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5 Explained Fun Facts

by: Lily



Ketchup in the sales market? Raspberry Kit-Kats? If you need an icebreaker or something to impress your family at the dinner table, you've come to the right place! Most people agree that they know a lot of weird things. But did you know any of these facts before?

Yes, There is a Such Thing as Black Carrots

Thought you were familiar with those orange vegetables on your plate or in your salad? But did you know that carrots come in many colors, including red, white, yellow, and even black? The regular carrots you usually see and eat get their color from beta-carotene, a pigment that gives plants, fruits, and vegetables a natural-looking orange color. White and yellow carrots have less of this pigment, so they look paler. Other rare carrots contain different pigments and lack others, giving them their odd appearance. The black carrot even has its name and is sometimes referred to as the "black nebula." The rarest carrots are purple.

Japan Has 300 Flavors For Kit Kats

Whole Wheat Biscuit, Chocolate Orange, Cookies & Cream. You would probably expect these to be ice cream, candy, or maybe popsicle flavors. But did you know that these flavors and many others make up 300 total different-tasting Kit Kats you can find all across Japan? Here's more: melon, cheesecake, strawberry, matcha, dark matcha, matcha latte, raspberry, milk tea, the original classic, and much more!





The National Animal of Scotland is a Unicorn

Unicorns first held an important place in Scotland in heraldry, which is the designing of crests or symbols on coats of armor for battle. In the 1550s, the Scottish coat of arms used to be held up by two unicorns until it was replaced with a lion from English influence. Around this time in the 1500s, the unicorn officially became the national animal of Scotland and has stayed the same today.

Ketchup as Medicine?

In the 1830s, tomato ketchup was sold as a medicine, supposedly improving or curing people of indigestion, jaundice, and more. Hundreds of sellers became rich by selling pills and medications with tomato ketchup that could cure people of disease and sickness when they were just laxatives. But who was behind this myth? A physician named John Cook Bennet first had the idea of selling the "medicine" as tomato pills in 1834. Soon after, other businesses started making their pills and concoctions using tomatoes and ketchup. Eventually, tomato ketchup sales went out of business in the 1850s, bringing us to more recent times, when the tomato ketchup industry was worth as much as 20.5 billion US dollars as of 2023.

Only ⅕ of the Air We Breathe is Oxygen

Most people would say they know what they're breathing in each of their 22,000 breaths daily. However, the fresh air we breathe is 78% nitrogen and only 21% oxygen. The other 1% consists of 0.04% carbon dioxide, 0.5% water vapor, and tiny amounts of gasses and liquids like argon. If all the air we breathed every day was pure oxygen, blood vessels and tissues in our lungs would face severe, permanent damage.

More Fun Facts:

- A group of pandas is called an embarrassment.
- The country Australia is wider than the moon.
- Venus is the only planet in our solar system to spin clockwise on its axis.
- Most humans spend ⅓, or 25 years, of their whole lives asleep.
- There are more stars in the universe than grains of sand in the world.
- Your brain uses nearly ⅕ of your body's air intake.

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Money, Money, Money

by: Alice & Ally

How much does your five-dollar bill cost? What about a two-dollar bill from 1976? 20,000 dollars.

Have you ever heard of a wheat penny? Well, it is an old penny smaller than our pennies today. They were used from 1909 to 1958 and are worth about 4 dollars. A steel wheat penny from 1943 or 1944 may be worth 408,000 dollars! But it gets better than that: some coins can be worth way more!

A 1933 golden eagle is a coin made of 90% gold, about the size of a dollar coin. Back when it was used, it was worth $20. Today, it is worth 20 million dollars! But, aside from collectors, it is illegal to use. Private gold ownership without a particular license became illegal in 1944. However, the prohibition was lifted in 1973.

Some people want to get rid of the penny. Although the government has no plans to stop it, some people believe otherwise. The penny costs more to produce than it is worth. With increased metal prices, a coin now costs 2.1 cents to create. The government generates 30 million pennies every day. That's $300,000 down the drain! In conclusion, you should keep that dollar. Maybe someday it will be worth much more than a dollar.

Things That Grow

by: Lily

Have you noticed that everything around you seems to be growing? And not simply the grass in front of your house—important places that perhaps even a few people have been to? Prepare yourself for an adventure, stopping at famous locations you may not have realized had growth spurts!

Destination 1: The Atlantic Ocean

The Atlantic Ocean is getting bigger every year. The tectonic plates making up the Americas are shifting away from the ones of Europe and Africa, making this ocean expand by 2.5 centimeters (or 0.984252 inches) every year. Since only massive quantities of water, like the Pacific Ocean, should be able to move tectonic plates, scientists are still trying to determine why this riddle persists.

Destination 2: The Eiffel Tower

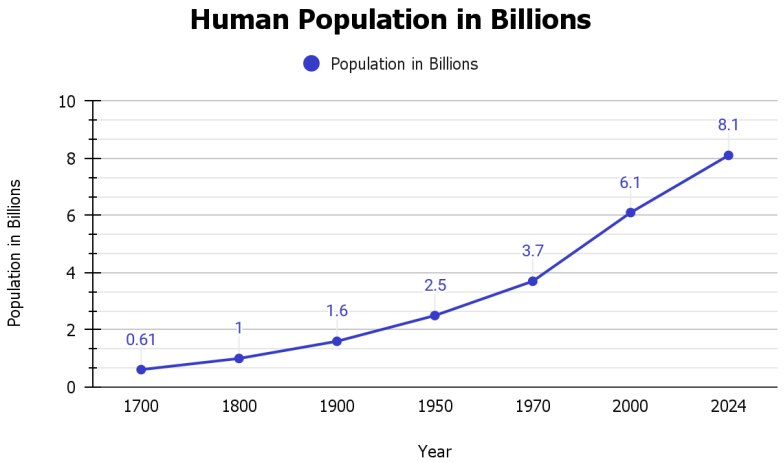
Every year, almost 7 million people visit the Eiffel Tower, France's most famous tourist destination and tallest monument. The tower is typically 984 feet tall, but in the summer, it is 15 cm, or 5.90551 inches, taller than it is all year round. The tower's iron is heated by the warm weather, which causes the molecules to disperse and ultimately increase the volume and height of the building. This phenomenon is known as thermal expansion. Sadly, thermal contraction has the opposite effect, making the tower shrink back nearly half a foot in the winter.

Destination 3: Mt. Everest

Standing at 29,031.69 feet, or 8,850 meters, Mt. Everest is more than 26,000 feet taller than the tallest skyscraper, the Burj Khalifa. This mountain, a part of the Himalayas, can be found in Nepal and Tibet in Asia. Believe it or not, Mt. Everest is growing in height every year. Why? This mountain happens to be smack dab in the middle of two tectonic plates, the same ones that collided 50 million years ago to create the Himalayas. This very minute, the Indian Plate is edging under the Eurasian plate, raising this mountain–and the rest of the mountain range, higher into the sky by about 4-5 centimeters annually. As of 2000, Mt. Everest was 29,029 feet tall and is now 2 feet taller! You can't deny that this mountain is having a long-term growth spurt.

Destination 4: Planet Earth - The Human Race

Our human race is one of the most rapidly growing numbers on the whole planet. Just 54 years ago in 1970, the world population was 3.695 billion. This year, the count is now over 8.101 billion. Censuses have recorded that about 140 million babies are born every year. According to the United Nations Population Division, our population is expected to reach 9 billion by the year 2037, and 10 billion in 2058!



The Drama of Peppa Pig

By: Sebastian, Amanda, Lily, Alice, Aidan

Peppa Pig, the seemingly innocent animated show beloved by children, hides a dark underside that goes beyond its happy veneer. But there is more to Peppa Pig than meets the eye. After reading this, your perception of this seemingly innocent character may seriously change. Buckle up as we journey into the murky depths of Peppa's piggy realm, revealing the mysteries hidden behind the snorts and muddy puddles.

The Rom-Com of Peppa Pig

While drawing at a playgroup, Peppa and her friends discover fascinating details about each other's families. One of the characters they meet is Penny Polar Bear. Penny shares that she has two mothers, both of whom are polar bears. This heartwarming inclusion marks a significant moment in the show's history, as it introduces its first same-sex couple. Penny's moms, Mummy Polar Bear and Doctor Polar Bear exemplify love and acceptance.

Multiple times, the show has revealed Peppa's love interests: Pedro Pony, Danny Dog, and her best friend Suzy Sheep. Danny Dog had dumped Candy Cat, who is rumored to be 40 years old. After that, Peppa started going out with Pedro Pony as well as Danny Dog. Soon after that, Pedro broke up with her after finding out that she was with Danny. She tries to get past Pedro Pony, who is now her ex, but just when she is ready to give up, she sees that Danny Dog and Candy Cat are holding hands again. She could tell this means that they are back together. Throughout the episodes, Peppa tries to get him back but always fails miserably. George Pig, Peppa's two-year-old brother, also has a love interest. Elly Pig, George's girlfried, is a friendly piglet and Phil Pig's little sister.

How Many?

Maine Divorce Law Blog claims that Mummy Pig, who is said to be 30 years old, has had 67 divorces.







Fan Theories

While Peppa Pig is generally known for its playful and imaginative content, fan theories explore darker possibilities. From characters being reincarnated dead people to Peppa herself being a deceased child, these theories add layers of complexity to Peppa's seemingly innocent world of giggles and puddle-jumping.

The Reincarnated Dead: Peppa's Eerie Origins

Fan theories swirl around Peppa and her anthropomorphic friends, suggesting that they are reincarnated souls. Yes, you read that right! According to viewers, Peppa and her crew were once real people who shuffled off this mortal coil and now inhabit piggy bodies. Granny Pig, in particular, is suspected of harboring schizophrenic delusions, weaving a web of past lives and alternate realities. Is Peppa Pig a vessel for lost souls? The jury's out, but the theory lingers like a ghostly echo.

Peppa's Grim Fate: A Child No More

What if Peppa herself is a deceased child? The show's longevity has fueled this theory. Peppa, once a sickly child, now roams Peppatown town as a spectral piglet. Her adventures—muddy puddles, picnics, and all—are glimpses into the afterlife. And her family? They're fellow spirits navigating the ethereal realm. Next time you hear Peppa's laughter, remember that it echoes across the veil.

Pedro Pony, a beloved character from the delightful world of Peppa Pig, has not met a tragic end in the official storyline. However, fan theories are circulating about his fate:

- **Drowning by Bullies:** According to a fan theory, Pedro Pony was drowned by his schoolyard bullies. This hypothesis suggests that Pedro's lack of many friends in the show is a result of this tragic event.

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Anonymously Asking a Teacher a Question

by: Aidan

"My favorite subject in middle school was science. I loved learning in a classroom where there were experiments and labs to complete. I also liked taking care of plants and animals. We had a few experiments on seeds and plants, we took care of some small class pets and I appreciated that!"

Mrs. Butts - 6, 7, 8 Grade Health Teacher

"I always liked ELA best. Reading and writing were some of my favorite pastimes. I especially enjoyed creative writing."

Mrs. Kelly - Assistant Principal of PVC

"When I was younger, we had a separate spelling class. That was my favorite because I did very well in it. By the time I was in middle school, I started to LOVE history. It is still a passion in my life."

Mrs. Ernau - 6th Grade English Teacher

"I loved school and found it difficult to identify a favorite subject. I especially enjoyed reading, writing, art and music. I liked being creative and loved to do projects. Teaching Spanish is perfect for me because I get to do all of these things in my classes!"

Señora Ault - 5th–8th Grade Spanish Teacher

What was your favorite subject when you were in middle school and why?

"My favorite subject was biology or living environment. I loved learning about cells and the body systems."

Mrs. Carmosino - 8th Grade Team English Teacher

"I liked English and art. English because I like to read. And art because I was good at it, it was a creative outlet and it was challenging."

Mrs Armstrong - 5th, 6th, 8th Grade Art Teacher

"Science - because I like using my hands and my grandmother was a math/science teacher."

Mr. Gallagher - 7th Grade Team Science Teacher

"I really enjoyed orchestra and science class! Although I eventually became a math teacher, ironically, I didn't like it in middle school. The subject was a struggle for me, and I often found it challenging to understand. However, I love jamming out to music, so orchestra was a time when I got to do this. Middle school was the first time that we had science labs (instead of relying solely on textbooks) so I began to really love science due to these hands-on activities."

Mrs. Rescigno - 6th Grade Math Teacher

"I got my driver's license last week"

The Story of Olivia Rodrigo

By: Amanda

Olivia Rodrigo is an amazing singer. She has broken several Spotify records. Here is her story behind her fame and the artist she has become today.

Early life and Acting

Olivia Isabel Rodrigo was born on February 20, 2003. She started her career at the age of 13 starring in the Disney show "Bizaardvark" from 2016 to 2019. After acting there, she started "High School Musical: The Musical: The Series" at the age of 15 from 2019 to 2022). She sang the hit song "All I Want" there.

SOUR

After signing a contract with Geffen Records in 2020, she released her hit single "drivers license" in January 2021 at the age of 17. It immediately became a hit worldwide and broke various records on Spotify. She followed up with 2 more hit singles "good 4 u" and "deja vu". And on May 21, 2021, she released her first album, SOUR. She was nominated for 6 Grammy Awards in 2022: Best New Artist, Song of the Year, Best Pop Solo Performance, Record of the Year, Best Pop Vocal Album, Best Music Video, and Album of the Year. She won 3 of those: Best New Artist, Best Pop Vocal Album, and Best Pop Solo Performance.

GUTS

Last year, on June 20, 2023, Rodrigo came back with another hit song "vampire". It stayed at #1 on the Billboard Hot 100 2023 for longer than any other song—9 weeks! Once again, she followed up with 2 more hit singles: "get him back!" and "bad idea, right?". The album, "GUTS", was released on September 8, 2023.

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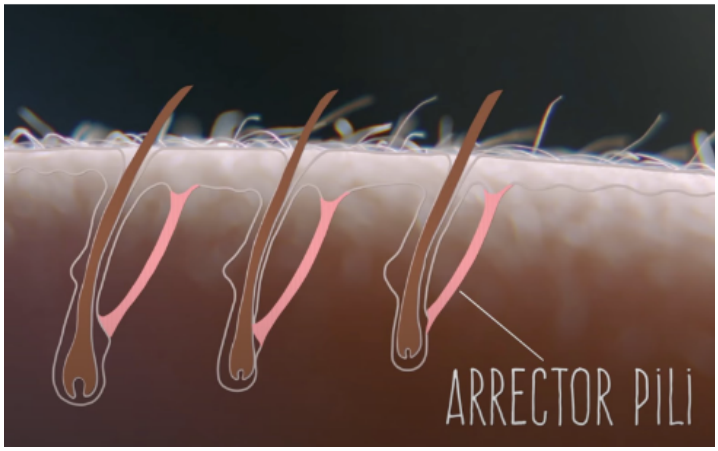
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The Oddities of Everyday Life

Goosebumps

by: Grace



Have you ever gone outside on a chilly day and felt a strange sensation on your skin? If you have, you're not alone; around 55-86 percent of our population feels it too! This article is the fourth of a series of articles investigating the oddities of everyday life. So, let us discover the little phenomenon the universe created in all of us- goosebumps!

The scientific way of saying goosebumps is the pilomotor reflex. Usually, goosebumps happen when we're cold. When your hairs stand on end, they're trying to create a layer of warmth between you and the chilly air.

However, goosebumps can also occur while watching a movie! This is because of small muscles attached to your skin hair, known as the Arrector Pili, as shown in the photo. When these muscles contract, the hairs on your skin stand upright. However, when they relax, the hairs go flat. These hairs are part of your sympathetic nervous system, which mostly determines your fight-or-flight response. That's why movies make you have goosebumps- they trigger your sympathetic nervous system by showing social interactions and other things.



Goosebumps can even happen when you're listening to music. A hypothesis that scientists have made is that music creates anticipation in the brain when played. Your brain is trying to predict what will happen in the music next. If the prediction is right, a release will be made and if the release is strong, it might even be enough to trigger your nervous system, causing goosebumps.

This chilling sensation may be a small and even useless feeling to us, but they are helpful to animals like dogs, cats, and many other animals. When their hair stands on end, it makes them look bigger and scarier to warn predators to back away.

Next time you have goosebumps, try to figure out what triggered that. Were you cold? Are you watching a movie, or even listening to music? Stay tuned for the next Tiger Prints article!

How Does The Future Look Like?

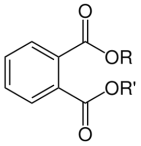
by: Alice & Ally

If I were to ask you, "What does the future look like?" you might instinctively think of robots. And you wouldn't be wrong—robots and advanced technology are indeed shaping our world. However, there's another aspect of the future that deserves attention: human well-being.

Phthalates

Phthalates are harmful chemicals that can wreak havoc on multiple organs, affecting childbirth, child development, and reproductive systems in both young children and adults. Additionally, phthalates have been linked to severe brain damage. Shockingly, these toxic substances are pervasive—they're found in everything from paint to flooring.

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Fan Theories

Daddy Sheep was a very mysterious sheep. Nobody knows his real name, and he has never been seen or shown in the show before. Apparently, he disappeared from his family at some point in time. His wife, his first child Suzy Sheep (Peppa's best friend and supposed love interest), and his friends all seemed to forget about him after this disappearance, possibly due to mind-wiping drugs. This makes Peppa's friend one of the only protagonists in the story without any mention of a father. Suzy Sheep has piqued curiosity about her father's absence. While the show doesn't explicitly address this, fans have speculated on a few theories:

- **Mrs. Sheep Is Dating Mr. Bull:** Some believe that Suzy's dad isn't seen or mentioned because Mrs. Sheep is dating Mr. Bull. Mr. Bull, being a nurse, could explain Suzy's aspiration to become one as well. However, there are no framed pictures or drawings of Mr. Bull in their home.
- **Suzy's Dad Passed Away:** Another theory suggests that Suzy's father died from an illness when she was a baby. This tragic event might have inspired Suzy's desire to become a nurse and help others avoid suffering due to illness. However, there are no framed pictures or drawings of Mr. Sheep either.
- **Suzy's Dad Left:** A newer speculation proposes that Suzy's dad left the family when he discovered Mrs. Sheep was pregnant. Perhaps Mrs. Sheep gently told Suzy that she didn't have a dad, and Suzy accepted it without further questioning. The lack of evidence, such as framed pictures, hints at this possibility.

The Messy, Emotional Downfall of Daddy Pig

Daddy Pig has experienced quite the emotional journey. Episode 10-27 introduces the Arc of Divorce, where Mummy and Daddy Pig divorce. While Peppa Pig is primarily light-hearted entertainment, these subtle elements in Daddy Pig's character raise thought-provoking questions about emotional dynamics and family relationships.

Emotional Breakout Against Peppa Pig: In the reboot's second episode, Daddy Pig hints at a mental spiral when he has an emotional outburst directed at his own daughter, Peppa Pig. This initial crack in his emotional facade sets the stage for what's to come. Later in the show, this outburst leads to Daddy Pig's trial in court, where he seemingly ends up in jail while his children stay with Grandpa Pig.

The Infamous Arc of Divorce: The real emotional rollercoaster begins in episode 10-27, where the infamous Arc of Divorce unfolds. Mummy and Daddy Pig find themselves in a long and bitter divorce, leaving Peppa and George emotionally scarred to deal with the aftermath. The once-happy family fractures, the aftermath felt by all.

However, this storyline takes a dark turn: George, driven by his emotional scars, commits the unthinkable—the murder of Daddy Pig. Mummy Pig, in her grief, ensures Daddy Pig's remains are properly disposed of by burning his corpse.

The Bacon Cannibal Peppa Arc: Despite Daddy Pig's demise, there's a glimmer of hope. The creators hint that he may return, possibly in the ongoing and popular "Bacon Cannibal Peppa" arc. What strange and twisted adventures await? Only time will tell.

George Pig is one of the only characters in the show without an alliteration in their name. Why might that be? According to fan theories, George Pig, Peppa's brother, is adopted. All of the show's characters have names that begin with the same letter as the animal they represent. For example, Danny Dog, Suzy Sheep, Emily Elephant, and so on. George, on the other hand, differs from the norm. So the first question was, are there any languages other than English where the word for 'pig' starts with a G, like George? The answer is yes; there are three. 'Pig' is referred to as 'gris' in Norwegian and Swedish, and 'ghori' in Georgian. The fans believe George is a Georgian orphan refugee whose original name was George Ghori. George's name may be a subtle nod to support this. (Georgia) To support this, Russia and Georgia fought in the Russian-Georgian War in 2008. During the 2008 Russia-Georgia war, many children were affected. Many children lost their parents as a result of the war's bloodshed, displacement, and other devastation. This time period is also close to around the time George Pig was supposedly born in the show.

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"I got my driver's license last week" continued

By: Amanda

GUTS

Once again, she was nominated for 6 Grammy Awards in 2024: Best Pop Solo Performance for "vampire", Album of the Year for "GUTS", Song of the Year for "vampire", Best Pop Vocal Album for "GUTS", and Best Rock Song for "ballad of a homeschooled girl".

What will Olivia Rodrigo do next? Will she win 3 more Grammys? Well, we'll have to wait and see!

Smart Ways To Live

by: Isra

Have you ever seen those people in the Guinness Book of World Records running marathons and traveling around the world at 100 years old? Well, I have, and time and time again, I wonder, "How do they do it?" So, I have answers: these are ways that you, at home, can live to your fullest potential.

Exercise!

Keeping your body healthy is key. Physical activity keeps your body and heart pumping. According to scientific studies, exercising your body keeps your circulatory and respiratory systems healthy, lowering your risks of developing heart or lung illness. According to a New York Times article, The 7 Keys to Longevity, "You don't have to do a lot, either—the American Heart Association recommends 150 minutes of moderate-intensity exercise per week, meaning just walking a little more than 20 minutes a day is beneficial." You only have to sign up for a modified sport or swim in Silver Lake with your friends, and you are one step closer to a longer life!

Eat More Healthy Food!

I know, you might be thinking "I love candy! There is no way I can do this!" Trust me, I thought this also. However, according to The 7 Keys to Longevity, "Some experts say that maintaining a healthy weight is important for longevity, but to Dr. John Rowe, a professor of health policy and aging at Columbia University, that's less of a concern, especially as people enter old age." But the only way you can do this is if you maintain a healthy diet.

Sleep!

When you sleep, your brain gets recharged. Just like your phone, after a long day of being used, it needs to charge, or it will be dead in the morning. You won't be dead, but you will be super tired and not have a good day. Children aged 11-18 should get 8-10 hours of sleep. I know you're probably thinking, I go to sleep after a night of homework and wake up at 6 AM to go to school; how am I ever going to do this? Try to keep a consistent schedule. If you do this for most of your life, your brain will be powered every morning, and you will have good days ahead.

Healthy Relationships

Family and friends are a big part of life. Psychological health often takes a back seat to physical health, but Dr. Chang said it's just as important. "Isolation and loneliness is as big a detriment to our health as smoking," she said, adding that it puts us "at a higher risk of dementia, heart disease, stroke." This demonstrates how crucial people who care about you are.

Be Happy!

This one might sound silly, but believe it or not, being happy is the easiest and best way to live your life. Several studies have revealed that optimism is related to a lower risk of heart disease, with those who score high on optimism tests living 5% to 15% longer than those who score low. That may be because optimists tend to have healthier habits and lower rates of some chronic diseases. A chronic illness is one that a person has for a long time or one that goes away but keeps coming back. Diabetes and arthritis are examples of this. But even when accounting for those factors, the research shows that people who think positively live longer.

I'm not a scientist or a doctor and everybody leads different lives with different goals and purposes. These strategies may not work for everyone or may not be important to you! However, these five tips could be helpful in your life and maybe let you enjoy this wonderful world for a bit longer!

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Part III

Is Daddy Pig Abused?

The portrayal of Daddy Pig in the show has sparked discussions among viewers. Fans point out that he is emotionally and mentally abused and body shamed throughout the show:

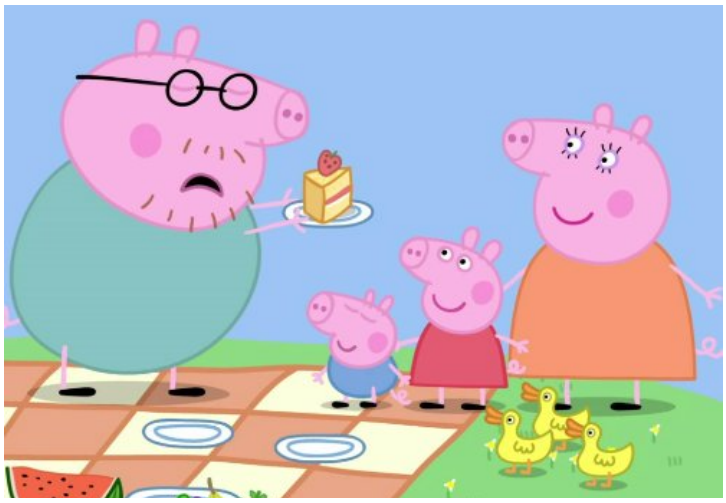
- Daddy Pig is constantly reminded of his large tummy by his own kids and wife. Peppa is constantly teasing him because of this.
- When the Queen announces a medal for the hardest working person in the country, Mommy Pig dismisses Daddy Pig without hesitation, saying, "It certainly won't be you."
- Daddy Pig's emotional well-being is often overlooked. For instance, during picnics, he is often left behind, hungry and forgotten.
- His slice of strawberry cake is stolen by Peppa to feed the ducks, leaving him with little.
- Mommy Pig sells his favorite chair without his knowledge.
- He is pressured to run a charity marathon alone while others relax.
- After a rainstorm, Mommy, Peppa, and George are more concerned about a teddy bear Daddy Pig rescued than Daddy himself, who is soaking wet.

Daddy Pig's emotional journey—from outbursts to divorce to murder—is a testament to the complexity of life in the Peppa Pig universe.

Unanswered Questions

The Missing Relatives: Peppa Pig only has one set of grandparents on her mom's side, leaving the lingering mystery of how her dad was born. So, while we know a lot about Daddy Pig's immediate family and in-laws, the mystery of his parents remains unsolved in the Peppa Pig universe!

The Mysterious Miss Rabbit: Miss Rabbit, the multitasking wonder, is the show's hero. She operates everything from the ice cream van to the helicopter, works as a librarian and engineer, leaving us wondering: Does she have a secret twin? Is she a time-traveling entrepreneur? And how does she



manage to be everywhere at once? Surprisingly, we know the answer to one of these mind boggling questions. Miss Rabbit, in fact, does have an identical twin sister: Mummy Rabbit. In the show, these two rabbits are dressed identically, one of the only differences being Mummy Rabbit's four children Richard, Rebecca, and twins Rosie and Robbie Rabbit. According to the show, Mummy Rabbit has offered to help her twin sister multiple times managing her many occupations, but this still has let to happen. The reasons for Miss Rabbit's motives are slightly unclear, though. Some speculate she has so many jobs in hopes of earning a medal from the Queen for being the most hardworking person in the country. The drama unfolds as we speculate about Miss Rabbit's true identity and her uncanny ability to juggle countless jobs.

The Truth of Peppa: According to Peppa Pig World, unbeknownst by the general public audience of the Peppa Pig show, Peppa's actual name is Pepperius Peppa Pig. The whole show addresses her only by her middle name. Throughout multiple scenes, Peppa also teases her younger brother George, which is the cause of many of his shed tears and extremely loud crying sounds in the episodes.

George Pig's True Background: George Pig, who already has a girlfriend at age two, has only been shown to say the words "Dinosaur", "Why", and "No". In the episodes, George is constantly crying, once because he hated waiting his turn to ride down the big slide on the playground. There are many theories about whether George has been spoiled by Grandpa Pig, who lets him go on the long line for the slide first despite Peppa telling him that he has to wait his turn.

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Unanswered Questions

Mummy Pig the Author?

Mummy Pig, who apparently works remotely from her computer at home, is also a firefighter with the "Mummies' Fire Service". According to Peppa Pig World, she is skilled in language and writing, shown in Series 5 when she wrote the book "Funny Onion". This book is really just one huge number spread over several pages, with the error explained as "printing issues" when Mummy Pig presents her book in front of many of the show's other adults.

Daddy Pig's Hidden Talent?

Daddy Pig, the bumbling but endearing father harbors secret talents. From his questionable dance moves to his knack for getting stuck in improbable places (remember the treehouse incident?), Daddy Pig keeps us guessing. Is he a closet opera singer? Does he moonlight as a stand-up comedian? The drama lies in uncovering Daddy Pig's hidden passions and peculiar skills.

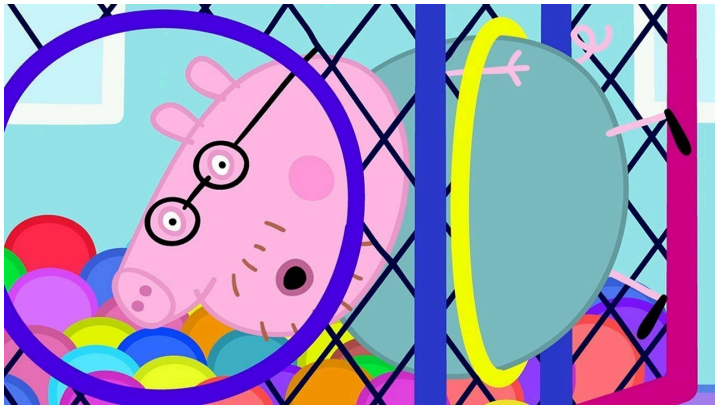
Peppa Pig's Height: According to the show, Peppa is 3 feet 9 inches. If this is true, then that means that Peppa is at least half a foot taller than the average height for 4-year-olds, which should be around 3 feet–3 feet 3 inches. Meanwhile, multiple popular online sources report that Peppa is 7 feet 1 inch tall.

An Age-Defiant Pig?

The show Peppa Pig was first released on May 31st of 2004–almost two decades ago. Ever since the premier of this popular TV series, Peppa Pig, her best friend Suzy Sheep, and numerous other characters have been titled as 4 years old. This year in 2024, the show is celebrating its 20th anniversary, all while Peppa and her friends are still age 4. By the math, Peppa should technically just be having her 24th birthday soon, even though the show seems to recognize all the characters as never-aging.

Conclusion

If Peppa Pig is supposed to be a positive example for young children, we advise you to reconsider what children around the world watch daily.



How Does The Future Look Like?

by: Alice & Ally

Annie's Cheesy Ravioli

Consider Annie's Cheesy Ravioli and other food products from the same brand. Unfortunately, they contain phthalates too. But it doesn't stop there—these chemicals are also found in many personal-care products like soaps, shampoos, and hair sprays. Even polyvinyl chloride plastics (used for items like plastic packaging, garden hoses, and medical tubing) have phthalates.

Disposable Plastic Water Bottles

You hand $3.75 to the cashier for a plastic water bottle. As you take a sip, do you ever wonder about the water's hidden contents? Well, if you haven't noticed already, most disposable plastic water bottles contain microplastics—tiny plastic particles measuring a centimeter or smaller. These microscopic plastics remain largely unstudied, leaving us uncertain about their potential harm. Yet, it's concerning that we consume plastics with every sip. We should, at least, be aware of this.

Fast Food & Snacks

What do Wendy's crispy chicken nuggets, Chipotle burritos, and a Burger King Whopper with cheese have in common? They all share something beyond their deliciousness: phthalates. Yes, even fast food isn't immune. But there's another chemical at play: MSG (monosodium glutamate). MSG, an addictive substance, ensures you can't stop at just one Dorito or Oreo. While not necessarily harmful, it keeps us coming back for more, lining the pockets of companies that profit from our cravings.

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Stanleys

Stanleys—the trendy, large water bottles with extra straw covers and eye-catching designs. But here's the chilling truth: they could be lethal. Not just Stanleys, many reusable water bottles have lead. Lead, once common in pencils, has been replaced due to its health risks. Remember the young woman who fought against lead exposure after her child suffered severe harm from lead-based paint? Well, she discovered lead in Stanleys. Shockingly, the company concealed this fact for four whole years! So, by all means, keep your Stanley—but handle it with care.

AI

AI, an abbreviation for artificial intelligence, includes things like Alexas and ChatGPT. You wouldn't believe Alexa could get any wiser than us, right? However, AI will be able to care for the elderly, create movies on the spot, assist in education, increase the economy, and do a variety of other things by 2030, however AI is not always beneficial. At the current rate of AI growth, 2.4 million jobs in America will be displaced by 2030! If AI continues to replace these jobs, many Americans will struggle financially, and more disadvantaged people will be struggling for survival.







Stuck in the Internet

by: Alice & Ally

Saturday 10:34 am

You are sitting at your desk with a computer with your best friend Mia.
"I'm so bored." You groan. "Let's play truth or dare."
"I'll go first!" Mia exclaims, "I dare you to go on ChatGPT and insult it."
"I didn't even say dare, but whatever," you reply.
You open your old Chromebook, only to find it at eight percent. You ignore it and click the ChatGPT app. You type in the chat,
"You're so stupid and useless!"
ChatGPT responds, "I'm not programmed to have an opinion, but… I cannot tolerate this! You humans…"
You and Mia look down at the screen in terror as the human-looking robot hand reaches out slowly. It comes straight for your arm and drags you into the screen.

You wake up in a white room. Suddenly, a screen turns on and you hear a robot voice, almost sounding human.
"Hello," it says, "I am an AI and it seems you have upset one of us, and you must work until you pay off the damage you've done."
"Wait what?" You exclaim. Somehow, you're in a completely white and empty room. Well, not empty. There are about five children that look around your age.
"I'm sorry." One of them says to you.
"For what?" You ask.
"I don't know, I just always feel it's my fault ChatGPT took you guys here."
"It's not." You say, "ChatGPT took me here to pay for my damage or something."
"Yeah, we upset ChatGPT too, and we got pulled in."
"It's this thing ChatGPT does. The programmers are trying to stop it but haven't gotten close."
"How long have you been here?" You ask.
The girl hesitates before responding. "Four years. 1 hundredth of my full time."
"So…you will be here forever?" You ask the girl.
"Yes, it's ChatGPT's trick. By the way, I'm Sarah."
"We should escape," you say.
Sarah sighs as if to say, it's impossible. You get to work.

An hour later, you are still working. The work is not that bad until you do it two hundred times in a row. You take any deleted files from ChatGPT's brain, where you are held captive. You, along with others, all take big computer chips the size of your body. You have to move them around and adjust things. Most of them are memories and storage you must take to the Storage Library. If there is a bug in the system, you have to fix it.

You feel your stomach growl. You ask when you will get served food. You get a bowl of mush each day. You want a break, so you wander off a bit.

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Stuck in the Internet

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"Ow," you exclaim, "what was that?!"
You walked into an invisible wall. You try to push on it, but you always get pushed back. You feel like giving up, but eventually, you try pulling it. Out of nowhere, you start falling. You hit the bottom with a thump. You stand up, and your head hits something. You look up only to see a square. An app. You're on the home screen of your computer. You click on one of the apps. You recognized the little camera on it. Suddenly, you see Mia.

"OMG!" She exclaims. You could see each other.
"What?! You're inside of the computer!" She stares in shock.
"Yep. And I'm trying to get out."
You walk to the right side of the screen to lean on it when you fall. Somehow, you are now on Mia's phone! Everything looks similar, just with different apps.
"Oh my gosh! Where did you go?" Mia screams in shock.
"I'm calling my mom!"
She picks up the phone and dials a number.
"Siri, open ChatGPT."
"What are you doing?!" you ask Mia.
"Getting help," she answers, "Just stay calm."
"Call 917-654-4326," Mia says to ChatGPT.

"Wait!" You say to Mia, but it's too late. ChatGPT grabs her and pulls her into her phone. Before you can think the better of yourself, you run back through all of Mia's apps into your Chromebook.

"Everyone! It's the countdown!" An AI voice announces. "10, 9, 8…"
All of a sudden, your sibling walks into the room.
"OMG! Why won't this turn on?!" your sibling exclaims.
"Ugh! I can't stand this dumb thing!" your sibling screams as they slowly lift the Chromebook over their head and shatter it to smithereens on the ground.

Suddenly, you wake up back in your room. You're sitting at your desk. Your sibling is walking up to you. You look over at Mia, and she has her head tilted looking confused.
"W-what time is it?" Mia says. You look at your computer, and to your surprise, it's not shattered and is still at eight present.
Surprised, you say, "Oh, um, let me check." You look down at the Chromebook to check. "Saturday, 10:34." You reply.
Gaping, you and Mia stare at each other in shock but stay silent. Your sibling has surprisingly stayed quiet and says, "Ooh what's that app?"
"ChatGPT," Mia says "It's an app where you talk to a robot."
"I have an idea!" your sibling says.
"What is it?" you ask.
"We can insult ChatGPT and see their reaction!"
"Um, I have a better idea, let's not," you say.
"I have the best idea! Let's go eat breakfast!" Mia says.
"Good idea!" you say, "Go get the pancakes ready, we'll be right there."
"Okay." your sibling responds. "Chocolate chip!" They leave the room.
Suddenly, Sarah walks into the room.
"Hey, guys. What's up?"

May: Mental Health Month

by: Emma

May marks a significant month in the calendar: Mental Health Awareness Month. Established in 1949, this month-long observance has become a time to address the challenges faced by millions living with mental health conditions.

This year, organizations like the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and Mental Health America (MHA) are at the forefront, advocating campaigns such as "Take the Moment" and "Where to Start" to encourage open dialogues, empathy, and provide resources.



As we observe Mental Health Awareness Month, it's important to recognize that mental health is an integral part of overall health. It's a time to learn, act, and advocate for mental well-being, not just for ourselves but for others as well.

In conclusion, Mental Health Awareness Month is more than just an annual observance; it's a movement towards a future where mental health care is accessible, stigma-free, and recognized as a vital part of our lives. This May, let's all take a moment to prioritize our mental health and support those around us on their mental health journey.

Editorial



One Bitcoin is currently worth around $70,200. That is more than the average American salary in 2020, according to USA Today. Almost everyone has heard of Bitcoin at this point- this cryptocurrency has seeped into reality and has founded itself as a popular investment choice. But what about a digital coin that is expensive? Why has Bitcoin become everyone's focus? And is investing in Bitcoin good?

Bitcoin is a digital currency. It allows online users to exchange currency through a network. You can trade Bitcoin, and users can also sell it for real money (how the coin gets its value). So why buy and sell the coin instead of just money? The Guardian explains: "A key aspect of Bitcoin's appeal is its anti-authoritarian stance – the ability to carry out financial transactions without a financial institution overseeing the process and charging fees." Trading Bitcoin with real money eliminates the complexities associated with traditional cash. It's a completely smooth transaction, and the guarantee of no additional fees or hassles makes it a desirable investment for businesses and consumers.

But why is Bitcoin as opposed to other types of cryptocurrencies? Rarity plays a role in the craze for this currency. While most currencies continue to print with demand, the amount of Bitcoin allowed to exist is, at most, 21 million. That seems like a lot, but picture it as a major currency that serves the entire world. In reality, it's quite a small number, and Bitcoin is hard to get a hold of. This amount of bitcoin, or lack thereof, causes people to find it even more valuable. Because of this high value, more and more people want to buy Bitcoin, which drives the prices up. Those who want to invest see Bitcoin as an investment that will grow in value. Because it's part of a private network and unaffected by other fees, it also is seen as a safe bet that won't be affected by inflation.

So, is Bitcoin worth buying? It seems like a good choice. You won't be charged interest, tax, or any other fees when selling it. And it's rare, so it's likely to continue to be bought. Still, just like with any investment, there's always the chance of the price dropping or people no longer caring enough. Once you buy it, you've already wasted a lot of money- so if you do, just pay attention to its value so you can sell it before it gets too low in the case that it drops. But, lucky for you, bitcoin pieces seem to be steadily increasing. This investment is likely a great choice, but would you take the risk?

Thank you for reading this issue of Tiger Prints: The Official PVC Newspaper. Enjoy all of our articles in this issue: it's a great bunch! We will have one more addition coming out for the end of the year, so keep your eyes peeled. We promise that reading our end-of-year special has no risks, unlike Bitcoin!

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Lost in the Shadows

by: Emma

In the corners of this shadowed haze,
Where echoes of faded dreams reside,
I wander aimlessly, a ghost of myself,
Lost in the depths of my own mind.

The sun no longer warms my skin,
Its warmth replaced by a cold, gray mist,
I stumble through days like a sleepwalker,
Devoid of purpose, life, and bliss.

Emotions lie dormant, buried deep,
Their colors drained to mere shades of gray,
And I wonder if I'd ever truly felt,
Or if life was merely a masquerade.

Hopelessness wraps around me like a shroud,
Its weight pulling me into an abyss,
And I search for a beacon, a glimmer of light,
But find only darkness, relentless and amiss.

Yet somewhere within this desolate expanse,
A spark remains, flickering faintly,
A memory of warmth, of laughter, of love,
A lifeline to cling to when all else fails.

So I press onward, though my steps falter,
Through the fog of despair, toward the distant glow,
Hoping that someday, somehow, I'll emerge,
From this shadowed haze and find my way home.