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Here are some fun facts that might impress your friends and family

The winter of 1932 was so cold that Niagara Falls froze completely solid.

In 1887, the largest snowflakes on record fell to the Earth in Montana. Each snowflake was 15 inches in diameter.

The Eiffel Tower shrinks six inches in winter.

Joseph Stalin's only daughter, Svetlana Alliluyeva Stalina, is still alive and living in a retirement home in Wisconsin.

Russians reportedly pay out more than \$40 billion a year in bribes, with the average person paying almost a tenth of his wages in bribes.

40% of McDonald's profits come from the sale of Happy Meals.

Iceland consumes more Coca-cola per capita than any other nation.

Farmers in Japan developed square watermelons because they stack better.

As much as 80% of microwaves from cell phones are said to be absorbed by your head.

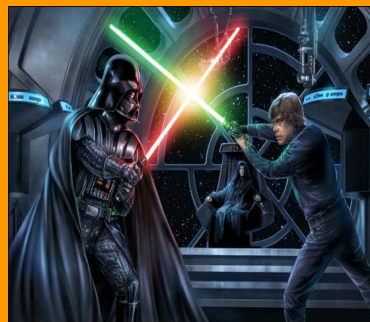


32% of singles think they will find their future mate online.

If you were to count of 1 billion seconds, it would take you 31.7 years.

For *Star Wars*'s twentieth anniversary, the first episode film renovation cost as much as the original movie.

The sound effect for the light sabers was recorded by moving a microphone next to a television set.



The state of Alaska has the most people per population that walk to work in the whole United States.

Sound carries so well in the Arctic that a conversation can be heard from 1.8 miles away.

When reading vertically downward from Shakespeare's original published copy of *Hamlet*, the furthest left-hand side apparently reads "I am a homosexual" in the last 14 lines of the book.



There are more stars than all of the grains of sand on Earth.

Due to gravitational effects, you weigh slightly less when the moon is directly overhead.



A NASCAR fan once sent more than half a million emails to Fox because they'd shown a baseball game instead of a scheduled race.

In the U.S., more Frisbee discs are sold each year than baseballs, basketballs, and footballs combined.

Only 6% of the Beatles' autographs in circulation are estimated to be real.

The Swedish pop group ABBA once turned down an offer of \$1 billion to reunite.

In all three *Godfather* films, when you see oranges, there is a death (or a very close call) coming up soon.

Toto the dog was paid \$125 a week while filming the *Wizard of Oz*.



These tidbits are from the book [The Best Book of Useless Information Ever](#) by Noel Botham.