

Interesting Facts - 100 Amazing Interesting Facts

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Here is a collection of 100 Funny, Amazing and Interesting Facts to increase your general knowledge.

1. 'Second Street' is the most common street name in the USA. 'First Street' is the sixth.
2. 160 cars can drive side by side on the Monumental Axis in Brazil, the world's widest road.
3. 20252 is Smokey the Bear's own zip code.
4. 68 percent of a Hostess Twinkie is air.
5. 80% of millionaires drive used cars.
6. 85% of all Valentine's Day cards are purchased by women.
7. 97% of all paper money in the US contains traces of cocaine.
8. A fire in Australia has been burning for more than 5,000 years.
9. A jiffy is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second. Thus the saying, I will be there in a jiffy.
10. A million dollars' worth of \$100 bills weighs only 22 pounds.
11. A pipe 2 feet in diameter will allow four times more fluid to pass through it than a pipe 1 foot in diameter.
12. A quarter has 119 grooves on its edge, a dime has one less groove.
13. A real estate agent's rule of thumb: To estimate what a house will sell for, ask the owner what it is worth and subtract 10%.
14. A sneeze travels out your mouth at over 100 m.p.h..
15. A survey reported that 12% of Americans think that Joan of Arc was Noah's wife.
16. All the gold ever mined could be molded into a cube 60 feet high and 60 feet wide.
17. Americans are responsible for generating roughly 20% percent of the garbage in the world.
18. An iceberg contains more heat than a lit match.
19. An olive tree can live up to 1,500 years.
20. An ounce of platinum can be stretched 10,000 feet.
21. Babies are born without knee caps.
22. Babies start dreaming even before they're born.
23. Babies who wear disposable diapers are five times more likely to develop diaper rash than those that wear cotton diapers.
24. Bamboo plants can grow up to 36 inches in a day.
25. Barbie's full name is Barbara Millicent Roberts.

26. Blue eyes are the most sensitive to light, dark brown the least sensitive.
27. By raising your legs slowly and laying on your back, you can't sink in quicksand.
28. Chrysler built B-29's that bombed Japan, Mitsubishi built Zeros that tried to shoot them down. Both companies now build cars in a joint plant called Diamond Star.
29. Contrary to popular belief, hair does not grow back darker and thicker after it has been shaved.
30. Diamonds mined in Brazil are harder than those found in Africa.
31. During his or her lifetime, the average human will grow 590 miles of hair.
32. Each 5 m.p.h. you drive over 60 m.p.h. is like paying an additional \$.10 a gallon for gas.
33. Each day, more than \$40 Trillion Dollars changes hands worldwide.
34. Each year, more than 50,000 people are injured by jewelry in the U.S.
35. Extremely high pressured water can easily cut through a steel beam.
36. Fine-grained volcanic ash can be found as an ingredient in some toothpastes.
37. Hong Kong has more Rolls Royces per person than anywhere else in the world.
38. Ice isn't slippery. What makes people and things slip on ice is water. A thin layer of ice melts when pressure is applied to it and it is this wet layer on top of the ice that is slippery.
39. If the population of China walked past you in single file, the line would never end because of the rate of reproduction.
40. If you counted 24 hours a day, it would take 31,688 years to reach one trillion.
41. If you dropped an aerodynamic object (such as a bullet) from the Empire State Building, you could kill someone.
42. If you flip a coin ten times, the odds against its coming up with the same side showing each time are 1,023 to 1.
43. If you took a standard slinky and stretched it out it would measure 87 feet.
44. In 2003, the U.S. Government spent about \$2,000,000.00 on potato research.
45. In 21 U.S. states, WALMART is the single largest employer.
46. In a year approximately 900 million trees are cut down to make the raw materials needed for American pulp mills and paper.
47. In an average hour, there are over 61,000 Americans airborne over the United States.
48. In many countries, urine was used as a detergent for washing.
49. In the U.S., more than 10% of lottery prizes go unclaimed.
50. In the White House, there are 13,092 knives, forks and spoons.
51. In Tokyo, a bicycle is faster than a car for most trips of less than 50 minutes.
52. It is estimated that millions of trees in the world are accidentally planted by squirrels who bury nuts and then forget where they hid them.

53. It takes 492 seconds for sunlight to reach the Earth.
54. It takes about 63,000 trees to make the newsprint for the average Sunday edition of The New York Times.
55. It takes the same amount of time to age a cigar as wine.
56. Kilts are not native to Scotland. They originated in France.
57. Leather skin does not have any smell. The leather smell that you sense is actually derived from the materials used in the tanning process.
58. Less than 3% of the water produced at a large municipal water treatment plant is used for drinking purposes.
59. Linen can absorb up to 20 times its weight in moisture before it feels damp.
60. Los Angeles's full name is "El Pueblo de Nuestra Senora la Reina de los Angeles de Porciuncula".
61. Marlboro cigarettes sold in New York contain more tar and nicotine than those sold in all other states.
62. More Americans have died in car accidents than have died in all the wars ever fought by the United States.
63. More than 10% of the world's salt is used to de-ice American roads.
64. More than 50% of Americans fall asleep on their sides.
65. More than 6,000 people with pillow-related injuries check into U.S. emergency rooms every year.
66. Most lipstick contains fish scales.
67. Most people who read the word 'yawning' will yawn.
68. New York's Central Park is nearly twice the size of the entire country of Monaco.
69. Ninety-nine percent of pumpkins sold in the United States are for the sole purpose of decoration.
70. No matter its size or thickness, no piece of paper can be folded in half more than 8 times.
71. No piece of square dry paper can be folded more than 7 times in half.
72. Oak trees can live 200 or more years.
73. On average, 100 people choke to death on ballpoint pens every year.
74. On average, a disposable diaper can hold up to 7 pounds of liquid.
75. On average, the life span of an American dollar bill is eighteen months.
76. Paper money is not made from wood pulp but from cotton. This means that it will not disintegrate as fast if it is put in the laundry.
77. Pollen can travel up to 500 miles in a day.
78. Pollen never deteriorates. It is one of the few natural substances that lasts indefinitely.
79. Q-Tip Cotton Swabs were originally called Baby Gays.
80. Recycling one glass jar, saves enough energy to watch T.V for 3 hours.

81. The New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) started as a coffee shop.
82. The number of births that occur in India each year is higher than the entire population of Australia.
83. The number of text messages sent and received in a given day is greater than the world's population.
84. The odds of being killed by falling out of bed are one in two million.
85. The only king without a moustache in a deck of cards is the king of hearts.
86. The Pittsburgh Steelers were originally called the Pirates.
87. The revenue that is generated from gambling is more than the revenue that comes from movies, cruise ships, recorded music, theme parks, and spectator sports combined.
88. The search engine Google got its name from the word 'googol', which refers to the number one with a hundred zeros after it.
89. The song 'Strawberry Fields Forever', sung by the Beatles, refers to an orphanage located in Liverpool.
90. The sound you hear when you crack your knuckles is actually the sound of nitrogen gas bubbles bursting.
91. The streets of Victor, Colorado, once a gold rush town, are paved with low-grade gold.
92. The symbol on the 'pound' key (#) is called an octothorpe.
93. The Bank of America was originally the Bank of Italy.
94. The weight of air in a milk glass is about the same as the weight of one aspirin tablet.
95. The worlds oldest piece of chewing gum is over 9000 years old.
96. There are 2,500,000 rivets in the Eiffel Tower.
97. There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.
98. There are 365 steps on the front of the U.S. Capital Building - one for every day of the year.
99. There are 53 Lego bricks manufactured for each person in the world.
100. The average American uses eight times as much fuel energy as an average person anywhere else in the world.

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