

# Did You Know Facts for Kids

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Children have an innate curiosity about the world around them. To feed this curiosity, we've gathered an engaging list of "Did You Know Facts for Kids". So, get ready to ignite your imagination, spark a sense of wonder, and learn new things about the animal kingdom, human body, history, food, sports and more.

## Did You Know Facts for Kids – Animal Theme

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- Polar Bears have black skin under their white fur to soak up the sun's rays and keep warm.
- The Ostrich's Eye is bigger than its brain and is the largest eye of any land animal.
- Shark Teeth are constantly replaced throughout their lives, and they can lose over 30,000 teeth in their lifetime!
- Barn Owls can eat up to 1,000 mice each year. Talk about being hungry!
- Fruit Flies have the longest tongue relative to their body size of any creature. The tongue of a blue whale is enormous but not as long relative to its body size.
- Grey Wolf Facts: Wolves have a more powerful sense of smell than dogs!
- The Venus Flytrap is the only plant known to 'eat' insects.
- The Only Bird that can fly backwards is the hummingbird.
- The blue whale is the largest animal ever known to have lived, even bigger than the dinosaurs.
- A group of flamingos is called a flamboyance.
- A chameleon's tongue can be as long as its body.
- A cow has four stomachs.
- An elephant can smell water up to 3 miles away.

- Honeybees can recognize human faces.
- Dolphins sleep with one eye open.
- The heart of a shrimp is located in its head.

## Did You Know Facts for Kids – Human Body

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- The Human Brain is the most energy-consuming organ in the body, using up to 20% of the body's total energy.
- Human Eyes can distinguish about 10 million different colors.
- The Strongest Bone in your body is the femur (thigh bone), and it's hollow!
- The Smallest Bone is located in your ear and is just 2.8 millimeters long.
- Taste Buds aren't just on your tongue, they can also be found on the roof and walls of your mouth, throat, and esophagus.
- You have more than 60,000 miles of Blood Vessels in your body. That's enough to circle the earth twice!
- There are more Human Teeth types than you might think – 4 types in fact: incisors, canines, premolars, and molars.
- Women's Hearts beat faster than men's. On average, a woman's heart beats 78 times per minute, while a man's beats 70 times.
- The human nose can remember 50,000 different scents.
- Your fingernails grow four times as fast as your toenails.
- Humans are the only species known to blush.
- An adult human body is made up of about 7 octillion atoms.
- Humans shed about 600,000 particles of skin every hour.
- Your body has enough iron in it to make a metal nail 3 inches long.
- Your body produces enough heat in 30 minutes to boil a half-gallon of water.

## History Facts for Kids

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- Thomas Jefferson and John Adams both died on the same day: July 4, 1826, exactly 50 years after the signing of the Declaration of Independence.
- Abraham Lincoln was the tallest US president at 6ft 4in tall.
- The Vatican City is the smallest country in the world and is entirely surrounded by Rome, Italy.
- The Statue of Liberty was a gift from France to the United States and arrived in New York in 350 separate pieces.
- The Empire State Building in New York was the tallest building in the world when it was completed in 1931.
- Ancient Aztecs played a game similar to soccer. The losers could sometimes be sacrificed!
- In Victorian Era, it was common to photograph relatives after they had passed away, in a tradition called memento mori.

- The Wright Brothers, Orville and Wilbur, were actually printers before they became interested in flight.
- Cleopatra lived closer to the invention of the iPhone than the construction of the Great Pyramid.
- In ancient Rome, uncooked pasta was a luxury food.
- The shortest war in history was between Britain and Zanzibar on August 27, 1896. Zanzibar surrendered after 38 minutes.
- Napoleon was once attacked by a horde of bunnies.
- Albert Einstein was offered the presidency of Israel in 1952, but he declined.

## Food Facts for Kids

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- French Fries are originally from Belgium, not France.
- A Chocolate Flower is a real plant, also known as the Cosmos atrosanguineus, and it smells like chocolate.
- Peanut Butter was first patented by a Canadian, Marcellus Gilmore Edson, in 1884.
- The Ice Cream cone was popularized during the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis.
- Vitamin C is abundant in red bell peppers, not just oranges. They contain almost three times as much vitamin C as an orange.
- The Only Fruit to have its seeds on the outside is the strawberry.
- Food Colorings often come from surprising sources. For example, the red coloring used in some candies comes from a type of insect.
- Apples float in water because they are 25% air.
- Bananas are berries, but strawberries are not.
- Chocolate was once used as currency.
- The fear of vegetables is called Lachanophobia.
- Peanuts aren't actually nuts. They are legumes, like peas and lentils.
- An average ear of corn has an even number of rows, usually 16.

## Did You Know Sports Facts for Kids

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- Basketball was invented by a Canadian, Dr. James Naismith, to give his students something to do during the winter.
- The Olympic Sport of trampolining has been officially recognized since the year 2000.
- The Longest Tennis Match ever recorded took place at Wimbledon in 2010 and lasted 11 hours and 5 minutes.
- Buzz Aldrin, the second man to walk on the moon, was a champion pole vaulter in high school.
- The Tour De France is one of the most demanding sporting events. Cyclists often burn up to 6,000 calories during each day of the race.
- The Only Animal allowed on the playing field in a Polo match is a horse.

- The Olympic rings cover every flag in the world, as every flag has at least one of the five colors.
- The first Olympic Games in 776 BC only had one event – a foot race.
- Golf is the only sport played on the moon.
- Lacrosse was first played by Native American Indians and was often more than 1,000 players at a time.
- The oldest professional football club in the world is Sheffield FC, founded in 1857.

## More Did You Know Fun Facts for Kids

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69. The Eiffel Tower can be 15 cm taller during the summer.
70. Rain contains vitamin B12.
71. An average person will spend 25 years asleep.
72. The world's oldest piece of chewing gum is over 9,000 years old.
73. There are more possible iterations of a game of chess than there are atoms in the known universe.
74. The average person will spend six months of their life waiting for red lights to turn green.
75. More people visit France than any other country.
76. One piece of space junk returns to earth every day.
77. The shortest war on record was fought between Zanzibar and England in 1896. Zanzibar surrendered after 38 minutes.
78. 20% of Earth's oxygen is produced by the Amazon rainforest.
79. Some worms will eat themselves if they can't find any food.
80. Dolphins sleep with one eye open.
81. It is impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.
82. Avocados are fruits, and more specifically berries.
83. The word "nerd" was first coined by Dr. Seuss in "If I Ran the Zoo."
84. A lion's roar can be heard from five miles away.
85. A baby octopus is about the size of a flea when it is born.
86. In Uganda, 50% of the population is under 15 years of age.
87. The average person walks the equivalent of five times around the world in a lifetime.
88. New Zealand will be the first country to see the sunrise each morning.
89. No two zebras have the same stripes.
90. The longest recorded flight of a chicken is 13 seconds.
91. The unicorn is the national animal of Scotland.
92. An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.
93. Honey never spoils.
94. The smallest bone in your body is in your ear.
95. A ball of glass will bounce higher than a ball of rubber.
96. A sneeze travels about 100 miles per hour.
97. It's considered rude to write in red ink in Portugal.

98. An apple, potato, and onion all taste the same if you eat them with your nose plugged.
99. Bees have five eyes.
100. Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.

With these amazing facts, you can become the master of trivia at your dinner table. Not only will these fun facts keep young children engaged, but they will also amuse kids of all ages and adults too. So, the next rainy day, print out these free printables and have fun exploring the world from the comfort of your home!

The universe is full of amazing things, and it's never too early to start learning about them. From the solar system to the human body, from random fun facts to cool facts about famous landmarks, the world is an exciting place. So, remember, each day is a chance to learn something new and exciting. And who knows? Maybe you'll be the one to discover the next great fact!

**The world is an amazing place, full of wonder, and there's always more to learn. Keep asking questions, keep exploring, and keep having fun with knowledge. The world is waiting for you to discover its secrets!**

