



Trivia & Other Useless Facts

The following facts (as far as I know) are true. They may include answers to questions you've wondered aboutbut probably not!

- Los Angeles' full name is "El Pueblo de Nuestra Senora la Reina de Los Angeles de Porciuncula"
- A cat has 32 muscles in its ear
- An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.
- Tigers have striped skin, not just fur.
- Donald Duck's middle name is Fauntleroy.
- Shirley Temple always had 56 curls in her hair.
- Paul Revere rode on a borrowed horse that belonged to Deacon Larkin.
- The Red Baron's real name was Manfred Von Richtofen.
- The Muzzle of a lion is like a fingerprint- no two lions have the same whisker pattern.
- A pregnant goldfish is called a twit.
- Bert and Ernie from Sesame Street are named after two characters from "It's A Wonderful Life" (Bert, the cop & Ernie, the taxi driver).
- The letters KGB stand for Komitet Gosudarstvennoy Bezopasnosti.
- A golden razor removed from King Tut's Tomb was still sharp enough to be used
- Betsy Ross was born with a fully formed set of teeth.
- The white part of your fingernail is called the lunula.
- The name of the asteroid that was believed to have killed the dinosaurs was named Chixalub.
(Pronounced Sheesh-uh-loob)
- The driest places on Earth are a series of valleys near Ross Island in Antarctica where, for the past 2 million years at least, no rain has ever fallen.
- Maine is the toothpick capital of the world
- The parking meter was invented in North Dakota.
- Camels have three eyelids to protect themselves from blowing sand.

- Ancient Egyptians shaved off their eyebrows to mourn the deaths of their cats
- A group of unicorns is called a blessing.
- A group of kangaroos is called a mob
- Rabbits love licorice.
- The eye of the giant squid is fifteen inches in diameter -- the size of a basketball.
- Wilma Flintstone's maiden name was Wilma Slaghoopal, and Betty Rubble's Maiden name was Betty Jean McBricker.
- The longest place-name still in use is Taumatawhakatangiangaakoauauotamateaturipukakapikimaungahoronukupokaiwhenuakitanatahu, a New Zealand hill.
- There are only 12 letters in the Hawaiian alphabet.
- The "ZIP" in Zip Code stands for "Zone Improvement Plan."
- The silhouette on the NBA logo is Jerry West.
- The yo-yo originated in the Philippines, where it was used as a weapon in hunting.
- You use an average of 43 muscles for a frown. You use an average of 17 muscles for a smile. Every two thousand frowns create one wrinkle.
- A dime has 118 ridges around the edge. A quarter has 119 grooves around the edge.
- Each square inch of human skin contains seventy-two feet of nerves.
- The A&W of root beer fame stands for Allen and Wright.

Although most of these facts seem pointless or esoteric, for those people who have ever wondered about these things, perhaps these will help satisfy some curiosity. Still some may use these to question a friend, or family member. Either way, facts like these *are* interesting- to some. If you'd like to check out some web sites with more strange facts try:

<http://www.funtrivia.com/en/>

<http://www.angelfire.com/ca6/uselessfacts/>

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