are measured in light years (the distance light travels in one year) and some of the stars mentioned are binary stars which are actually two stars located very close to each other. Enjoy our top ten list of the closest stars to Earth as well as all our other fun science facts for kids.

Number	Star name	Distance from Earth in light years
1.	Sun	0.0000158
2.	Proxima Centauri	4.2421
3.	Alpha Centauri (binary star)	4.3650
4.	Barnard's Star	5.9630
5.	Wolf 359	7.7825
6.	Lalande 21185	8.2905
7.	Sirius (binary star)	8.5828
8.	Luyten 726-8 (binary star)	8.7280
9.	Ross 154	9.6813
10.	Ross 248	10.322

Highest Mountains in the World

Check out our list of the top ten highest mountains in the world. Thanks to the huge Himalaya and Karakoram ranges, the highest ten mountains on Earth, including famous mountains such as Mount Everest and K2, are all located in Asia. The height measurements are in metres and feet above sea level. Learn about the highest mountains in the world plus lots more with our huge range of fun science facts for kids. For more information on the world's highest mountains, take a look at our list of the [highest mountain peaks on each continent of the Earth](#).

Number	Mountain name	Metres	Feet	Location
1.	Mount Everest	8848	29029	Border of Nepal and Tibet (China)
2.	K2	8611	28251	Border of Pakistan and China
3.	Kangchenjunga	8586	28169	Border of Nepal and India
4.	Lhotse	8516	27940	Border of Nepal and Tibet (China)
5.	Makalu	8485	27838	Border of Nepal and Tibet (China)
6.	Cho Oyu	8188	26864	Border of Nepal and Tibet (China)
7.	Dhaulagiri	8167	26795	Nepal
8.	Manaslu	8163	26781	Nepal
9.	Nanga Parbat	8126	26660	Pakistan
10.	Annapurna	8091	26545	Nepal

Heaviest People in History

Check out our list of the top ten heaviest people in world history. Who is the heaviest person ever? Were they male or female? Find out with this incredible list.

The rankings include the heaviest people in modern history at their peak recorded weights. The rankings are accurate as of 2010. Enjoy all our amazing top ten lists as well as a wide range of fun science facts for kids.

Number	Name	Max weight (kg)	Max weight (lb)	Gender	Year of birth	Country
1.	Jon Brower Minnoch	636	1402	Male	1941	USA
2.	Manuel Uribe	597	1316	Male	1965	Mexico
3.	Carol Yager	545	1202	Female	1960	USA
4.	Walter Hudson	544	1200	Male	1944	USA
5.	Rosalie Bradford	544	1199	Female	1943	USA
6.	Michael Hebranko	500	1102	Male	1953	USA
7.	Patrick Deuel	486	1071	Male	1962	USA
8.	Robert Earl Hughes	485	1070	Male	1926	USA
9.	Kenneth Brumley	469	1034	Male	1968	USA
10.	Mills Darden	463	1021	Male	1799	USA

Biggest Countries by Population

Check out the top ten countries by population. Which countries have the most people? Read on and find out! Most of the population statistics are taken from 2010 with the rest being from no later than 2009. Find out where your country ranks, is it a big country with over 100 million people? Learn about population and much more with our fun range of science facts for kids.

For more geography information, check out the [top ten countries by land mass](#).

Number	Country	Population
1.	China	1336480000
2.	India	1178521000
3.	USA	308911000
4.	Indonesia	231369500
5.	Brazil	192660000
6.	Pakistan	169027500
7.	Bangladesh	162221000
8.	Nigeria	154729000
9.	Russia	141927297
10.	Japan	127430000

Biggest Countries by Land Mass

Check out the top ten countries by land mass. Read through our list of the biggest countries by size and see where your country ranks. The countries are ranked by square kilometres (and square miles) with disputed territories left out. What countries have the most real estate to work with? Are they the countries you expected? Find the answers and enjoy our huge range of fun science facts for kids.

For more geography information, check out the top ten countries by population.

Number	Country	Area (km ²)	Area (miles ²)
1.	Russia	17098242	6601668
2.	Canada	9984670	3855100
3.	USA	9629091	3717813
4.	China	9596961	3705407
5.	Brazil	8514877	3287612
6.	Australia	7692024	2969907
7.	India	3201446	1236085
8.	Argentina	2780400	1073500
9.	Kazakhstan	2724900	1052100
10.	Sudan	2505813	967500

General Science Quiz

General Science Quiz 20 Questions

Take our general science quiz and see how much basic knowledge you have on a range of interesting science topics. Put yourself to the test and learn some fun science facts along the way.

There's a wide variety of easy general knowledge questions that are perfect for kids while some of the harder ones might even leave adults scratching their heads. Give it a go and check your answers at the bottom of the page.

1. What is the biggest planet in our solar system?
2. What is the chemical symbol for the element oxygen?
3. Another name for a tidal wave is a?
4. True or false? Dogs are herbivores.
5. What is the 7th element on the periodic table of elements?
6. What is the name of the long appendage that hangs from an elephants face?
7. True or false? DNA is the shortened form of the term 'Deoxyribonucleic acid'?
8. The highest mountain on earth is?
9. What is the name of the closest star to the earth?
10. True or false? Frogs are cold blooded animals.
11. What is the name of the element with the chemical symbol 'He'?
12. The fear of what animal is known as 'arachnophobia'?
13. Pure water has a pH level of a around?
14. The molten rock that comes from a volcano after it has erupted is known as what?
15. True or false? Yogurt is produced by bacterial fermentation of milk.
16. What is the name of the part of the human skeleton which protects our brain?
17. Is the compound 'HCl' an acid or base?
18. True or false? The fastest land animal in the world is the zebra.
19. How many bones do sharks have in their bodies?
20. What famous scientist was awarded the 1921 Nobel Prize in Physics for his work on theoretical physics?

General Science Quiz Answers

1. Jupiter	2. O	3. Tsunami	4. False - They are omnivores
5. Nitrogen	6. A trunk	7. True	8. Mount Everest

9. The sun	10. True	11. Helium	12. Spiders
13. 7	14. Lava	15. True	16. The skull
17. An acid (hydrochloric acid)	18. False (it is the cheetah)	19. 0	20. Albert Einstein

General Knowledge 25 Questions

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1. Which metal is heavier, silver or gold?
2. How many legs do butterflies have?
3. Which is the country with the most people?
4. Which state is the biggest in the US?
5. Which country has the largest area of land?
6. Which is the country hosting the 2008 Olympic Games?
7. Which indoor sport is the most popular in the US?
8. Which golf player's mother is from Thailand?
9. What is Aurora Borealis commonly known as?
10. Which is the non-contagious disease that is the most common in the world?
11. Which was the album the Beatles recorded the last time together?
12. Which instrument did Miles Davis, the jazz musician, play?
13. What is the sport in which you could get into a headlock?
14. In which country was golf first played?
15. Which is the sport where you could be out 'leg before wicket', or 'hit a six'?
16. When did baseball originate in the US?
17. Which is the sport wherein you would use a 'sand iron'?
18. What is the largest mammal in the world?
19. Which is the country where reggae music originated?
20. Who was the creator of Jeeves and Wooster?
21. Who painted the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel?
22. Who was the writer of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland?
23. After which famous person was the teddy bear named?
24. Which is the smallest ocean in the world?
25. What is the rhino's horn made of?

Answers

1. Gold
2. Six
3. China
4. Alaska
5. Russia
6. China
7. Basketball
8. Tiger Woods
9. Northern Lights
10. Tooth Decay
11. Abbey Road
12. Trumpet
13. Wrestling
14. Scotland
15. Cricket
16. 19th Century
17. Golf
18. Blue Whale
19. Jamaica
20. P.G. Wodehouse
21. Michelangelo
22. Lewis Carroll
23. Theodore Roosevelt
24. Arctic Ocean
25. Hair

General Knowledge 101 Questions with Answers

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01 The first Prime minister of Bangladesh was

Mujibur Rehman

02 The longest river in the world is the

Nile

03 The longest highway in the world is the Trans

Canada

04 The longest highway in the world has a length of About

8000 km

05 The highest mountain in the world is the

Everest

06 The country that accounts for nearly one third of the total teak production of the world is

Myanmar

07 The biggest desert in the world is the

Sahara desert

08 The largest coffee growing country in the world is

Brazil

09 The country also known as "country of Copper" is

Zambia

10 The name given to the border which separates **Pakistan** and Afghanistan is

Durand line

11 The river Volga flows out into the

Caspian sea

12 The coldest place on the earth is

Verkoyansk in Siberia

13 The country which ranks **second** in terms of land area is

Canada

14 The largest Island in the Mediterranean sea is

Sicily

15 The river Jordan flows out into the

Dead sea

16 The biggest delta in the world is the
Ganges Delta

17 The capital city that **stands** on the river Danube is
Belgrade

18 The Japanese call their country as
Nippon

19 The length of the English **channel** is
564 kilometres

20 The world's oldest known city is
Damascus

21 The city which is also known as the City of Canals is
Venice

22 The country in which river Wangchu flows is
Myanmar

23 The biggest island of the world is
Greenland

24 The city which is the biggest centre for manufacture of automobiles in the world is
Detroit, USA

25 The country which is the largest producer of manganese in the world is
China & South Africa

26 The country which is the largest producer of rubber in the world is
Malaysia

27 The country which is the largest producer of tin in the world is
China

28 The river which carries maximum quantity of **water** into the sea is the
Amazon River

29 The city which was once called the 'Forbidden City' was
Peking

30 The country called the Land of Rising Sun is
Japan

31 Mount Everest was named after
Sir George Everest

- 32 The volcano Vesuvius is located in
Italy
- 33 The country known as the Sugar Bowl of the world is
Cuba
- 34 The length of the Suez Canal is
162.5 kilometers
- 35 The lowest point on earth is
The coastal area of Dead sea
- 36 The Gurkhas are the original inhabitants of
Nepal
- 37 The largest ocean of the world is the
Pacific ocean
- 38 The largest bell in the world is the
Tsar Kolkol at Kremlin, Moscow
- 39 The biggest stadium in the world is the
Strahov Stadium, Prague
- 40 The world's largest diamond producing country is
South Africa
- 41 Australia was discovered by
James Cook
- 42 The first Governor General of Pakistan is
Mohammed Ali Jinnah
- 43 Dublin is situated at the mouth of river
Liffey
- 44 The earlier name of New York city was
New Amsterdam
- 45 The Eifel tower was built by
Alexander Eiffel
- 46 The Red Cross was founded by
Jean Henri Durant
- 47 The country which has the greatest population density is
Monaco
- 48 The national flower of Britain is

Rose

49 Niagara Falls was discovered by
Louis Hennepin

50 The national flower of Italy is
Lily

51 The national flower of China is
Narcissus

52 The permanent secretariat of the SAARC is located at
Kathmandu

53 The gateway to the Gulf of Iran is
Strait of Hormuz

54 The first **Industrial** Revolution took place in
England

55 World Environment Day is observed on
5th June

56 The first Republican President of **America** was
Abraham Lincoln

57 The country famous for Samba dance is
Brazil

58 The name of Alexander's horse was
Bucephalus

59 Singapore was founded by
Sir Thomas Stamford Raffles

60 The famous British one-eyed Admiral was
Nelson

61 The earlier name of Sri Lanka was
Ceylon

62 The UNO was formed in the year
1945

63 UNO stands for
United Nations Organization

64 The independence day of South Korea is celebrated on
15th August

- 65 'Last Judgement' was the first painting of an Italian painter named Michelangelo
- 66 Paradise Regained was written by John Milton
- 67 The first President of Egypt was Mohammed Nequib
- 68 The first man to reach North Pole was Rear Admiral Robert E. Peary
- 69 The most famous painting of Pablo Picasso was Guernica
- 70 The primary producer of newsprint in the world is Canada
- 71 The first explorer to reach the South Pole was Cap. Ronald Amundson
- 72 The person who is called the father of modern Italy is G.Garibaldi
- 73 World literacy day is celebrated on 8th September
- 74 The founder of modern Germany is Bismarck
- 75 The country known as the land of the midnight sun is Norway
- 76 The place known as the Roof of the world is Tibet
- 77 The founder of the Chinese Republic was San Yat Sen
- 78 The first Pakistani to receive the Nobel Prize was Abdul Salam
- 79 The first woman Prime Minister of Britain was Margaret Thatcher
- 80 The first Secretary General of the UNO was Trygve Lie
- 81 The sculptor of the statue of Liberty was

Frederick Auguste Bartholdi

82 The port of Baku is situated in
Azerbaijan

83 John F Kennedy was assassinated by
Lee Harvey Oswald

84 The largest river in France is
Loire

85 The Queen of England who married her brother-in-law was
Catherine of Aragon

86 The first black person to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize was
Ralph Johnson Bunche

87 The first British University to admit women for degree courses was
London University

88 The principal export of Jamaica is
Sugar

89 New York is popularly known as the city of
Skyscrapers

90 Madagascar is popularly known as the Island of
Cloves

91 The country known as the Land of White Elephant is
Thailand

92 The country known as the Land of Morning Calm is
Korea

93 The country known as the Land of Thunderbolts is
Bhutan

94 The highest waterfalls in the world is the
Salto Angel Falls, Venezuela

95 The largest library in the world is the
United States Library of Congress, Washington DC

96 The author of Harry Potter Books is
JK Rowling

97 Nickname of New York city is

Big Apple

98 What do you call a group of sheep?

A Flock of Sheep

99 In which sport do players take long and short corners?

Hockey

100 Who was the youngest President of the USA?

Theodore Roosevelt

101 How many legs do butterflies have?

6 Legs & 2 Pair of Wings

General Knowledge 250 Questions Quiz

So You've A Good General Knowledge....?

1. What does 'The Cherry Orchard' have in common with old editions of 'Startrek'?
2. In Australia, how is the date of Mothers' Day calculated?
3. Which President of the USSR encouraged the policy of Glasnost?
4. What was built by inmates taken from Changi Prison Camp?
5. What is the world's largest desert?
6. Nino Culotto was his pen-name. What was his REAL name?
7. What is the last letter of the Greek alphabet?
8. Who wrote 'The Entertainer', music made famous by the film, 'The Sting'?
9. In Greek legend, what was eaten on the island of Jerba?
10. What was the name of Ulysses' son, who grew to manhood in his absence?
11. Which Knight caused the death of the Lady of Shallott?
12. What monument occupies centre stage in Trafalgar Square?
13. Which book catapulted Germaine Greer to fame?
14. What was the classical standard language of ancient India?
15. Who directed and starred in films such as 'The little Tramp'?
16. Name the three types of classical architectural column.
17. Who was Doctor Zhivago's great love?
18. Name the commoner who ruled England in 1658-59.
19. Which ghost ship is the theme of an 1841 opera by Richard Wagner?
20. What career did the Duke of Wellington pursue after the Battle of Waterloo?
21. Which popular hymn was composed by Sir Arthur Sullivan of Opera Fame?
22. What is the literal meaning of 'pince-nez'. glasses?
23. Beneath which Paris monument is the tomb of France's unknown soldier?
24. What type of puppets are those whose movements are controlled by strings?
25. Which drug is best known for its use in preventing malaria?
26. Identify the 15th century British war fought by the Houses of Lancaster and YorkBR>
27. Which sea is so named because it is too salty to maintain life
28. What is the most indispensable instrument in astronomy?
29. Which literary doctor owns a parrot called 'Polynesia'?
30. Name the Australian singer whose first hit, in the 1960s, was 'I Remember You'.

`Four On The Floor' pertain?

31. What is Sydney's equivalent to San Francisco's `Bay To Breakers' footrace'?
32. Which independent island is Australia's nearest neighbour to the west?
33. At the end of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet', which of the principals are dead?
34. Name two fictional or historical characters who fought with quarterstaves on a log bridge ?
35. What is the name of Greg Norman's business?
36. Name a state of U.S.A. beginning with `B'.
37. Whom did Yoko Ono marry only to lose to an assassin?
38. Who dubbed Australia `The Lucky Country' in one of his novels?
39. Which biblical event supports the superstition that 13 is an unlucky number?
40. How much was 240 pence in predecimal currency
41. Which comic- strip drake is a multi-billionaire?
42. What was the first event decided at the 1896 Olympics?
43. Which is the only continent occupied by one nation?
44. What inspired the convex golden disc as the Order of Australia ?
45. Which 1980 song hit was written by Joe Dolce, an Italian migrant?
46. What is God called by the Islamic or Muslim faith?
47. Which radiation belt around the earth was named after an American physicist?
48. What is significant about a score of 4137 points in billiards?
49. Who was the famous Nez Perce Indian chief?
50. Which Slim Dusty 'hotel' song is Australia's only gold 78 record?
51. After Carruthers, Rose and Famechon, who was Australia's fourth world boxing champion?
52. What is an ocarina whose size and shape resembles a goose egg?
53. In which American city was the world's first skyscraper built in 1885?
54. What is the Christian name of Webster, who published a dictionary still used today ?
55. Outside of the Presidency, what is the highest American political office?
56. Name the only boxer to knock out Mohammed Ali
57. Which Australian state is host to the town of Gundagai?
58. On what date to Americans celebrate their Independence Day?
59. Who starred in the film version of To Kill A Mockingbird?
60. Which modern language gives us the term finito ?
61. Who painted the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel?
62. Which Australian city will host the 2001 Goodwill Games?

63. The prefix gastro refers to which bodily organ?
64. If you are celebrating your Diamond Anniversary, how many years have you been married ?
65. Boxers often suffer from a condition in which their ears are misshapen..what is this called?
66. Who wrote the famous poem Daffodils?
67. In what decade of this century was it decided US Presidents would be restricted to two terms?
68. What was the given name of Stalin's daughter who defected to the US in 1967?
69. Name the South African surgeon who carried out the first heart transplant operation.
70. The revolutionary newspaper, Pravda was first published in 1912...but WHERE?
71. What the the first ship to reach Titanic after the disaster?
72. Where in the US did the dance , the Charleston originate?
73. Which American author wrote the novel Gentlemen Prefer Blondes?
74. Who piloted the US aircraft shot down by the USSR in 1960 ?
75. Where were the 1960 Summer Olympics held?
76. In what year was the Rainbow Warrior sunk in New Zealand waters?
77. Who became the first Overlord Of England and Wales?
78. Which animal is likely to suffer from the disease, heaves ?
79. Who wrote The Happy Prince?
80. For what sport is a harrier bred??
81. Where in Australia is Palm Valley ?
82. What breed of farm animal is a Polwarth?
83. Who named Manly Cove , situated in Sydney Harbour?
84. Name the main ore of iron.
85. What is the study of heredity called?
86. Rose Hill was the original name of Australia's second settlement ...what is it called now??
87. What term is used to describe fertile land being 'rested' for a season?
88. Who is the patron saint of children ?
89. Who did Amin overthrow in 1971?
90. What ancient unit of measurement is supposedly the distance from the elbow to the tip of the index finger?
91. Which was the second James Bond novel to be made into a movie?
92. Can you name the only two countries to have declared independence from Britain?
93. What is the official language of Egypt?
94. On which continent is Vincon Massif the highest peak?
95. Do polar bears eat penguins?

96. In which country would you find Tabasco?
97. What is the more common name for the tympanic membrane ?
98. Name the street that is home to British journalism.
99. What was H.G. Wells' first novel?
100. Which Australian city was host to the nations's first steam train.and its first electric train?
101. What is the best-known university in Paris?
102. What is the birthstone for September?
103. Where did John F. Kennedy, Lee Harvey Oswald and Jack Ruby all die?
104. What is the last book of the Bible?
105. Which movie's last line is " After all, tomorrow is another day"?
106. In Disney comics, who are Daisy Duck's three nieces?
107. At which Melbourne hotel did the Beatles stay in 1964 ?
108. Who was the first New Australian to become, in 1961, Miss Australia?
109. Which edifice stands on the banks of the River Jumna, at Agra?
110. What does one call ornamental work in silver or gold thread?
111. Which Norse god had, as handmaidens, the Valkyrie?
112. Which British Battleship was sunk, in 1941, by The Bismark?
113. What is the alternative name for a beekeeper?
114. Which 1975 Dickens drama was planned as a musical but screened without any songs ?
115. Which British novel was the subject of "Sailor"?
116. How many books comprise the Old and the New Testaments?
117. At what angle above the horizon must the sun be to create a rainbow?
118. Which song is based on California's 1849 gold rush?
119. What is the only crime for which church sanctuary is not available?
120. What was the full name of Brutus, one of Caesar's murderers?
121. What was the American codename for the development of the atom bomb?
122. Which western law enforcement agency's motto was , "One riot-One Ranger?"
123. What is the Hebrew name of Calvary, where Christ was crucified ?
124. Which number on a roulette wheel is coloured green?
125. How many cannons are involved in a Royal Salute
126. What type of Moscow institution is GUM?
127. Which island is 50 times larger than its mother country, Denmark?
128. Who was the first white man to climb Mt Kosciusko?

129. Name Australia's first "Girlie" magazine, launched in 1936
130. What name is given to the Pope's pontifical ring?
131. What ingredient did Cap O' Rushes order omitted from the wedding meats?
132. Who are the traditional inhabitants of Dovrafell?"
133. What was the name of Childe Rowland's sister, whom he rescued ?
134. Which witch travelled in a mortar which she drove along with a pestle?
135. Who caught Tommy Grimes?
136. What was it that Princess Margaret was changed into by her wicked stepmother, the Witch-Queen of Bamborough Castle?
137. Who fought the Queen of the Fairies for Tamlane, her love..and won??
138. Which fiend terrorized the Hall of Hrothgar?
139. And who freed Hrothgar's Hall of this menace?BR>
140. What was kept in Iduna's magic casket?
141. What was the name of the first patented contraceptive pill ?
142. What name is given, collectively, to the first five books of the Old Testament?"
143. In what year did Japan bomb Pearl Harbour ?
144. Ulan Bator is the capital of which nation?
145. What unit of heat is required to raise 1 gm of water by one degree Celsius?
146. Which airline owned the jet that exploded over Lockerbie, Scotland, in 1988?
147. What number did Michael Jordan make famous during his career with the Chicago Bulls??
148. Which floor covering is constructed by covering hessian or canvas with linseed oil, powdered cork and rosin?
149. In which American state would you find the city of Phoenix?
150. How many sides does a RHOMBUS have?
151. Which American state has its capital Harrisburg?
152. Which six letter word describes the number of members of a body required to be present to conduct business legally ?
153. Which company that developed the pentium processor for computers?
154. What name was given to the rockets used to launch the Apollo space missions?
155. Until the end of the 20th Century, what was the most popular name adopted by the popes?
156. In which year did Pope Benedict XV declare Joan of Arc a saint?
157. The mummies of Egyptian Pharaohs were often buried in what type of transport, believed to assist them to travel to the next world?

158. How many films did Charles Chaplin make during his 53-year career, from 1914 to 1967?
159. Which band had a hit with the song 'California Dreamin'?
160. What name is given to the star that appears on the flag of Israel?
161. Which amusement park opened in Anaheim, California, on July 18th., 1955 ?
162. Name the wife of the Philippines dictator, Ferdinand Marcos
163. K is the chemical symbol for what?
164. On what date is Australia Day celebrated?
165. Who wrote the play, "The Mousetrap"?
166. How old was Boris Becker when he won his first Wimbledon Singles title?
167. How many Spice Girls were there in 1997?
168. Who played the title role in the film "Gandhi"?
169. In the nursery rhyme, what do we ask Mary, mary, Quite contrary?
170. In what country would you find the Grand Prix circuit known as Silverstone?
171. Which American President was assassinated by Leon Czolgosz ?
172. Complete the proverb No kitchen is big enough to hold...
173. Who developed Meccano?
174. To which people did Delilah pass soon the secret of Samson's strength?
175. Who wrote the shortest of the gospels?
176. Complete this proverb: The end justifies
177. Who said: "A crank is a man with a new idea--until it catches on"?
178. Who wrote the song, Imagine?
179. Name the first woman in space
180. Who was convicted of shooting and killing John F Kennedy?
181. In which country did the Volkswagon originate ?
182. "The Sound Of Music" is set in which European country....
183. Which planet has the longest year?
184. In Earth terms , how long is that year?
185. What is the highest mountain in New Zealand?
186. What is the 12th letter of the English alphabet
187. Who teamed up with Neil Diamond to perform the hit song, "You Don't Send Me Flowers"?
188. 1974 saw Portugal involved in a revolution which became known by which floral name??
189. What term is used to describe the wool cut from around a sheep's eyes?
190. What type of creature is a beagle?

191. In which Asian nation would you find the state of Punjab?
192. What is the wellknown French word for "pen"?
193. Ra is the chemical symbol for which element?
194. What five-letter word, beginning with q, is used to describe a lock or curl of hair on the forehead?
195. How many metres make a kilometre?
196. Who was the great Spanish Painter whose first name was Pablo?
197. Who founded the Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant chain?
198. Which 1970s band had a hit with "Mama Mia"?
199. In which year did Fred Astair die?
200. Which river did Johann Strauss describe as "blue"?

201. For what crime is Vincent Perrugia best remembered?
202. Which Florentine woman was mother to 3 kings of France, and wife to another?
203. Who was the 3rd man on the moon?
204. Who designed Queen Elizabeth II's wedding dress?
205. What was the name of Homer Simpson's Bowling team?
206. Which 1970's hit movie was based on a poem by James Dickey?
207. Which famous musician & singer was born McKinley Morganfield?
208. Who was the last person to be executed in the Tower of London?
209. In what film would you have seen a sword fight on the Cliffs of Insanity?
210. What is the world's largest bird of prey?

211. Sir Mark Oliphant was once Premier of which Australian State?
212. Near which Israeli city would you find the Mount Of Olives?
213. What colour are the towers of San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge?
214. What is the sixth letter of hte English alphabet?
215. How many years of marraige are celebrated by a Golden Wedding Anniversary?
216. How many dwarves lived in the house discovered by Snow White?
217. By what short name were the Secret State Police of Nazi Germany known?
218. Musican Bo Didley is famous for playing which instrument?
219. Which actress began life as Doris Kapellhoff?
220. What name is given to the punctuation mark with a dot directly above a comma?

221. What country produces Rioja wines?
222. Who was the favourite daughter of Shakespeare's King Lear?
223. Which Australkian city includes the suburbs of Cottesloe and Subiaco?
224. Who discovered Oxygen in 1774?
225. Name the author of A Town Like Alice
226. How many Earth years does it take Pluto to orbit the sun?
227. What name is given to the central part of a fleshy fruit, containing the seeds?
228. What letter appears to the right of Y on a keyboard?
229. What is it that makes soda water fizz?
230. What disease is the Sabin Vaccine used to prevent?

231. Name the actor grandfathr of Drew Barrymore.
232. Who is the female host of the television show, Better Homes and Gardens?
233. Which comedian once said, "A well-balanced person has a drink in each hand"?
234. Complete this proverb: A growing youth has a?
235. What are the three given names of author JRR Tolkein?
236. Who portrayed Kevin Arnold in the television series, The Wonder Years?
237. With whom did Barbra Streisand team to release the hit song, "You Don't Bring Me Flowers"?
238. Complete this proverb: Facts are
239. Who portrayed Melanie Wilks in the film, Gone With The Wind?
240. Name the Australian artist who painted "The Rabbiters"

241. In the famous 'White Horse' FA Cup final of 1923, what was the name of the White Horse?
242. Which is the largest of the Trucial states?
243. Whose last words were 'The rest is silence'?
244. What was double-headed for Russia & Austria, but single-headed for Germany?
245. In the famous April Fools Day joke, where did Richard Dimbleby say that spaghetti was being grown on trees?
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250. In which sport are Bonspiel and Crampit common terms?

Answers

1. Mr Checkhov!
2. It's always the second Sunday in May.
3. Mr Gorbachov
4. The Burma Railway.
5. The Sahara
6. John O'Grady
7. Omega
8. Scott Joplin
9. Lotuses.
10. Telemachus
11. Sir Lancelot
12. Nelson's Columns
13. The Female Eunuch
14. Sanskrit
15. Charlie Chaplin
16. Doric, Ionic and Corinthian
17. Lara
18. Richard Cromwell
19. The Flying Dutchman
20. Political: he was British PM 1828-30
21. 'Onward Christian Soldiers'
22. 'Pinch-nose'
23. Arc De Triomphe
24. Marionettes
25. Quinine
26. War Of The Roses
27. Dead Sea
28. Telescope
29. Dr Doolittle

30. Frank Ifield
31. City To Surf race
32. Mauritius
33. Both Romeo and Juliet
34. Robin Hood and Little John
35. Great White Shark Enterprises
36. There is none!
37. John Lennon
38. Donald Horne
39. Thirteen people at the Last Supper
40. One pound
41. Scrooge McDuck
42. Triple jump
43. Australia
44. Wattle blossom
45. Shaddap You Face
46. Allah
47. (James) Van Allen Belts
48. It is Walter Lindrum's world-record break
49. Chief Joseph
50. The Pub With No Beer
51. Rocky Mattioil,WBC Junior Middleweight
52. Wind musical instrument
53. Chicago
54. Noah
55. President of the United States Senate
56. Larry Holmes in 1980
57. New South Wales
58. July 4th
59. Gregory Peck
60. Italian
61. Michelangelo
62. Brisbane

63. The stomach
64. Sixty
65. Cauliflower Ear
66. William Wordsworth
67. The 6th., 1951
68. Svetlana
69. Dr Christian Barnard
70. Russia
71. The Carparthia
72. Charleston, South Carolina
73. Anita Loos
74. Francis Gary Powers
75. Rome
76. 1985
77. Egbert of Wessex
78. A horse
79. Oscar Wilde
80. It is a hunting dog
81. The Northern Territory
82. A sheep
83. Governor Arthur Philip
84. Hematite
85. Genetics
86. Parramatta
87. Fallow
88. St Nicholas
89. Milton Obote
90. The cubit
91. From Russia With Love
92. The USA and Rhodesia
93. Arabic
94. Antarctica
95. No, Polar bears live in the Arctic, while Penguins inhabit the Antarctic and other southern areas

96. Mexico
97. The eardrum
98. Fleet Street
99. The Time Machine
100. Melbourne
101. The Sorbonne
102. Sapphire
103. Parkland Memorial Hospital, Dallas, Texas, USA.
104. Revelation
105. GoneWith The Wind
106. April, May and June
107. The Southern Cross
108. Tania Verstak
109. The Taj Mahal
110. Filigree
111. Odin
112. HMS Hood
113. Apiarist
114. Great Expectations
115. HMS Ark Royal
116. 39 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New
117. 40 degrees
118. Clementine
119. sacrilege
120. Marcus Junius Brutus
121. Manhattan Project
122. Texas Rangers
123. Golgotha
124. Zero
125. Twenty-one
126. The largest department-store
127. Greenland
128. Paul Strzlecki

129. Men
130. The Fisherman's Ring
131. Salt
132. The trolls of Denmark
133. Burd Ellen
134. Russia's Baba Yaga
135. Mr Miacca
136. The Laidly Worm
137. Fair Janet
138. Grendel
139. Beowulf
140. The Apples Of Youth which kept the Aesir young
141. Enovid
142. The Pentaleuch
143. 1941
144. Mongolia
145. One calorie
146. Pan Am
147. 23
148. Linoleum
149. Arizona
150. Four
151. Pennsylvania
152. Quorum
153. Intel
154. Saturn
155. John,(6)
156. 1920.
157. Boats
158. 89
159. The Mamas and The Papas
160. The Star Of David
161. Disneyland

162. Imelda
163. Potassium
164. January 26th
165. Agatha Christie
166. 17
167. Five
168. Ben Kingsley
169. How Does Your Garden Grow?
170. England
171. William Mckinley
172. ...Two Women
173. Frank Hornby
174. The Philistines
175. Mark
176. ...The means
177. Mark Twain
178. John Lennon
179. Valentina Tereshkova
180. Noone. Lee Harvey Oswald was suspected but murdered before any conviction was recorded
181. Germany
182. Austria
183. Pluto
184. 247 years, 255 days
185. Mt Cook
186. L
187. Barbara Streisand
188. Carnation Revolution
189. Eyeclip
190. Dog
191. India
192. Plume
193. Radium
194. Quiff

195. 1000
196. Picasso
197. Colonel Harlan Sanders
198. ABBA
199. 1987
200. The Danube.
201. He Stole The Mona Lisa
202. Catherine De Medici
203. Charles Conrad
204. Norman Hartnell
205. Pin Pals
206. Deliverance
207. Muddy Waters
208. Josef Jakobs
209. The Princess Bride
210. Californian Condor.
211. South Australia
212. Jerusalem
213. Red
214. F
215. 50
216. 7
217. Gestapo
218. Guitar
219. Doris Day
220. Semi-colon.
221. Spain
222. Cordelia
223. Perth
224. Joseph Priestly
225. Nevil Shute
226. 248
227. The core

228. U
229. Carbon Dioxide
230. Polio
231. John Barrymore
232. Noni Hazlehurst
233. Billy Connolly
234. Wolf in his belly
235. John Ronald Reuel
236. Fred Savage
237. Neil Diamond
238. Stubborn things
239. Olivia De Havilland
240. Sir Russell Drysdale
241. Billy
242. Abu-Dhabi
243. Hamlet s
244. Imperial Eagle
245. Southern Switzerland
246. Catherine De Medici
247. Norman Hartnell
248. He Stole The Mona Lisa
249. Charles Conrad
250. Curling