

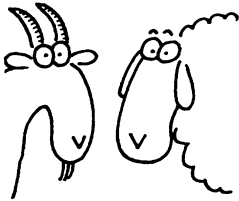


**QUESTION**

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.

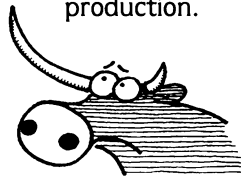


**QUESTION**

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.

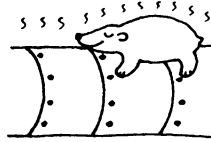


**QUESTION**

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 freezing.

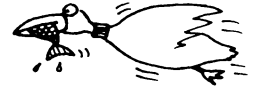


**QUESTION**

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 only sold in the USA and Europe.

**ANSWER**

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

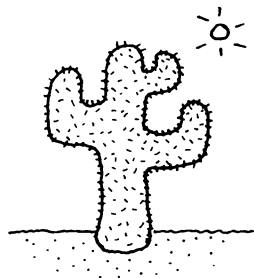


**QUESTION**

TRUE OR FALSE?  
Cacti are only found in American deserts.

**ANSWER**

TRUE

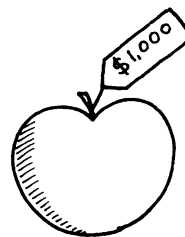


**QUESTION**

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 Europe and the USA now than 200 years ago.

**ANSWER**

FALSE: 20 times more sugar is eaten in Europe and USA now.

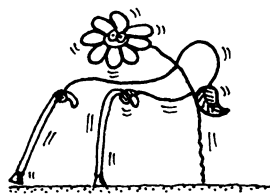


**QUESTION**

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.

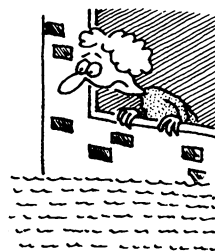


**QUESTION**

TRUE OR FALSE?  
One third of the farm land in the Netherlands has been reclaimed from the sea.

**ANSWER**

TRUE

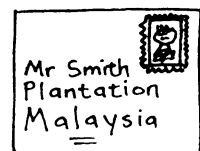


**QUESTION**

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.



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

**ANSWER: c)**

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

**ANSWER: c)**

**QUESTION**  
CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER  
Where was the first nuclear power station opened in 1954?  
a) In the USA.  
b) In the former USSR.  
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 USA.  
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 Birmingham, UK. How long was it?  
a) 9 kms.  
b) 9 meters.  
c) 19 meters.

**ANSWER: a)**

**QUESTION**  
CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER  
The largest cake in the world was baked in New Jersey, USA 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 commonest 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 noughts and crosses 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 noughts and crosses 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 got a line of noughts or crosses, explain to the students that they are going to play the same game, but that they can only put a nought or cross 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 noughts and crosses grid on a piece of paper and then decides which team is going to be noughts and which is going to be crosses.
- 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 a nought or a cross in it. Team A puts the card back to the bottom of the pile.
- 8 Continue like this with teams taking it in turns to ask and answer questions until one team gets a line of noughts or crosses. They score one point for getting a line.
- 9 Play the game again until all the questions have been answered. The team with the highest score is the winner.