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## 3000+ THINGS THAT WILL MAKE YOU SMART

## Introduction

I wrote this book because I want you to learn some new cool things that will help you. Everybody wants to be smart and I think the facts from this book can make you more intelligent. I am sure that this book will improve your knowledge and you will become smarter than your friends.

- 1. In 2002, the most popular boat name in the U.S. was Liberty.
- 2. One out of 20 people have an extra rib.
- 3. 44% of kids watch television before they go to sleep.
- 4. In 1865, the U.S. Secret Service was first established for the specific purpose to combat the counterfeiting of money.
- 5. Istanbul, Turkey is the only city in the world located on two continents.
- 6. In 1967, the IMAX film system was invented by Canadian Ivan Grame Ferguson to premier at Expo 67.
- 7. Approximately 40% of the U.S. paper currency in circulation was counterfeit by the end of the Civil War.
- 8. Every three days a human stomach gets a new lining.
- 9. In 1873, Colgate made a toothpaste that was available in a jar.
- 10. The Kodiak, which is native to Alaska, is the largest bear and can measure up to eight feet and weigh as much as 1,700 pounds.
- 11. The three best-known western names in China: Jesus Christ, Richard Nixon, and Elvis Presley.
- 12. Mars is the home of Olympus Mons, the largest known volcano in our solar system.
- 13. The Gastric Flu can cause projectile vomiting.
- 14. The second best selling game of all time is Jenga. Jenga is a Swahili word, meaning "to build."
- 15. Cinderella is known as Rashin Coatie in Scotland, Zezolla in Italy, and Yeh-hsien in China.
- 16. The name Wendy was made up for the book "Peter Pan.".
- 17. The fur of the binturong, also known as the "Asian Bear Cat," smells like popcorn. The scent is believed to come from a gland located near the tail.
- 18. In 1894 the first big Coke sign was found on the side of a building located in Cartersville, Georgia, and still exists today.
- 19. The longest distance a deepwater lobster has been recorded to travel is 225 miles.
- 20. Orcas (killer whales), when traveling in groups, breathe in unison.
- 21. The Great Pyramids used to be as white as snow because they were encased in a bright limestone that has worn off over the years.
- 22. NASCAR stands for National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing.
- 23. Percentage of American men who say they would marry the same woman if they had it to do all over again: 80%
- 24. Paul Hunn holds the record for the loudest burp, which was 118.1 decibels, which is as loud as a chainsaw.
- 25. A monkey was once tried and convicted for smoking a cigarette in South Bend, Indiana.
- 26. There are six million parts in the Boeing 747-400.
- 27. The first TONKA truck was made in 1947.

- 28. In the U.S., over one million gallons of cosmetics, drinks, and lotions are sold that contain aloe in them per year.
- 29. Sugar Bear (the mascot for Golden Crisps cereal) was born in 1963.
- 30. The Tonle Sap River in Cambodia flows north for almost half the year and then south for the rest of the year.
- 31. Japanese research has concluded that moderate drinking can boost IQ levels.
- 32. For more than 3,000 years, Carpenter ants have been used to close wounds in India, Asia and South America.
- 33. Baskin Robbins plain vanilla ice cream is the number one selling flavour and accounts for a quarter of their sales.
- 34. Elizabeth Taylor has appeared on the cover of Life magazine more than anyone else.
- 35. The typical lead pencil can draw a line that is thirty five miles long.
- 36. The word "toy" comes from an old English word that means "tool.".
- 37. Smokers are twice as likely to develop lower back pain than non-smokers.
- 38. Humans are born with 300 bones in their body, however when a person reaches adulthood they only have 206 bones. This occurs because many of them join together to make a single bone.
- 39. The reason why hair turns gray as we age is because the pigment cells in the hair follicle start to die, which is responsible for producing "melanin" which gives the hair colour.
- 40. In 1960 there were 16,067 gambling slots in Nevada. By 1999, this number rose to 205,726 slots which would be one slot for every 10 people residing there.
- 41. It takes the Hubble telescope about 97 minutes to complete an orbit of the Earth. On average, the Hubble uses the equivilent amount of energy as 30 household light bulbs to complete an orbit.
- 42. The two factories of the Jelly Belly Candy Company produces approximately 100,000 pounds of jelly beans a day. this amounts to about 1,250,000 jelly beans an hour.
- 43. Pucks hit by hockey sticks have reached speeds of up to 150 miles per hour.
- 44. The "naked recreation and travel" industry has grown by 233% in the past decade.
- 45. The Planters Peanut Company mascot, Mr. Peanut, was created during a contest for schoolchildren in 1916.
- 46. Most lipstick contains fish scales.
- 47. The sentence "the quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" uses every letter in the english language.
- 48. The expression cooked "al dente" means "to the tooth." What this means is that the pasta should be somewhat firm, and offer some resistance to the tooth, but should also be tender.

- 49. Of married couples, 70% of men and 60% of women have cheated on their spouse.
- 50. No piece of paper can be folded in half more than 7 times.
- 51. More people are killed by donkeys annually than are killed in plane crashes.
- 52. The first couple to be shown on a sitcom sleeping in the same bed was "Mary Kay and Johnny.".
- 53. Asthma affects one in fifteen children under the age of eighteen.
- 54. A one ounce milk chocolate bar has 6 mg of caffeine.
- 55. Throughout the South, peanuts were known as "Monkey Nuts," and "Goober peas," before the civil war.
- 56. Scallops have approximately 100 eyes around the edge of its shell.
- 57. In 1810, Peter Durand invented the tin can for preserving food.
- 58. The fear of peanut butter sticking to the roof of the mouth is called Arachibutyrophobia.
- 59. Men in their early twenties shave an average of four times a week.
- 60. Colour is not an indicator for the taste or ripeness in cranberries.
- 61. Each year there are approximately 20 billion coconuts produced worldwide.
- 62. A chicken with red earlobes will produce brown eggs, and a chicken with white earlobes will produce white eggs.
- 63. Not all polar bears hibernate; only pregnant females polar bears do.
- 64. There is a restaurant in Stockholm that only offers all-garlic products. They even have a garlic cheesecake.
- 65. Serving ice cream on cherry pie was once illegal in Kansas.
- 66. Superman The Escape rollercoaster, located in California at Six Flags Magic Mountain, goes from 0 to 100 miles per hour in only 7 seconds.
- 67. Five thousandths of a millimeter is the tolerance of accuracy at the LEGO mould factories.
- 68. 2.5 cans of Spam are consumed every second in the United States.
- 69. In 1836, Mexican General Santa Anna held an elaborate state funeral for his amputated leg. Updated.
- 70. A meteor has only destroyed one satellite, which was the European Space Agency's Olympus in 1993.
- 71. The Koala bear is not really a bear, but is really related to the kangaroo and the wombat.
- 72. One gallon of pure maple syrup weighs 11 pounds.
- 73. Instead of a Birthday Cake, many Russian children are given a Birthday Pie.
- 74. The largest employer in the world is the Indian railway system in India, employing over 1.6 million people.
- 75. The word "comet" comes from the Greek word "kometes" meaning long hair and referring to the tail.

- 76. The average price for a major league baseball game in 2004 was \$19.82.
- 77. The hydra, which is related to the jellyfish, can grow its body back in a couple of days if it is cut in half.
- 78. The deepest mine in the world is the East Rand mine, which goes to a depth of about 3,585 metres.
- 79. Native Indians have been known to paint their doors blue, which they believe keeps the bad spirits aut.
- 80. Before air conditioning was invented, white cotton slipcovers were put on furniture to keep the air cool.
- 81. It would take about fourteen and half million notes of currency to build a mile high stack.
- 82. Chinese Crested dogs can get acne.
- 83. It costs about 3 cents to make a \$1 bill in the United States.
- 84. Colgate faced a big obstacle marketing toothpaste in Spanish speaking countries. Colgate translates into the command "go hang yourself.".
- 85. The cross bow was invented by the Chinese and records of its usage goes back to as far as the Three Kingdom Period (220 a.d.-280 a.d.).
- 86. It is estimated that by the end of 2000, there has been 142,600 tonnes of gold mined in the world.
- 87. One-third pound stalk of broccoli contains more vitamin C than 204 apples.
- 88. The Flintstones cartoon was the first thirty-minute cartoon to be aired during prime time.
- 89. The abbreviation Xmas for the word Christmas is of Greek origin. Since the word for Christ in the Greek language is Xristos, which starts with the letter "X," they started putting the X in place of Christ and came up with the short form for the word Christmas.
- 90. Dipsomania refers to an insatiable craving for alcoholic beverages.
- 91. China has more English speakers than the United States.
- 92. Pitcher Darold Knowles once pitched all seven games of one World Series.
- 93. In a day, kids in the U.S. that are between the ages of 2 8 spend 28 minutes of their time coloring.
- 94. The Ancient Greek women made a type of cheek blush by painting their cheeks with herbal pastes which was made out of crushed berries and seeds.
- 95. Herbert Hoover, who was the 31st president of the United Stated, turned over all the Federal salary checks he received to charity during the 47 years he was in government.
- 96. Macadamia nuts are not sold in their shells because it takes 300 pounds per square inch of pressure to break the shell.
- 97. Japan has approximately 200 volcanoes and is home to 10% of the active volcanoes in the world.

- 98. Before 1928, yo-yos used to be called bandalores in the United States.
- 99. The only South East Asian country that has never been colonized by a Western Power is Thailand.
- 100. In 1631, two London bible printers accidentally left the word "not" out of the seventh commandment, which then read, "Thou shalt commit adultery." This legendary book is now known as the "Wicked Bible."
- 101. The shortest war in history was between Zanzibar an England in 1896. Zanzibar surrendered after 38 minutes.
- 102. Irish Wolfhound dogs have a short lifespan and live about 7-8 years.
- 103. When Queen Elizabeth I of England died she owned over 3,000 gowns.
- 104. Female alligators lay about 40 eggs that hatch in 60 70 days.
- 105. The nickname for a Japanese businessmen is "Salarymen."
- 106. Emus cannot walk backwards.
- 107. The external tank on space shuttles is not painted. It is the only part of the shuttle that is lost after launch, so it is not necessary to worry about metal corrosion.
- 108. The most popular Twizzler candy flavour is strawberry.
- 109. Thirty percent of all bingo players are under the age of 35.
- 110. Infants spend more time dreaming than adults do.
- 111. The famous Casanova (Giacomo Casanova) was a librarian for many years before he died.
- 112. The only species of turtle that lives in the open ocean is the sea turtle.
- 113. Toronto was the first city in the world with a computerized traffic signal system.
- 114. Seniors who drink a cup of coffee before a memory test score higher than those who drink a cup of decaffeinated coffee.
- 115. Venus is the only planet that rotates clockwise.
- 116. Some octopuses have been known to eat their arms off when they are exposed to stressful situations.
- 117. On average, 749 pounds of paper products is used by an American individual annually.
- 118. The skeleton of a spider is located on the outside of the body. The name for this is exoskelton.
- 119. Incas used to create pots in the shape of peanuts that were highly prized.
- 120. The letter J does not appear anywhere on the periodic table of the elements.
- 121. Over 200 varieties of watermelons are grown in the U.S.
- 122. The most dangerous job in the United States is that of a fisherman, followed by logging and then an airline pilot.
- 123. The words "abstemioius," and "facetious" both have all the five vowels in them in order.
- 124. French soldiers during World War I had the nickname "poilu" which translates to "hairy one."

- 125. Former U.S. President William Taft converted the White House stable into a four car garage in 1909.
- 126. People living on the east coast prefer creamy peanut butter, while people living on the west coast prefer chunky peanut butter.
- 127. Some snails live on branches in trees
- 128. Tomato ketchup is a good conditioner for the hair. It also helps get the greenish tinge that some blonde haired people get after swimming in water with chlorine in it
- 129. The youngest pope was 11 years old
- 130. Did you know you share your birthday with at least 9 other million people in the world
- 131. Soldiers disease is a term for morphine addiction. The Civil War produced over 400,000 morphine addicts
- 132. The longest chapter in the Bible is Psalm 119, which is 176 verses
- 133. During the First World War, cigarettes were handed out to soldiers along with their rations
- 134. The longest freshwater shoreline in the world is located in the state of Michigan
- 135. There are bananas called "Red banana" that are maroon to dark purple when ripe
- 136. Franklin Pierce was the first U.S. President to have a Christmas tree in the White House
- 137. The USA bought Alaska from Russia for 2 cents an acre
- 138. Walt Disney had originally suggested using the name Mortimer Mouse instead of Mickey Mouse
- 139. The length of brink of the Canadian "Horseshoe" Falls located in Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada is 2600 feet
- 140. The smile is the most frequently used facial expression. A smile can use anywhere from a pair of 5 to 53 facial muscles
- 141. The right lung of a human is larger than the left one. This is because of the space and placement of the heart
- 142. Native Americans used to use pumpkin seeds for medicine
- 143. The pound key (#) on the keyboard is called an octothorpe
- 144. The chemical name for caffeine is 1,3,7-trimethylzantihine
- 145. Corals take a long time to grow. Some corals only grow one centimeter in one year
- 146. Walmart-mart sells more apparel a year than all the other competing department stores combined
- 147. Canada has more inland waters and lakes than any other country in the world
- 148. Ramses II, a pharaoh of Egypt died in 1225 B.C. At the time of his death, he had fathered 96 sons and 60 daughters

- 149. The word "lethologica" describes the state of not being able to remember the word you want
- 150. Since its introduction in February 1935, more than two hundred million Monopoly board games have been sold worldwide
- 151. Women are twice as likely to be diagnosed with depression than men in the United States
- 152. The smallest man ever was Gul Mohammed (1957-1997) of India, who measured 1 feet, 10? inches
- 153. 500,000 tons of dog excrement are dumped annually on the streets of Paris
- 154. Hydrogen gas is the least dense substance in the world, at 0.08988g/cc
- 155. In Belgium, there is a museum just for strawberries
- 156. The Simpsons is the longest running prime-time animated series on television history
- 157. The more a person struggles to get out of quicksand the faster they will sink. Staying still, and being calm will actually make the body float in the quicksand because the body is less dense than the quicksand is
- 158. On average, a Canadian girl owns seven Barbie dolls, whereas an American girl owns eight
- 159. A piece of French toast that was partially eaten by Justin Timberlake sold on eBay
- 160. The Olympic was the sister ship of the Titanic, and she provided twenty-five years of service
- 161. Atari had to bury millions of unsold "E.T." game cartridges in a New Mexico desert landfill in 1982
- 162. The biggest disco ball in the world has a diameter of 2.41 meters and 137.89 kilograms. It also has 6,900 mirror squares on it
- 163. The national anthem of Greece has 158 verses
- 164. An average city dog lives approximately three years longer than an average country dog
- 165. On average, falling asleep while driving results in 550 accidents per day in the United States
- 166. Scatologists are experts who study feces. (aka. crap, dung, dookie, dumps, feces, excrement, etc.)
- 167. Pumpkins contain potassium and vitamin A
- 168. The greatest mountain range is the Mid-Ocean Ridge, extending 64,374 km from the Arctic Ocean to the Atlantic Ocean
- 169. Pepsi got its name from the ingredient pepsin, which is said to aid in digestion, however, it is not known
- 170. The spray WD-40 got its name because there were forty attempts needed before the creation of the "water displacing" substance
- 171. Contrary to popular beliefs, chocolate does not cause acne

- 172. Detroit, Michigan has more registered bowlers than any other city in the USA
- 173. The fastest moving land snake is the Black Mamba, which can move up to 7 miles per hour
- 174. Annually Americans eat 45 million turkeys at Thanksgiving
- 175. Rabbits can live up to ten years
- 176. The average life span of a single red blood cell is 120 days
- 177. Over 250 million Slinky toys have been sold since its debut in 1946
- 178. In 1961, Italian artist Piero Manzoni packed his feces in cans, signed and mounted them, and then sold them as art
- 179. The last thing Elvis Presley ate before he died was four scoops of ice cream and 6 chocolate chip cookies
- 180. Some Chinese chopsticks contain gold as on of their materials
- 181. The chances of making two holes-in-one in a round of golf are one in 67 million
- 182. The watch was invented by Peter Henlein of Nuremberg in 1510.
- 183. In North America there are approximately 618 roller coasters
- 184. The concept of Boxing Day, which is on December 26th, was to give boxes of food and clothing to the poor. It is now viewed in some countries as a time to get merchandise from stores at reduced prices
- 185. Crayola is a French word that means "Oily chalk."
- 186. Every year, Burger King restaurants prepare over 950,000 pounds of bacon for their breakfast customers
- 187. Isaac Newton used to be a member of parliament
- 188. Dumbest Dog: Afghan hound
- 189. At just four years old Mozart was able to learn a piece of music in half an hour
- 190. It would take twenty new mid-size cars to generate the same amount of pollution that a mid-size 1960's car did.
- 191. The honey badger can withstand hundreds of bee stings that would otherwise kill another animal
- 192. There are 500,000 detectable earthquakes in the world each year
- 193. Black pepper is the most popular spice in the world
- 194. In Greece, the climate is so warm that many of the cinemas do not even have roofs
- 195. The word "moose" comes from the native Algonquian Indian word meaning "twig eater."
- 196. All 50 states are listed across the top of the Lincoln Memorial on the back of the \$5 bill
- 197. An armadillo can walk under water
- 198. There are over one hundred billion galaxies with each galaxy having billions of stars

- 199. The Uape Indians, who live in the Amazon, mix the ashes of their recently cremated relatives with alcohol, then all members of the family drink the mix with fond memories of the deceased
- 200. The word "diamond" comes from the Greek word "adamas," which means "unconquerable."
- 201. On average, a typical dairy cow lies down and stands up about 14 times a day
- 202. For the movie "Tootsie" actor Dustin Hoffman thought of the title. His mother used to call him that as a child
- 203. The world record for rocking non-stop in a rocking chair is 480 hours held by Dennis Easterling, of Atlanta, Georgia
- 204. The Sears Tower consists of nine framed tubes, which connects nine skyscrapers as one building
- 205. The first subway system in America was built in Boston, Massachusetts in 1897
- 206. There are approximately 45 billion fat cells in an average adult
- 207. To make one pound of butter, 29 cups of milk are needed
- 208. The dot that appears over the letter "i" is called a tittle
- 209. The San Francisco Cable cars are the only mobile National Monuments
- 210. Close to 73% of girls in Bangladesh are married by age 18
- 211. Nerve impulses for muscle position travel at a speed of up to 390 feet per second
- 212. In the summer of 1858, the smell of the sewage in the Thames River in London was so bad that the Members of Parliament had to leave from the chamber of the House of Commons. This was a result of two million people dumping all their sewage into the river
- 213. One out of five people that eat ice cream binge on ice cream in the middle of the night. The person is usually between 18 24 years old
- 214. The Basenji dog is the only dog that is not able to bark
- 215. There is a dog museum in St. Louis, Missouri
- 216. The tip of a bullwhip moves so fast that it breaks the sound barrier. The crack of the whip is actually a tiny sonic boom.
- 217. There is a city called Smackover located in Arkansas
- 218. An average person laughs about 15 times a day
- 219. The labels for Crayola crayons come in 18 different colors
- 220. The temperature of milk when it leaves the body of a cow is 101 degrees Fahrenheit. The milk is then quickly chilled and stored at a temperature of 40 degrees Fahrenheit
- 221. In Spain, it is common to pour chocolate milk or cafe au lait on cereal for breakfast
- 222. Over 50% of the wedding in the U.S. occur in the afternoon
- 223. Before the fur trade had started in Canada, it was estimated that there were over 6 million beavers

- 224. Eating dandelions can make you urinate more
- 225. Enough paper is recycled in the USA every day, that a 15 mile long train of boxcars could be filled up with paper.
- 226. The palms of your hands and the soles of your feet cannot tan, or grow hair
- 227. At the White House, president John Adams was said to be the first to display fireworks there
- 228. About 10% of the 100,000 thunderstorms that occur in the USA every year are classified as severe.
- 229. Sylvia Plath was a famous poet who killed herself at age thirty-one by sticking her head into a gas oven
- 230. A baseball will go farther in hot temperature than in cold temperature
- 231. A rabbit is not able to vomit
- 232. The aorta, which is largest artery located in the body, is about the diameter of a garden hose
- 233. Niagara Falls actually stopped flowing back in 1848 for about 20 hours because there was ice that was blocking the Niagara River
- 234. The world's first underground was the London Underground in 1863. It has 275 stations and 253 miles of track.
- 235. The first American president to deliver a speech over the radio was Warren G. Harding
- 236. There are more than 40 million Americans that have "chronic halitosis," which is bad breath that never goes away
- 237. The human body makes anywhere from 1 to 3 pints of saliva every 24 hours
- 238. Cheetahs are the fastest land animal and can reach speeds up to 72mph
- 239. The purpose of tonsils is to destroy foreign substances that are swallowed or breathed in
- 240. The country with the highest consumption of candy at 29.5 pounds annually per person is Denmark
- 241. One of the most dangerous insect in the world is the common housefly. They carry and transmit more diseases than any other animal in the world
- 242. Every day, over 1,300 babies are born prematurely in the USA
- 243. The sun is approximately 149 million kilometres from the earth
- 244. The Great White Shark can grow to be more than twenty feet long and can weigh approximately 4,000 pounds
- 245. In 1832, in Paisley, Scotland the first municipal water filtration works was opened
- 246. The only popcorn museum in the world is lcoated in Marion, Ohio, USA
- 247. Any animal that has skin hair or fur can get dandruff, but in animals it is called "dander."
- 248. The average ice berg weighs 20,000,000 tons

- 249. In 1819, the USA purchased Florida from Spain for the cancellation of a \$5 million debt
- 250. In a lifetime, the average driver will honk 15,250 times
- 251. Jewelers Tiffany & Co., based in New York, are responsible for making the Super Bowl trophy
- 252. Skippy Peanut Butter is sold more in the world than any other peanut butter
- 253. The highest bridge in the world is located in the Himalyan mountains. It was built by the Indian Army, in 1982, and is about 5,600 metres above sea level
- 254. In 1893, the first mosque in the United States was built
- 255. Apples are part of the rose family
- 256. Every eleven minutes in the U.S., a woman dies of breast cancer
- 257. Mr. Butts invented the game SCRABBLE. The game was originally called "Criss Cross Words."
- 258. Actress Meryl Streep holds the record for the most Oscar nominated actress, with a record of 13 nominations
- 259. In a year approximately 900 million trees are cut down to make the raw materials needed for American pulp mills and paper
- 260. Enamel is hardest substance in the human body
- 261. A leech has 32 brains
- 262. Thomas Edison designed a helicopter that would work with gunpowder. It ended up blowing up and also blew up his factory.
- 263. In the late 1800's, washing machines and butter churners were sometimes powered by dogs walking on treadmills.
- 264. In China, people eat a bar of chocolate for every 1,000 chocolate bars eaten by the British
- 265. Leonardo Da Vinci invented the scissors
- 266. Clarence Crane the inventor of "Crane's Peppermint Life Savers" sold his rights to the popular candy for less than three thousand dollars.
- 267. Namco, who are the manufacturers of Pac Man the video game, has estimated that the original arcade game has been played over 10 billion times by individuals
- 268. In Ivrea, Italy, thousands of citizens celebrate the beginning of Lent by throwing oranges at one another
- 269. The sloth moves so slowly that green algae grows in the grooves of their hair
- 270. In the world, the United States and France have the most pet dogs. Approximately one out of every three families has a pet dog. Switzerland and Germany are the lowest only having one dog per every ten families
- 271. There are 50% more males that are left handed compared to females

- 272. Armadillos breed in July, but get pregnant in November after delaying implantation. This allows the young to be born during the spring when there is an abundance of food
- 273. Carbon monoxide can kill a person in less than 15 minutes
- 274. The Nobel Peace prize was first awarded in 1901 to Jean Henry Dunant, who was the founder of the Swiss Red Cross
- 275. In August 1999, Lori Lynn Lomeli set a record by spinning 82 Hula Hoops at the same time for three full revolutions
- 276. The wheelbarrow was invented by the Chinese.
- 277. The colour blue has a calming effect. It causes the brain to release calming hormones
- 278. Over 20 million BluBlocker sunglasses have been sold since its debut in 1986. They now come in over 100 different styles
- 279. Crabs have very small hairs on their claws and other parts of their body to help detect water currents and vibrations
- 280. In 1962, the first Wal-Mart opened up in Rogers, Arkansas
- 281. Duracell, the battery-maker, built parts of its new international headquarters using materials from its own waste
- 282. Vampire bat saliva has been responsible for many advances in research into stroke recovery
- 283. During the making of the the movie "Fight Club," actor Brad Pitt chipped his tooth. However, he did not get his tooth capped until after the movie was done filming as he thought it would look better chipped for his character
- 284. Clans of long ago that wanted to get rid of their unwanted peoplewithout killing them used to burn their houses down hence theexpression "toget fired."
- 285. In ancient Rome, it was considered a sign of leadership to be born with a crooked nose
- 286. The word "checkmate" in chess comes from the Persian phrase "Shah-Mat," which means the king is dead
- 287. If you yelled for 8 years, 7 months and 6 days, you would have produced enough sound energy to heat one cup of coffee
- 288. A common drink for Tibetans is Butter Tea which is made out of butter, salt, and brick tea
- 289. Bourbon was first made by a Baptist minsister from Bourbon County in Kentucky in 1789. That is where it got its name
- 290. The Pentagon, in Arlington, Virginia, has twice as many bathrooms as is necessary. When it was built in the 1940s, the state of Virginia still had segregation laws requiring separate toilet facilities for blacks and whites
- 291. McDonald restaurants serve food and drink to an amazing 43 million customers on a daily basis

- 292. The game Monopoly was once very popular in Cuba; however, Fidel Castro ordered that all games be destroyed
- 293. Nearly half of all Americans suffer from symptoms of burnout
- 294. During the era of Louis XIV, women used lemons to redden their lips
- 295. 70% of the poor people in the world are female
- 296. The thickness of the Arctic ice sheet is on average 10 feet. There are some areas that are thick as 65 feet
- 297. The adult human body requires about 88 pounds of oxygen daily
- 298. The biggest pumpkin the world weighs 1,337.6 pounds
- 299. The highest consumption of Pizza occurs during Super Bowl week
- 300. During World War II, condoms were used to cover rifle barrels from being damaged by salt water as the soldiers swam to shore
- 301. Approximately 55% of movies released are Rated R
- 302. The Roman emperor Domitian took great pleasure in being secluded in his room for hours and catching flies and stabbing them with pens
- 303. Tarantulas can live up to 30 years
- 304. On average redheads have 90,000 hairs. People with black hair have about 110,000 hairs
- 305. More than half the time spent in United States courts is cases that involve automobiles
- 306. One barrel of petroleum holds 42 gallons
- 307. The smoke that is produced by a fire kills more people than a burn does because of carbon monoxide and other dangerous gases
- 308. The Saguaro Cactus, found in South-western United States does not grow branches until it is 75 years old.
- 309. In Belgium, 172,000 tons of chocolate are produced in a year
- 310. The word Nike comes from Greek Mythology. Nike is the goddess of victory and was often depicted as a small winged figure whom the goddess Athene carried
- 311. The biggest bug in the world is the Goliath Beetle which can weigh up to 3.5 ounces and be 4.5 inches long
- 312. Leaving the water running while brushing your teeth can waste four gallons of water in a minute
- 313. Steve Fletcher holds the record for the largest gum wrapper collection. His collection has 5300 gum wrappers from all across the world
- 314. There was once a country called Prussia. After World War II, it was divided among Poland, Germany, and the USSR
- 315. The word Spain means "the land of rabbits."
- 316. In 1936, the first practical helicopter was invented. It was the German Focke-Wulf Fw 61.
- 317. The word tulip comes from the Turkish word for turban
- 318. Psychokinesis refers to the ability of moving objects through psychic power

- 319. The fat that comes from sheep, which is called tallow, can also be used to produce soap and candles
- 320. In Britain, one out of every four potatoes is eaten in the form of french fries
- 321. In the movie Psycho by Alfred Hitchcock, chocolate syrup was used for blood in the shower scene
- 322. The movie "Chicken Run" made in 2,000 had the most plasticine used in an animated movie. They used 2,380 kg of plasticine for the movie
- 323. During WWII, because a lot of players were called to duty, the Pittsburgh Steelers and Philadelphia Eagles combined to become The Steagles
- 324. The titan arum flower is the largest flower in the world and gives off a horrible odor that smells like rotting flesh when it blooms
- 325. Every day, the average person swallows about a quart of snot
- 326. When the only queen ant dies, so does the entire colony, because no new workers are born
- 327. The Dutch people are known to be the tallest people in Europe
- 328. The average American kid will eat approximately 1.500 peanut butter sandwiches by high school graduation
- 329. Goats do not have upper front teeth
- 330. 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
- 331. There are about 6,800 languages in the world
- 332. Studies have shown that by putting on slow background music it can make a person eat food at a slower rate
- 333. By walking an extra 20 minutes every day, an average person will burn off seven pounds of body fat in an year
- 334. Ironically, when doctors in Los Angeles, California went on strike in 1976, the daily number of deaths in the city dropped 18%
- 335. Octopus and squid are thought to be the most intelligent of all invertebrates
- 336. On average, a beaver can cut down two hundred trees a year.
- 337. The name of the first menthol cigarette in the United States was "Spud."
- 338. A world record 328 pound ovarian cyst was removed from a woman in Galveston, Texas, in 1905. updated
- 339. The fastest shark is the "Shortfin Mako," which can swim as fast as sixty miles per hour
- 340. The flatulation from domesticated cows produce about 30% of the methane on this planet
- 341. Ironically, watermelons, which are 92% water, originated from the Kalahari Desert in Africa
- 342. The first tattoo machine was invented by Samuel O'Reilly. He did this by using equipment that Thomas Edison used to engrave hard surfaces.
- 343. In a lifetime, an average human produces 10,000 gallons of saliva

- 344. A slug has four noses
- 345. Chili Powder was invented in the 19th century in the American Southwest
- 346. The sea cucumber spills its internal organs out as a defense mechanism
- 347. Approximately 25,000 workers died during the building of the Panama Canal and approximately 20,000 of them contracted malaria and yellow fever
- 348. Braces were first invented by Pierre Fauchard in 1728. The braces were made by a flat strip of metal, which was connected to the teeth by thread.
- 349. Marilyn Monroe had six toes
- 350. There is a town in Texas called Ding Dong. In 1990, the population was only twenty-two people
- 351. The total volume of mail that went through the Canadian postal system in 1950 was 1,362,310,155 items
- 352. The highest toll paid by a ship to cross the Panama Canal was by the Crown Princess on May 2, 1993 in the amount of \$141,349.97 U.S. funds
- 353. The name of the famous snack "Twinkies" was invented by seeing a billboard in St. Louis, that said "Twinkle Toe Shoes."
- 354. The word "Nazi" is actually an abbreviation for Nationalsozialistische Deutsche Arbeiterpartei, which refers to the National Socialist German Workers Party
- 355. The unique characteristics of Barbie dolls in Japan are that they have their lips closed with no teeth showing
- 356. The Coca Cola company offers more than 300 different beverages
- 357. Neptune was the first planet in our solar system to be discovered by mathematics
- 358. Five percent of the people who use personal ads for dating are already married
- 359. Camel is considered unclean meat in the Bible
- 360. Soldier Field is the oldest field in the NFL
- 361. In the U.S., over one million gallons of cosmetics, drinks, and lotions are sold that contain aloe in them per year
- 362. The name Jeep came from the abbreviation used in the army for the "General Purpose" vehicle, G.P.
- 363. Eating eight strawberries will provide you with more Vitamin C than an orange
- 364. The first toilet ever seen on television was on "Leave It To Beaver".
- 365. Mosquitoes have teeth
- 366. To be born on Sunday was considered a sign of great sin during the Puritan times
- 367. The citrus soda "7 UP" was created in 1929. The original name of the popular drink was "Bib-Label Lithiated Lemon-Lime Soda", but it got changed to "7 UP."
- 368. The average four year-old child asks over four hundred questions a day

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