

# DID YOU KNOW...

Cats do not  
have the  
ability to taste

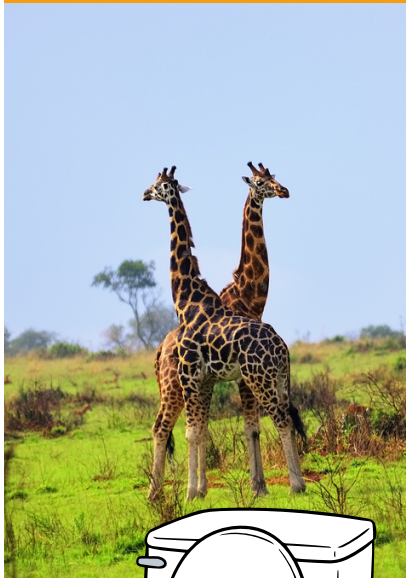
**sweet  
things.**

A Scottish fold cat may have ears that fold forward and down. Image Credit: Encyclopaedia Britannica © Belikart/Fotolia.



Pliny the Elder, a  
famous Roman  
author, cleaned his  
teeth with a

**porcupine  
quill.**



Groups of  
giraffes are  
known as a

**tower.**



A restaurant in Taiwan  
serves its food in

**toilet-shaped  
dishes.**

There are  
**1 billion**  
bacteria in one  
teaspoon of dirt.

# DID YOU KNOW...

Some  
dinosaurs laid

**blue  
eggs.**



**Every 7  
years**

the Eiffel Tower is  
painted with 54  
tonnes of fresh paint.



Human noses can smell  
**one trillion**  
different  
scents.



# Megalodon

was the largest fish to ever swim  
in the ocean. It was 3 times the  
size of the biggest shark that  
lives today.



Megalodon prehistoric shark with elephant (illustration). Image Credit: Britannica ImageQuest  
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# DID YOU KNOW...

Ancient  
Egyptians  
bathed in soda  
and then rubbed

**perfumed oil  
into their skin.**



**knight and horse in armor.** Image Credit: Encyclopaedia Britannica  
Illustration by Friedrich Martin von Reibisch from Der Rittersaal: Eine  
Geschichte des Ritterthums, seines Entstehens und Fortgangs, seiner  
Gebraüche und Sitten by Franz Kottenkamp, 1842.

# 7 years old

is the age for a boy to  
begin knight training  
in the Middle Ages.



In the tropics,  
thunderstorms may occur on

# 200 days of the year.

**Lions,  
tigers,  
jaguars**

and other big  
cats can't purr.

PURRRR



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**Vincent van Gogh, self-portrait (1887).** Image Credit: Encyclopaedia Britannica The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, Bequest of Miss Adelaide Milton de Groot (1876-1967), 1967. (67.187.70a), www.metmuseum.org

In a quarrel on  
Christmas Eve

**Vincent van  
Gogh cut off  
part of his own  
left ear.**



## 4 of China's

greatest inventions  
were the compass,  
paper making, printing  
and gun powder.



A venus fly trap is a  
**meat-eating  
plant.**



## Saturn's rings

are made of dusty chunks of ice  
that range in size from tiny, dust-  
sized icy grains to chunks as big  
as a house.

