

Facts of the Day

1. Adolf Hitler was Time's Man of the Year for 1938.
2. A violin actually contains 70 separate pieces of wood.
3. It took approximately 2.5 million blocks to build the Pyramid of Giza, which is one of the Great Pyramids.
4. The Sea of Tranquility on the moon is deeper than the highest mountain on Earth.
5. The first household refrigerator cost about \$16,000, in today's money.
6. A famous bullfighter, Lagarijo, killed 4,867 bulls in the 19th century.
7. The largest pig on record was a Poland-China hog named Big Bill, who weighed 2,552 lbs.
8. Carolyn Shoemaker, famous astronomer, has discovered 32 comets and approximately 300 asteroids.
9. By recycling just one glass bottle, the amount of energy that is being saved is enough to light a 100 watt bulb for four hours.
10. In the United States, the first cookbook was published in 1796 and it contained a recipe for watermelon

rind pickles.

11. In a lifetime, the average driver will honk 15,250 times.
12. Buckingham Palace has over six hundred rooms.
13. Niagara Falls actually stopped flowing in 1848 for about 20 hours because there was ice that was blocking the Niagara River.
14. Fossilized bird droppings are one of the chief exports of Nauru, an island nation in the Western Pacific.
15. The colors yellow, red, and orange are used in fast food restaurants because those are the colors that stimulate hunger.
16. Albert Einstein was offered the presidency of Israel in 1952, but he declined.
17. A penguin swims at a speed of approximately 15 miles per hour.
18. A baby octopus is about the size of a flea when it is born.
19. If all the salt were to be extracted from the Earth's oceans, you would have enough salt to cover all of the continents five feet deep.
20. The country of Andorra has a zero percent

unemployment rate.

21. All the Krispy Kreme donut stores collectively could make a doughnut stack as high as the Empire State Building in only 2 minutes.

22. In 1685, New France used playing cards as currency because of the shortage of coins.

23. In North America there are approximately 618 roller coasters.

24. If someone was to fly once around the surface of the moon, it would be equal to a round trip from New York to London.

25. Soldier's disease is a term for morphine addiction. The Civil War produced over 400,000 morphine addicts.

26. According to Scientists, vampire bat saliva is the best known medicine for keeping blood from clotting.

27. The coliseum in Rome was used regularly for about 400 years.

28. Vincent Van Gogh's "Portrait of Dr. Gachet is the most expensive painting sold at an auction. It was purchased for \$85.2 million dollars.

29. There are about 125 million multiples (twins, triplets, etc.) worldwide.

30. One tree can filter up to sixty pounds of pollutants from the air each year.
31. A squash ball moving at 150 kilometers per hour has the same impact of a .22 bullet.
32. Your brain is 80% water.
33. Poll results: Nachos is the food most craved by mothers-to-be.
34. The parents of Albert Einstein were worried that he was mentally slow because it took him a long time to learn how to speak.
35. The amount of aluminum that Americans throw out in three months is enough to rebuild all American commercial planes.
36. During World War II, condoms were used to cover rifle barrels from being damaged by salt water as the soldiers swam to shore.
37. O.J. Simpson had a severe case of rickets and wore leg braces when he was a child.
38. The material to build the Taj Mahal was brought in from various parts of India by a fleet of 1000 elephants.
39. Gardening is said to be one of the best exercises for maintaining healthy bones.

40. The best time for a person to buy shoes is in the afternoon. This is because the foot tends to swell a bit around this time.
41. Daytime dramas are called Soap Operas because they were originally used to advertise soap powder. In America in the early days of TV, advertisers would write stories around the use of their soap powder.
42. 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.
43. Angel Falls in Venezuela is the world's highest waterfall, at 979 meters. This waterfall is sixteen times the height of Niagara Falls.
44. There are mirrors on the moon. Astronauts left them so that laser beams could be bounced off of them from Earth. These beams help give us the distance to the moon, give or take a few meters.
45. There are six million parts in the Boeing 747-400.
46. At just four years old Mozart was able to learn a piece of music in half an hour.
47. Bamboo plants can grow up to 36 inches in a day.
48. Abraham Lincoln's mother died when she drank the milk of a cow that grazed on poisonous snakeroot.

49. A galactic year is 250 million Earth-years. This is the time it takes for our solar system to make one revolution around the Milky Way Galaxy.
50. Leather skin does not have any smell. The leather smell that you sense is actually derived from the materials used in the tanning process.
51. In a year, an average person makes 1,140 phone calls.
52. The largest ketchup bottle is a 170 feet (52 m) tall water tower.
53. A Russian man who wore a beard during the time of Peter the Great had to pay a special tax.
54. Morihei Ueshiba, founder of Aikido, once pinned an opponent using only a single finger.
55. Every three seconds a baby is born somewhere in the world.
56. The University of Plymouth was the first university to offer a degree in surfing.
57. In only eight minutes, the Space Shuttle can accelerate to a speed of 27,000 kilometers per hour.
58. There are more than 40 million Americans that have "chronic halitosis," which is bad breath that never goes

away.

59. It takes about 570 gallons of paint to cover the outside of the current U.S. President's home, the White House.

60. Honolulu, Hawaii boasts the only royal palace in the United States of America.

61. Central air conditioners use 98% more energy than ceiling fans.

62. In 1989, twenty-three people were hired in Jacksonville Florida just to flush toilets so the pipes would not freeze.

63. By weight, the sun is 70% hydrogen, 28% helium, 1.5% carbon, nitrogen, and oxygen, and 0.5% all other elements.

64. In the 1985 Boise, Idaho mayoral election, there were four write-in votes for Mr. Potato Head.

65. One of the steepest main streets in Canada is located in Saint John, New Brunswick. Over a distance of two blocks the street rises about 80 feet.

66. A Singapore singing group by the name of "The Oriental Singers," sang non-stop for 74 hours and five minutes.

67. By law, information collected in a U.S. census must

remain confidential for seventy-two years.

68. Hockey pucks were originally made from frozen cow dung.

69. Squids move through the ocean using a jet of water forced out of the body by a siphon.

70. African Baobab tree's circumference can reach 180 feet. If the trunk is hollow, 20 people would be able to fit inside of it.

71. Enough paper is recycled in the USA every day, that a 15 mile long train of boxcars could be filled up with paper.

72. Someone gets divorced every ten to thirteen seconds.

73. People in France own more pets in the world per person than any other country.

74. There are dolphins that live in the Amazon River that are the color pink.

75. The projection light used for IMAX theaters can be seen from space.

76. An orca whale can hold its breath for up to 15 minutes.

77. The Flintstones cartoon was the first thirty-minute cartoon to be aired during prime time.

78. The largest number of children born to one woman, who was a Russian peasant, is 69.

79. It has been suggested that shepherds are responsible for inventing the game golf. It is said that they used to use their staffs to hit the stones.

80. Every day, over five billion gallons of water are flushed down toilets in the United States.

81. There are about 6,800 languages in the world.

82. In 1998, a law passed in the U.S. state of Virginia allows drivers to keep their road kill, as long as they report it within 12 hours.

83. Bill Bowerman, founder of the shoe company Nike, got his first shoe idea after staring at a waffle iron. This gave him the idea of using squared spikes to make the shoes lighter.

84. Every day, the Hubble telescope transmits enough data to fit 10,000 standard computer disks.

85. During the 60's, the women's liberation movement denounced bras as a symbol of servitude and encouraged bra burning rallies.

86. Many years ago, a fish was caught that was 33 inches long and seemed to be heavier than it should. When they cut the fish, fishermen found a full of bottle of ale inside it.

87. A one kilogram packet of sugar will have about 5 million grains of sugar.

88. In 1819, the USA purchased Florida from Spain for the cancellation of a \$5 million debt.

89. Alaska is the western-most AND eastern-most state of the United States. Its islands stretch so far they actually cross the 180th meridian - the global dividing line between "east" and "west".

90. The three wealthiest families in the world have more assets than the combined wealth of the forty-eight poorest nations.

91. In a year, the average person walks four miles to make his or her bed.

92. A leech has 32 brains.

93. The longest Hollywood kiss was from the 1941 film, "You're in the Army Now." It lasted for three minutes and three seconds.

94. The longest engagement lasted 67 years, and the couple ended up marrying when they were 82 years old.

95. The range of a medieval long-bow is 220 yards.

96. Charlie Chaplin once lost a contest for a Charlie Chaplin look a like.

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