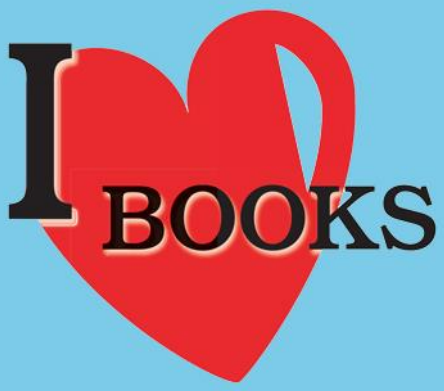


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ANIMALS

The insect with the widest wingspan is the white witch moth.

There are more than **20 BILLION** chickens in the world. That's around three chickens for every person.

If all the animals in the world had a running race, the twelve fastest would finish in this order...

10TH PLACE KANGAROO

9TH AFRICAN WILD DOG

8TH JACKRABBIT

JOINT 6TH BLACKBUCK & HARE

7TH GREYHOUND

The first type of dog to win Best in Show at Crufts – a dog show in England – was a greyhound in 1928.

JOINT 5TH WILDERBEEST & LION

4TH SPRINGBOK

3RD PRONGHORN

2ND OSTRICH

1ST CHEETAH

FINISH

Ostriches are the largest birds.

Alpine swifts can fly for more than 200 days without stopping.

Sword-billed hummingbirds have beaks that can be longer than their bodies.

I eat almost nothing except bamboo, but occasionally I eat a rat.

Giant panda

Giant tortoises can live for more than 150 years.

A baby kangaroo, or joey, stays in its mother's pouch until it's eight months old.

Dwarf geckos are the smallest lizards in the world.

Actual size

A single millipede can have as many as **750** legs, although its name actually means 'a thousand feet'.

The strongest insects are dung beetles.

They can drag balls of dung 1,000 times heavier than themselves.

All wild cats live alone, except for lions. They live in groups called prides.

Sea lions can walk on land using their flippers...

...but seals have to wriggle on their tummies.

The suckers on an octopus's eight arms help it to taste things.

Millions of herring swim together in the largest groups of any fish.

An octopus can change the look of its skin so it can blend in with the ocean floor.

A pufferfish swallows lots of water to puff its body into a large ball.

This stops other fish from eating it.

Lobsters have blue blood.

MUSIC

A woman singing a French song called *Au Clair de la Lune* in 1860 is the oldest-known recording of a human voice.

So many fans of the composer Franz Liszt asked for locks of his hair that he started sending his dog's hair instead.

FRANZ LISZT (1811-1886)

Bagpipes used to be played in battles to frighten enemy soldiers.

There were **7,224** musicians in the largest orchestra ever. They played in Australia in 2015.

Saxophones are named after their inventor Adolphe Sax. He was born in Belgium in 1814.

My *Minute Waltz* takes more than a minute and a half to play.

FRYDERYK CHOPIN (1810-1849)

There are **52** white keys...

...and **36** black keys on a piano.

No instrument has more strings than a piano. There are over **200** hidden inside.

More people have a harmonica than any other type of instrument.

Old oil barrels are used to make instruments for steel bands.

You can play at least six different notes on a trumpet just by the way you move your lips.

Didgeridoos are traditionally made from eucalyptus trunks or branches that have been nibbled hollow by insects called termites.

Snake charmers in India and Pakistan play a wind instrument called a 'pungi'.

No band has sold more records than The Beatles.

A platinum record is awarded to musicians whose albums sell **1 MILLION** copies in the US.

Someone who makes string instruments is called a luthier (*say loo-thier*).

The strings on violins and cellos used to be made from sheep or goats' intestines.

After a performance by the Spanish opera singer Plácido Domingo in 1998, the audience clapped for 1 hour and 20 minutes.

No touching required!

An electronic instrument called a theremin makes higher and quieter notes the closer your hands are to its antennae.

Trombones used to be known as 'sackbuts'.

A violin can be made up of more than **70** wooden pieces.

If you uncoiled all the tubes in a trumpet and stood them end on end, they'd be taller than most 10 year old children.

TRANSPORT

The blades of Russian helicopters rotate clockwise – the opposite direction to American ones.

The first red London bus was introduced in 1907.

The oldest steam train still running today is *The Fairy Queen* in India. It was built in 1855.

Bikes called 'tandems' have more than one rider.

The longest bicycle ever made is over three times longer than a bus.

The biggest wheels on any vehicle are almost as tall as me. They're on a mining truck.

At least one in every five cars in the world is white.

On most of the world's roads, drivers have to drive on the right.

The Channel Tunnel between England and France is the longest undersea tunnel.

The Beijing Subway system is the busiest in the world. Over **9 MILLION** people use it every day.

The part of a hot-air balloon that fills with air is called the envelope.

At any moment there can be more than **7,000** aircraft flying in the sky.

The first motorbikes and cars were invented more than 130 years ago.

The back of a boat is called the stern...

...and the front is the bow.

Boats with sails have been used for more than 5,000 years.

...the bottom is the keel...

The Italian city Venice has 177 canals instead of roads, so even its fire engines are boats.

A gondola is a type of boat used in Venice.

It's rowed with a long oar.

The tallest bridge in the world is the Millau Viaduct in France.

343M (1,125FT) TALL

Submarines extract oxygen from sea water, so the crew inside can breathe.

It took **61 DAYS** for the first submarine to travel around the world underwater in 1960. Its name was *USS Triton*.