

28a Amazing Facts



QUESTION

TRUE OR FALSE?

The first animals which were tamed and kept for milk were cows.

ANSWER

FALSE: the first animals kept and tamed for milk were goats and sheep.



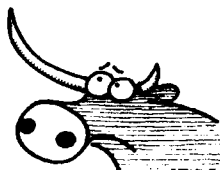
QUESTION

TRUE OR FALSE?

There is an animal called a *beefalo*, which is a cross between a buffalo and an ordinary cow.

ANSWER

TRUE: the beefalo has been bred to produce more meat and help world food production.



QUESTION

TRUE OR FALSE?

The oil in the Trans-Alaskan pipeline, which stretches from the Arctic Ocean to Alaska, freezes in winter.

ANSWER

FALSE: The oil is heated to at least 45 degrees Centigrade to stop it from freezing.



QUESTION

TRUE OR FALSE?

In Japan, cormorants (big sea birds) help the fishermen to catch fish.

ANSWER

TRUE: Cormorants are trained to catch fish and fly them back to the boat. Each bird is stopped from swallowing the fish by a tight leather belt around its neck.



QUESTION

TRUE OR FALSE?

Coca-cola is sold in about 40 countries.

ANSWER

FALSE: There are 170 countries in the world and Coca-cola is sold in about 157 of them.



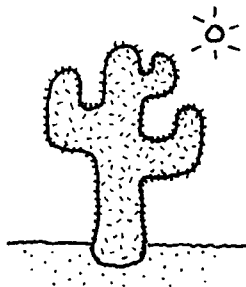
QUESTION

TRUE OR FALSE?

Cacti are only found in American deserts.

ANSWER

TRUE



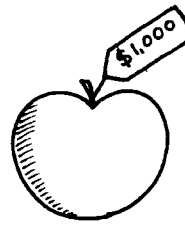
QUESTION

TRUE OR FALSE?

In 1959 a single Golden Delicious apple tree was sold in France for \$51,000.

ANSWER

TRUE: It was sold to an American nursery.



QUESTION

TRUE OR FALSE?

North Africa was once covered with rain forest.

ANSWER

FALSE: North Africa was once covered in ice and was situated where the South Pole is today.



QUESTION

TRUE OR FALSE?

Less sugar is eaten in the U.S.A. now than 200 years ago.

ANSWER

FALSE: 20 times more sugar is eaten in the U.S.A. now.



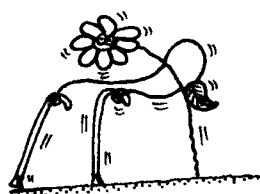
QUESTION

TRUE OR FALSE?

Scientists have managed to grow a plant from a seed which is 10,000 years old.

ANSWER

TRUE: The Arctic lupin seed was found in Canada.



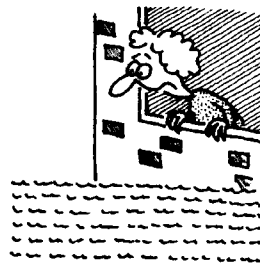
QUESTION

TRUE OR FALSE?

One third of the farm land in the Netherlands has been reclaimed from the sea.

ANSWER

TRUE



QUESTION

TRUE OR FALSE?

Rubber trees were originally found only in Malaysia.

ANSWER

FALSE: Rubber trees were originally found only in the Amazon forest—seedlings were sent to Malaysia in the 19th century.



28b Amazing Facts



QUESTION
CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER
What percentage of all the fish caught in the world is caught in the Northern Hemisphere?
a) About 50%.
b) About 70%.
c) About 95%.

ANSWER: c)

QUESTION
CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER
Where is the highest number of bicycles produced?
a) In Japan.
b) In the U.S.A.
c) In China.

ANSWER: c)

QUESTION
CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER
Where was the first nuclear power station opened in 1954?
a) In the U.S.A.
b) In the former U.S.S.R.
c) In France.

ANSWER: b)

QUESTION
CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER
Tobacco was first smoked by which people?
a) The Turkish.
b) Native Americans.
c) The British.

ANSWER: b)

QUESTION
CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER
New islands are still being formed by volcanoes erupting under the sea. Where is the newest island of Lateiki?
a) Near Australia.
b) Near Iceland.
c) Near Japan.

ANSWER: a)

QUESTION
CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER
Where are most cars produced?
a) In the U.S.A.
b) In Japan.
c) In Germany.

ANSWER: b)

QUESTION
CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER
Wood is used for cooking and heating by what percentage of the population?
a) 75%.
b) 50%.
c) 20%.

ANSWER: b)

QUESTION
CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER
Which food is eaten as the main food by more than half the world population?
a) Rice.
b) Wheat.
c) Meat.

ANSWER: a)

QUESTION
CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER
What is aspirin made from?
a) Oil.
b) Seaweed.
c) Tree bark.

ANSWER: c)

QUESTION
CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER
A very long sausage was produced by a sausage-maker in England. How long was it?
a) 5 miles.
b) 55 feet.
c) 15 feet.

ANSWER: a)

QUESTION
CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER
The largest cake in the world was baked in New Jersey, U.S.A in 1982. How much did it weigh?
a) As much as one elephant.
b) As much as two elephants.
c) As much as seven elephants.

ANSWER: c)

QUESTION
CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER
Silver is the most common precious metal. What is half the silver mined used for?
a) Filling teeth.
b) Coating photographic film.
c) Making coins.

ANSWER: b)

Amazing Facts Worksheets 28a and 28b

NOTE: Use Worksheets 28a and 28b for this activity.

ACTIVITY

Groupwork: speaking

AIM

To play a game of tick-tack-toe by choosing the correct answers to questions about natural and manufactured products around the world.

GRAMMAR AND FUNCTIONS

The passive to focus on when or where something is done, or what is done, rather than who does it

VOCABULARY

Facts about natural and manufactured products around the world

PREPARATION

Make one copy of Worksheets 28a and 28b for each group of four to six students in the class. Cut the cards out as indicated.

TIME

30 minutes

PROCEDURE

1. Draw a tick-tack-toe grid on the board and ask a student to come to the board to play a game with you.
2. When one of you has won, explain to the students that they are going to play the same game, but that they can only put an X or an O on the grid if they answer a question correctly.
3. Ask the students to work in groups of four or six and to divide their groups into two teams.
4. Give one set of cards to each team and ask them to put them in a pile face down in the middle of the table.
5. Each group draws a tick-tack-toe grid on a piece of paper and then decides which team is going to be Xs and which is going to be Os.
6. Now they are ready to play the game.
7. Team A picks up a card from the top of the pile and reads out the question to Team B. If Team B gives the correct answer, they choose a square on the grid and put an X or an O in it. Team A puts the card back on the bottom of the pile.
8. Continue like this with teams taking turns asking and answering questions until one team wins. They score one point for each win.
9. Play the game again until all the questions have been answered. The team with the highest score is the winner.