



Weird But True Facts!

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Mr. Potato Head was the first toy advertised on television.





Penguins droppings
can be pink.

Ancient Romans and Greeks often ate salted fish that had rotted in the sun for at least a month.



Gorillas sing/hum happy songs when they eat.



Medical doctors in 500-1500 A.D wore bird masks stuffed with herbs to ward off bad smells.

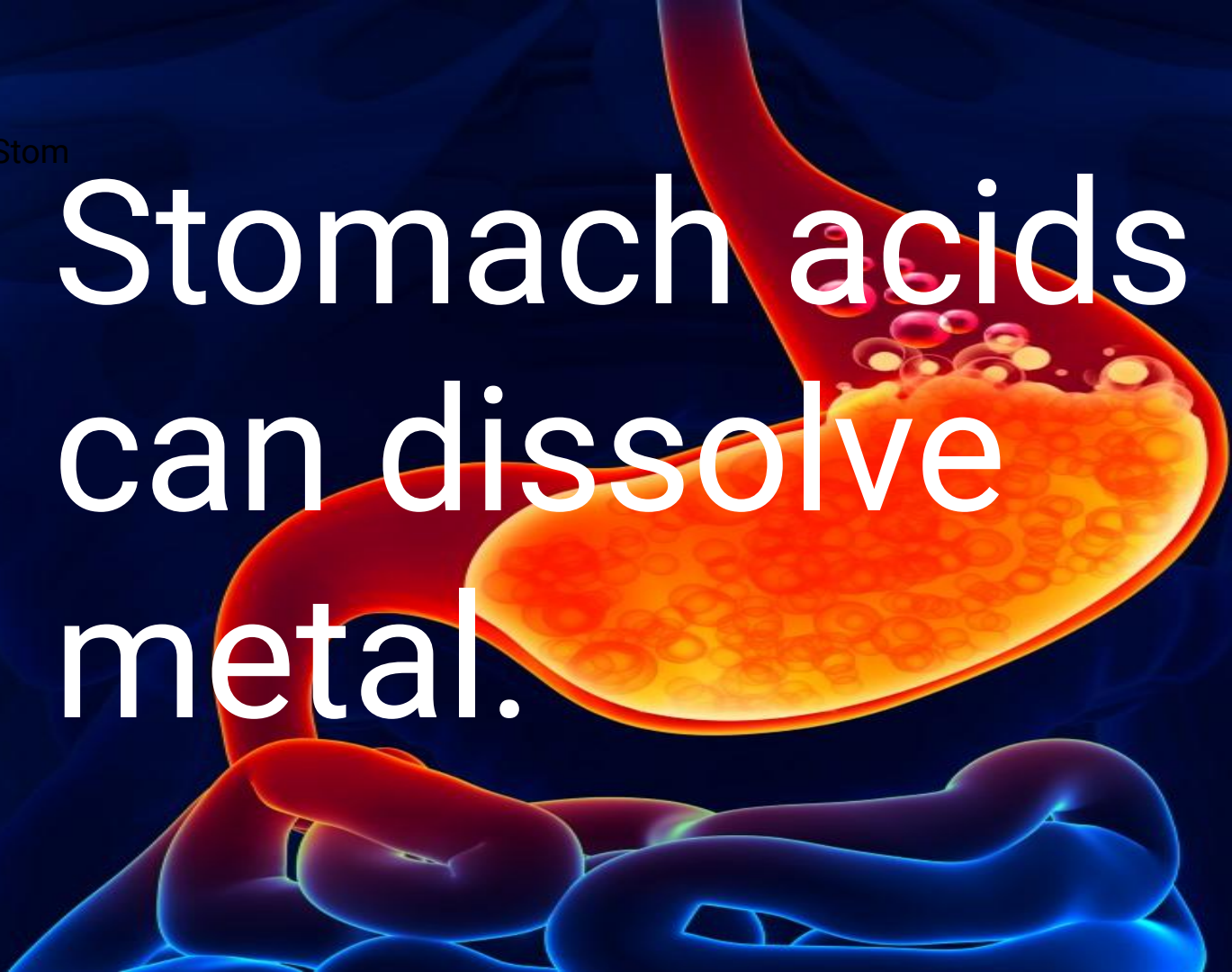


Jellyfish are 95%
water.

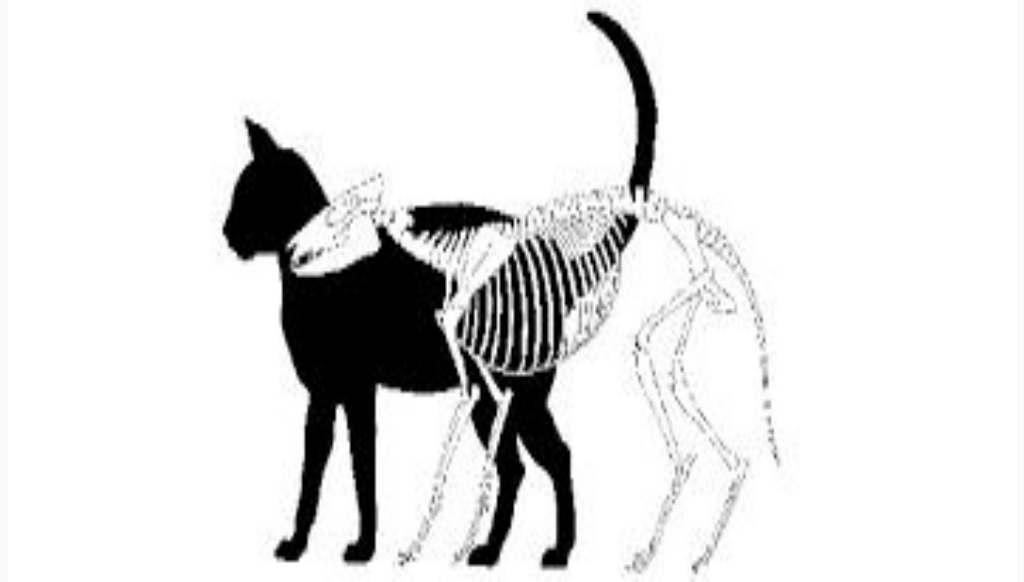


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Stomach acids
can dissolve
metal.



56 million years
ago horses were
the size of cats.



Artists in Italy
created a pink
stuffed rabbit big
enough to see from
space.



Polar bears are black, not white.



Scientists can extract DNA from a polar bear by using it's footprint.



Dogs relieve themselves in alignment to the Earth's magnetic field.





A human bone
is five times
stronger than
steel of the
same weight.



A chameleon's
tongue can be
the size or
even twice as
big as its body.

Only its fur is
striped.



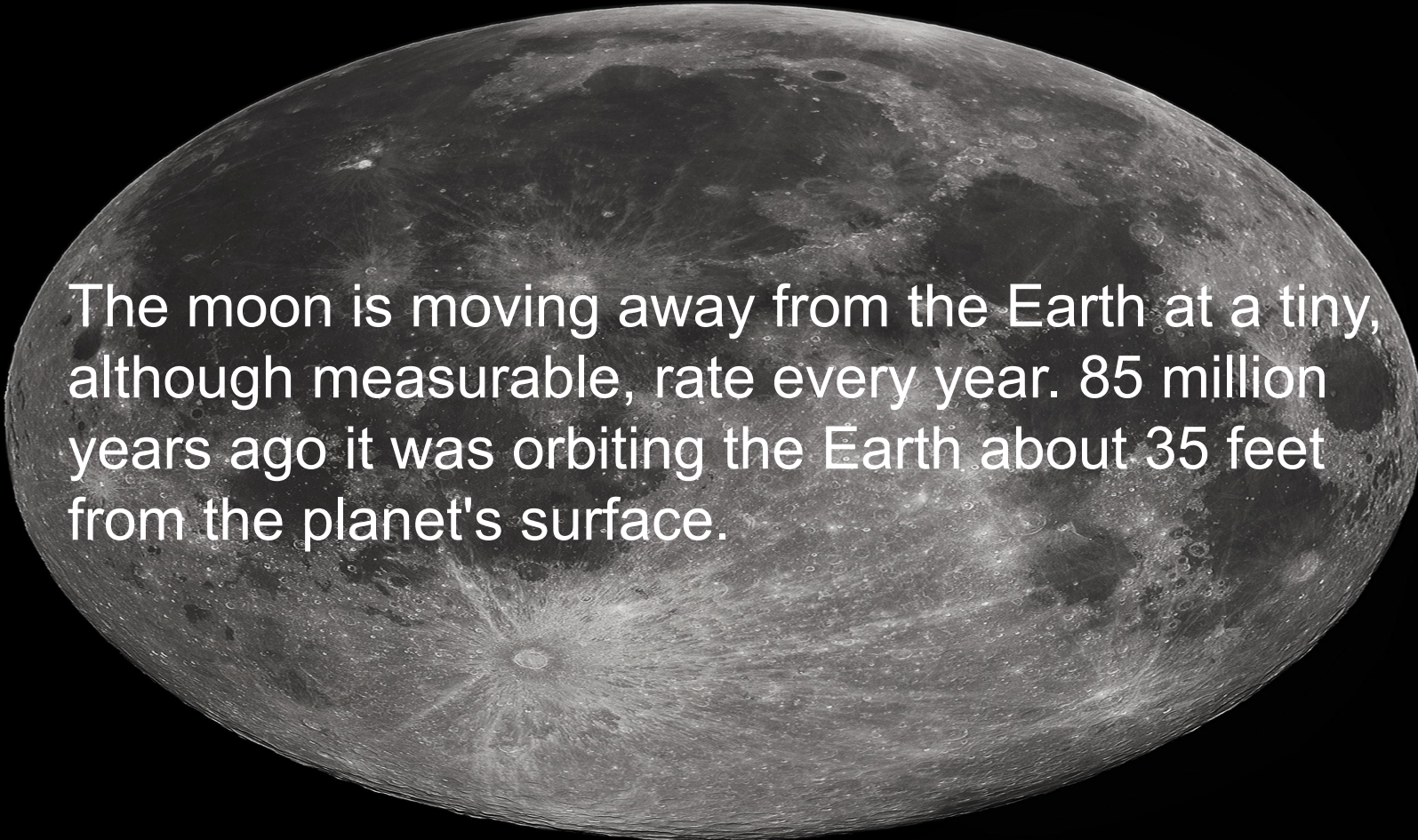
A zebra's
skin is
black;

Pirates used their eye patches for their eyes to adjust to the darkness.



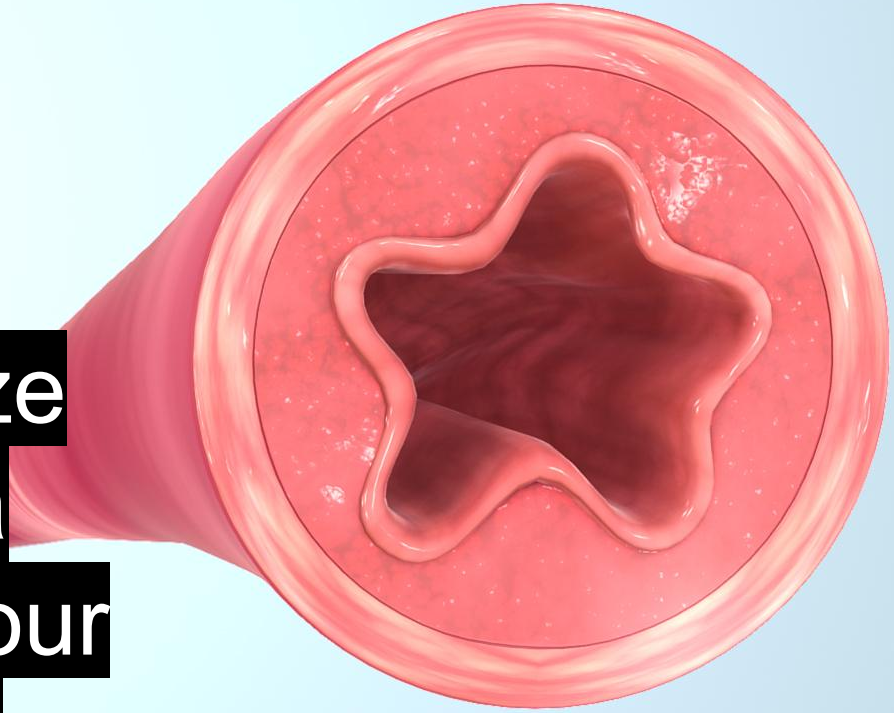
A photograph of two otters floating on their backs in greenish water. They are holding their front paws together in the center. The otter on the left has its head tilted back, and the one on the right has its head slightly turned. The water is calm with some ripples.

Otters hold
hands while
sleeping.



The moon is moving away from the Earth at a tiny, although measurable, rate every year. 85 million years ago it was orbiting the Earth about 35 feet from the planet's surface.

If you try to suppress a sneeze you can rupture a blood vessel in your head or neck and could die.



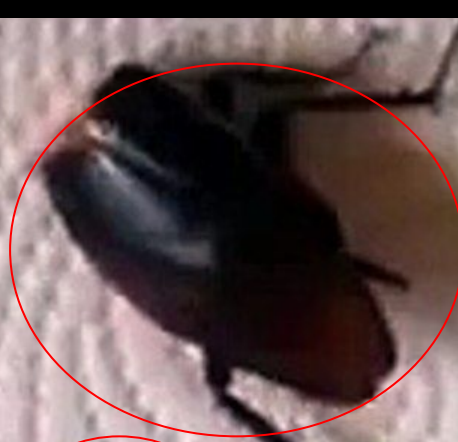
A person's legs, wearing black trousers, are shown from the knees down, standing on a light-colored carpet. To the left of the person's feet, a yellow measuring tape is extended vertically, showing measurements from 1 to 14 inches. The background is a plain, light-colored wall with a white baseboard.

You are 1% shorter in the evening
than in the morning.

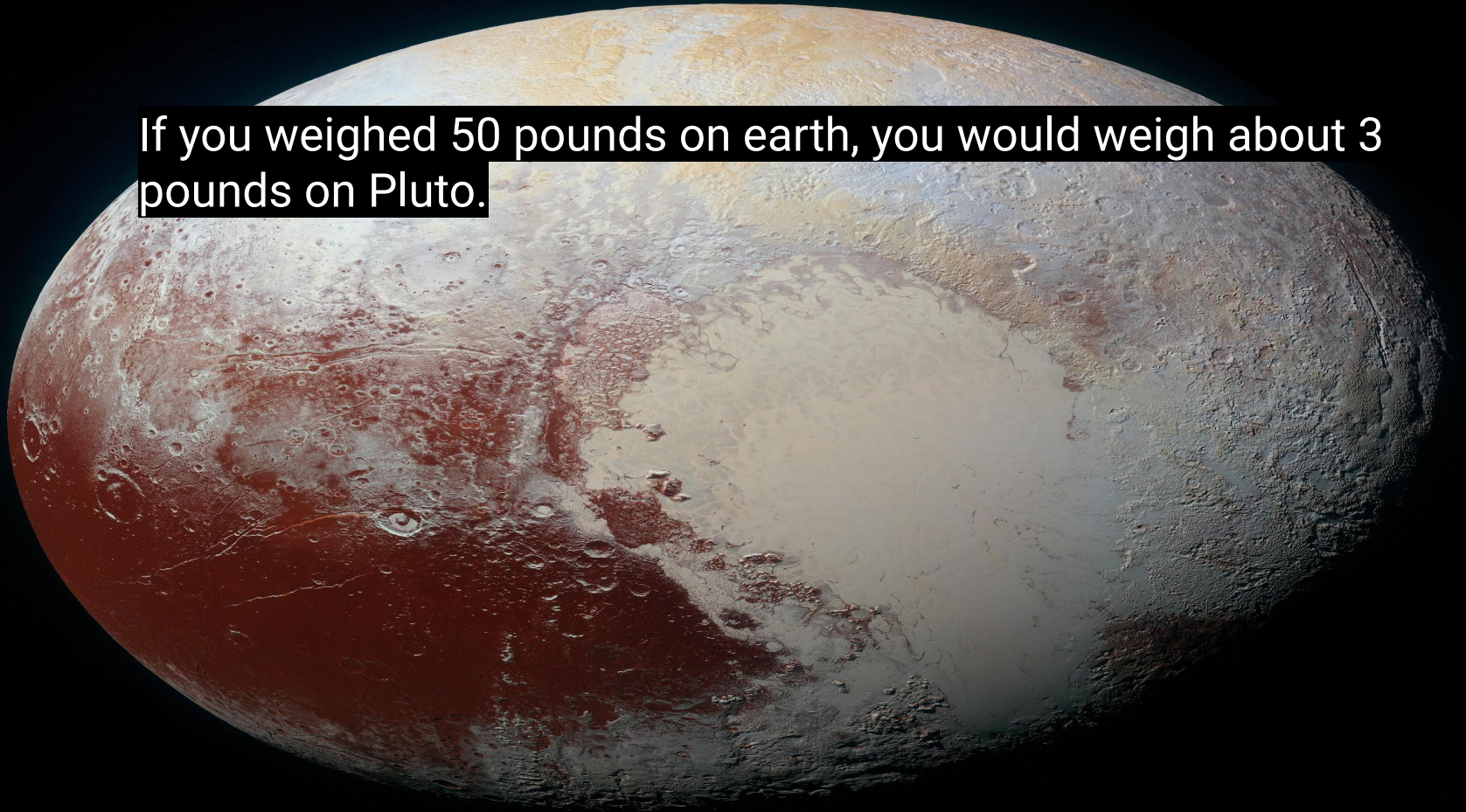
Cockroaches can live up to a week without a head!

Body

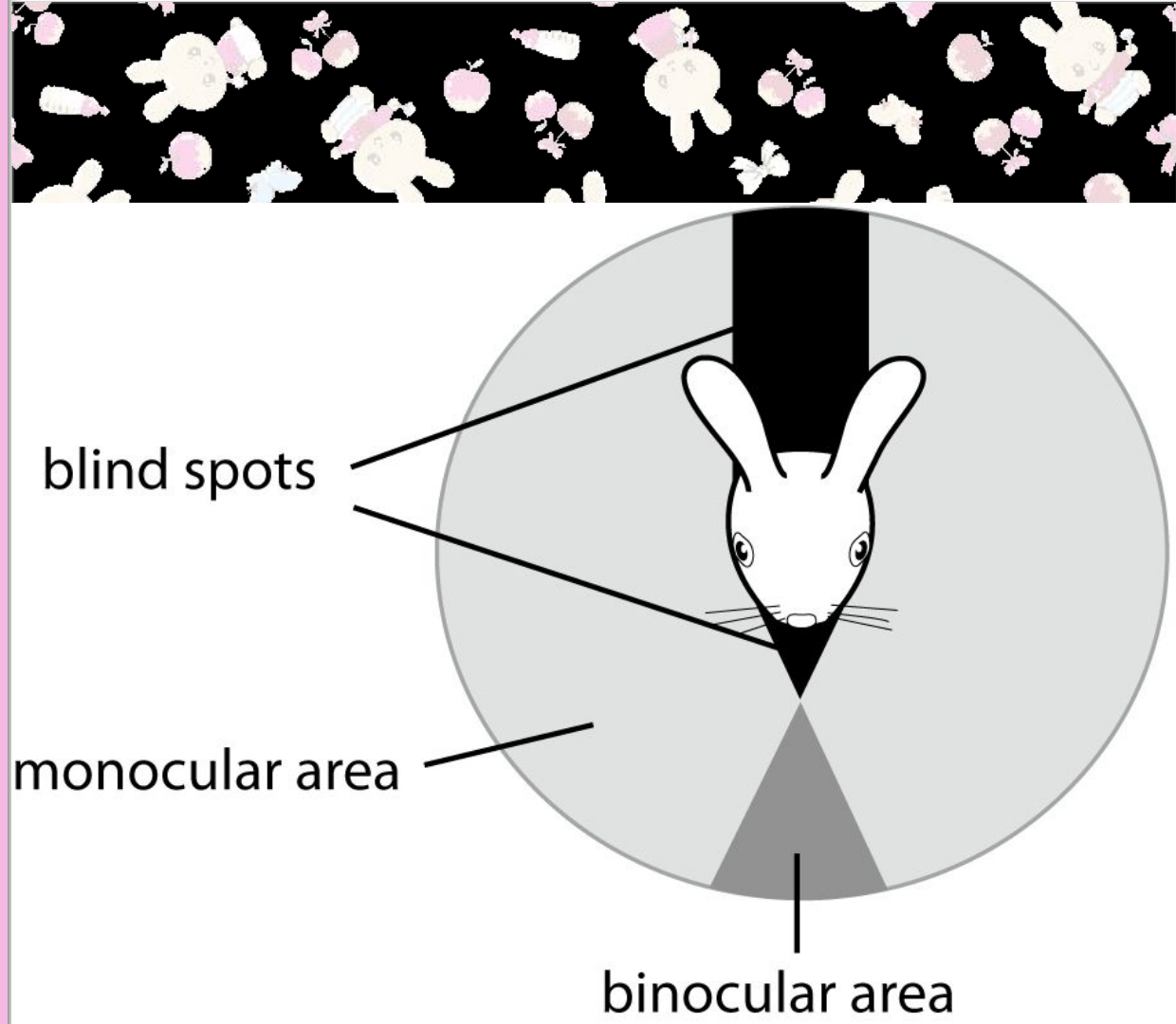
Head



If you weighed 50 pounds on earth, you would weigh about 3 pounds on Pluto.

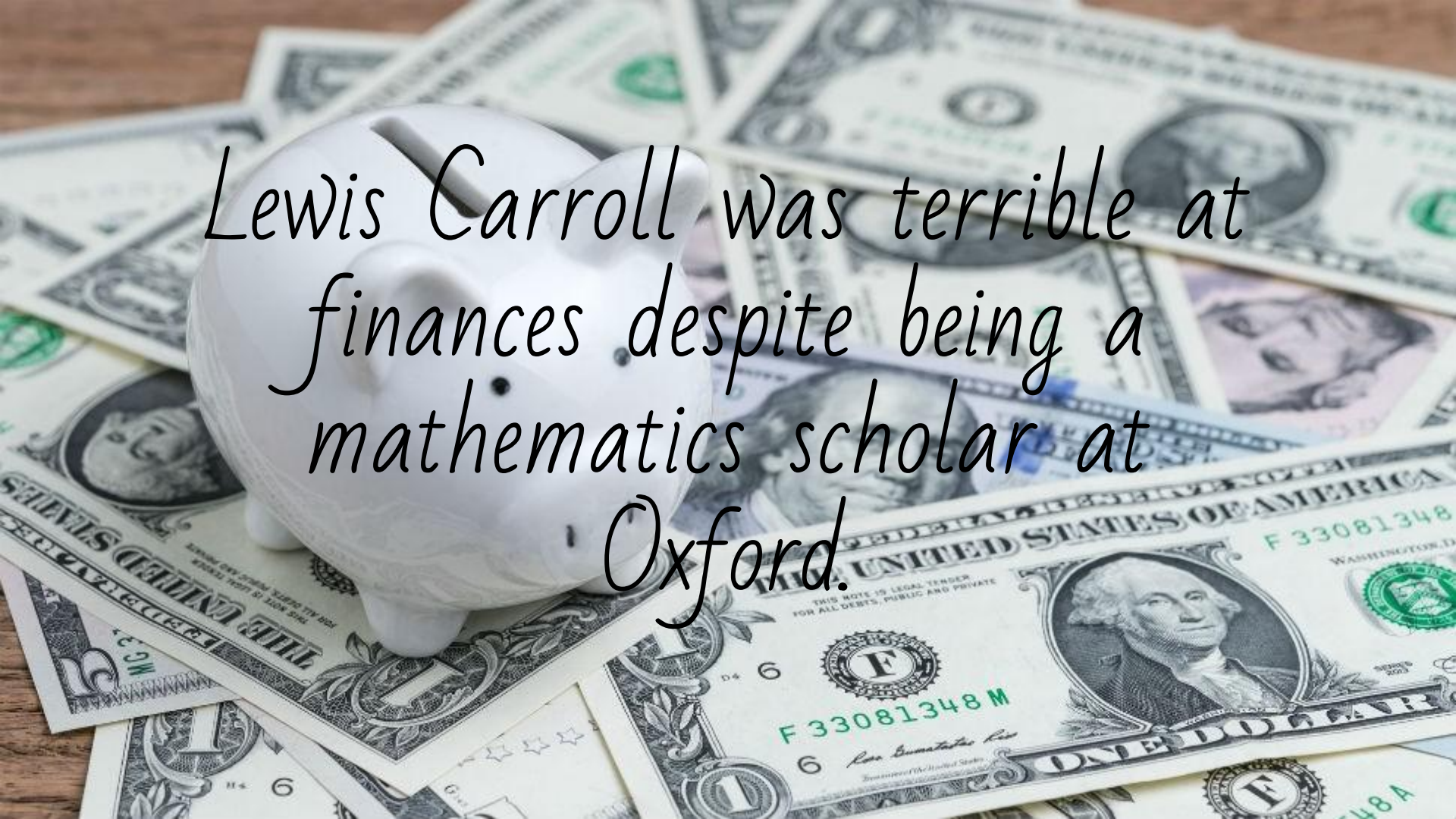


A rabbit's
vision covers
nearly 360°



Snails have 14,000 teeth.

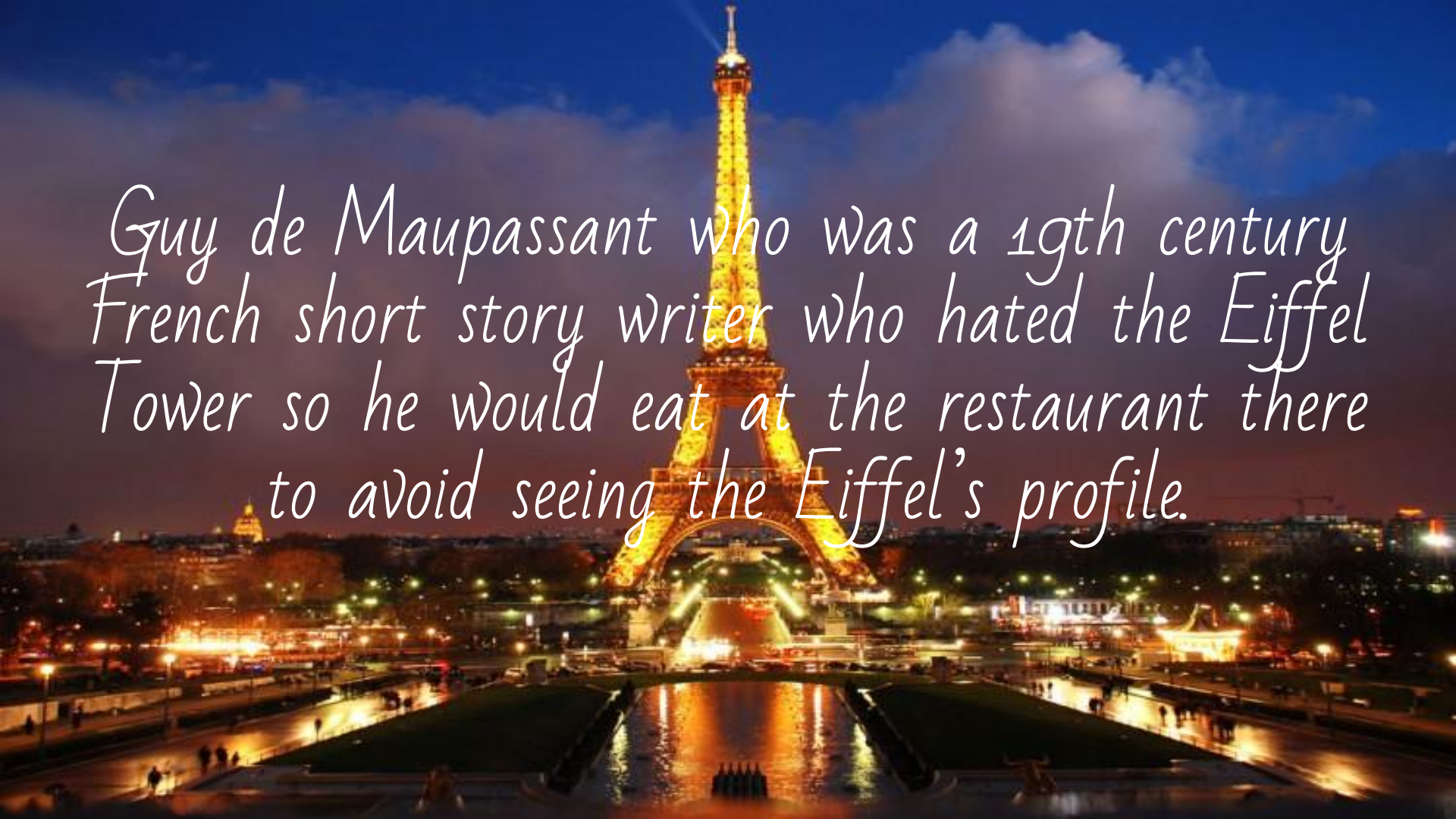


A white piggy bank is positioned in the center-left of the frame, resting on a pile of US dollar bills. The bills are fanned out, showing various denominations including one-dollar and five-dollar bills. The piggy bank is a simple, white ceramic design with a coin slot on its back and four small legs. The background is a wooden surface, and the overall lighting is soft and even.

*Lewis Carroll was terrible at
finances despite being a
mathematics scholar at
Oxford.*



*The most expensive
book sold is \$30.8
million.*

A night-time photograph of the Eiffel Tower in Paris, France. The tower is brightly lit with golden lights and stands prominently against a dark blue sky with some clouds. Its reflection is clearly visible in the water of the Trocadéro Gardens in the foreground. The surrounding city lights and other structures are visible in the background, creating a vibrant urban scene.

Guy de Maupassant who was a 19th century French short story writer who hated the Eiffel Tower so he would eat at the restaurant there to avoid seeing the Eiffel's profile.



It takes sloths two weeks to digest their food.



Alligators can live up to 80 years old.



When Gorillas are happy they burp.



Garnet stones were named after pomegranates.



Someone had hiccups for 68 years.



People who fear numbers suffer from arithmophobia.





On average, humans shed around 50-150 strands of hair a day.

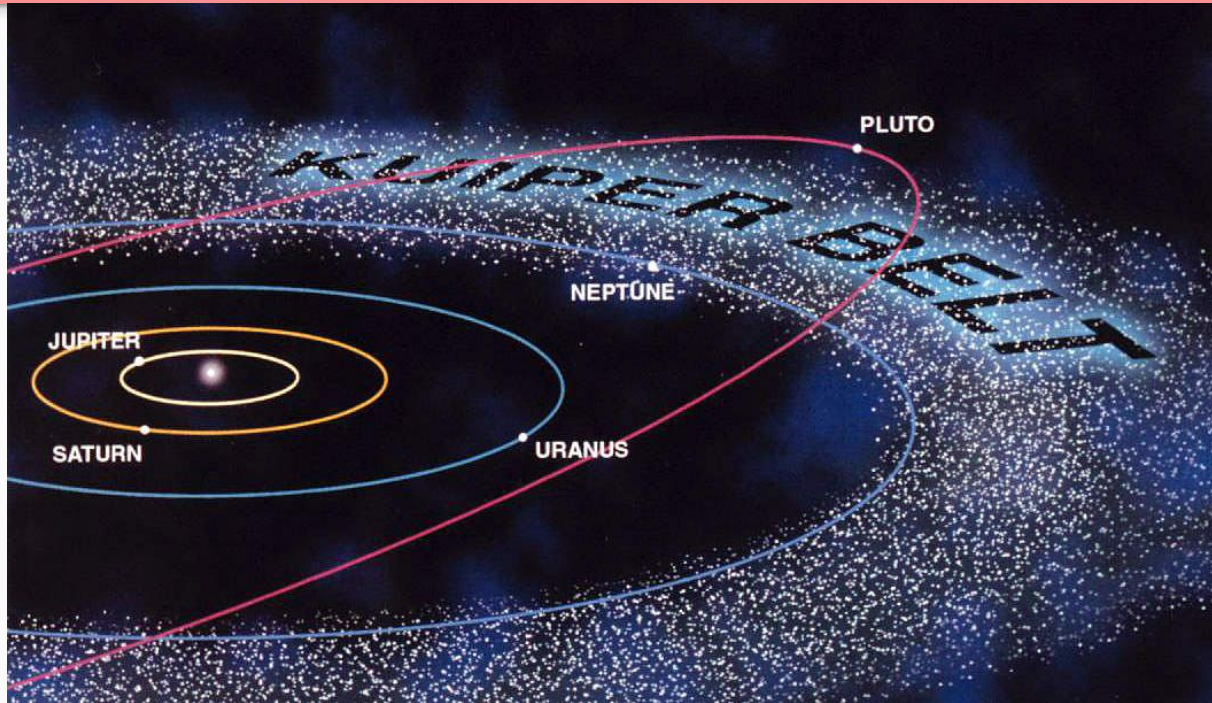
Sunsets on Mars are blue.



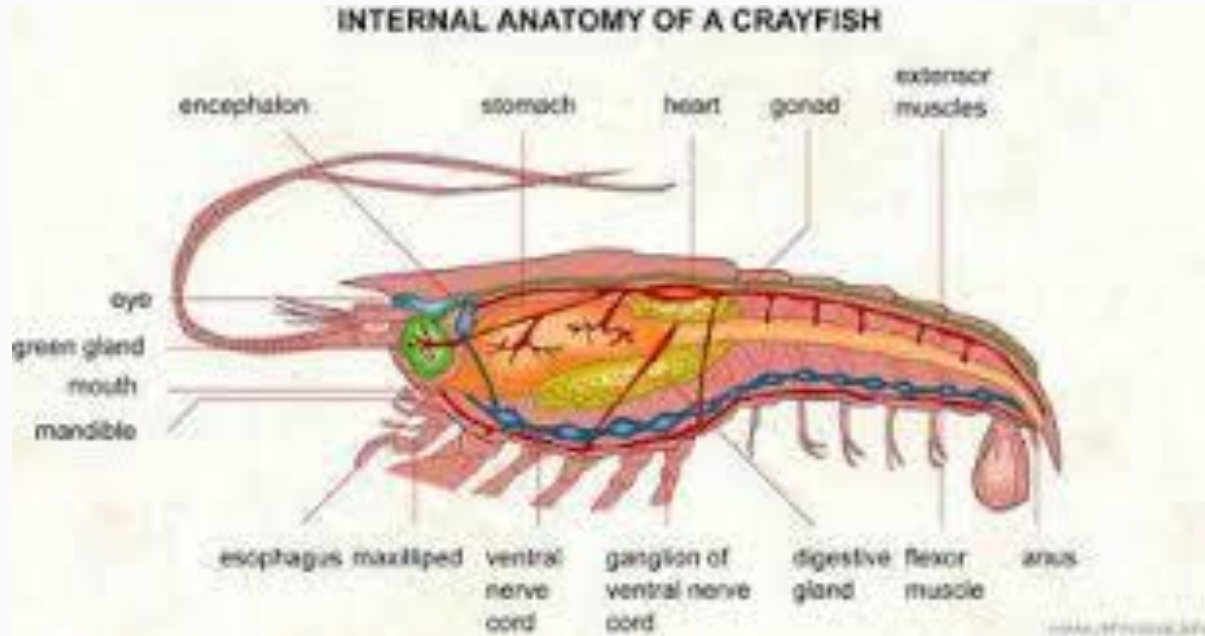
*Some musicians with
amnesia can still
remember.*



One year on neptune last about 165 earth years



A shrimp's heart is on its head.



Ketchup was once used as stomach medicine!



20,000 people die every year by the
kissing bug!



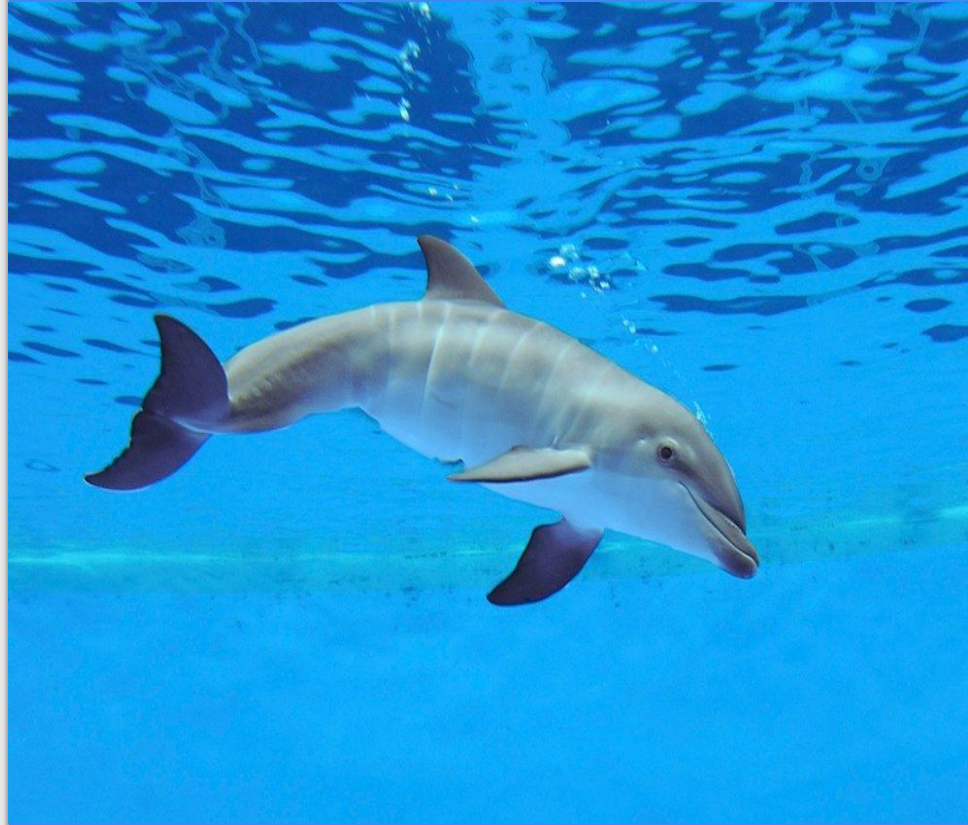


There is a cucumber out
there that squirts poison!

Your brain is
sometimes more
active when you
sleep than when
you are awake.



Dolphins sleep with
one eye open.



An ostrich's eye
is bigger than
its brain.



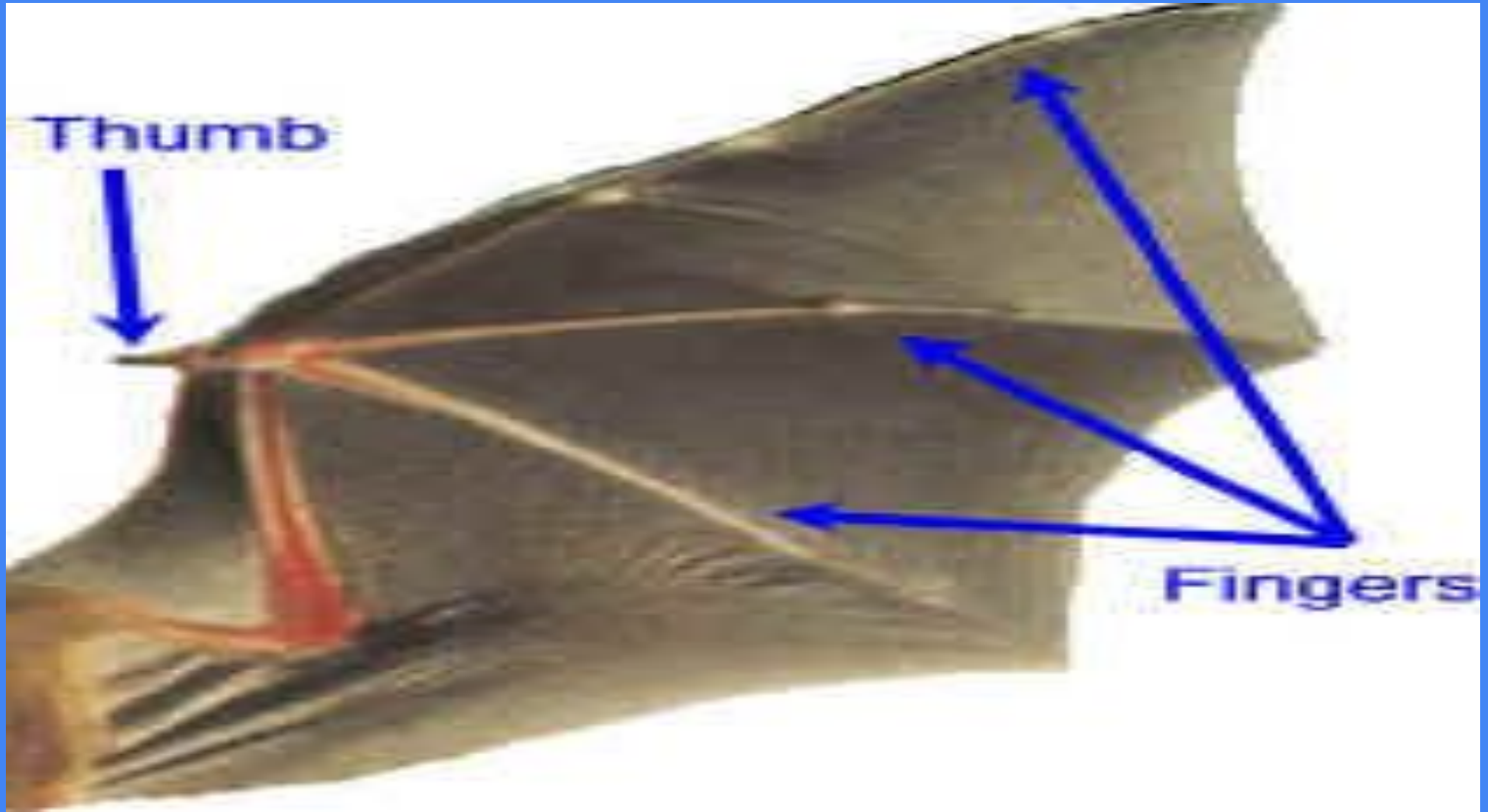
Bluetooth was named after King Harald Bluetooth.



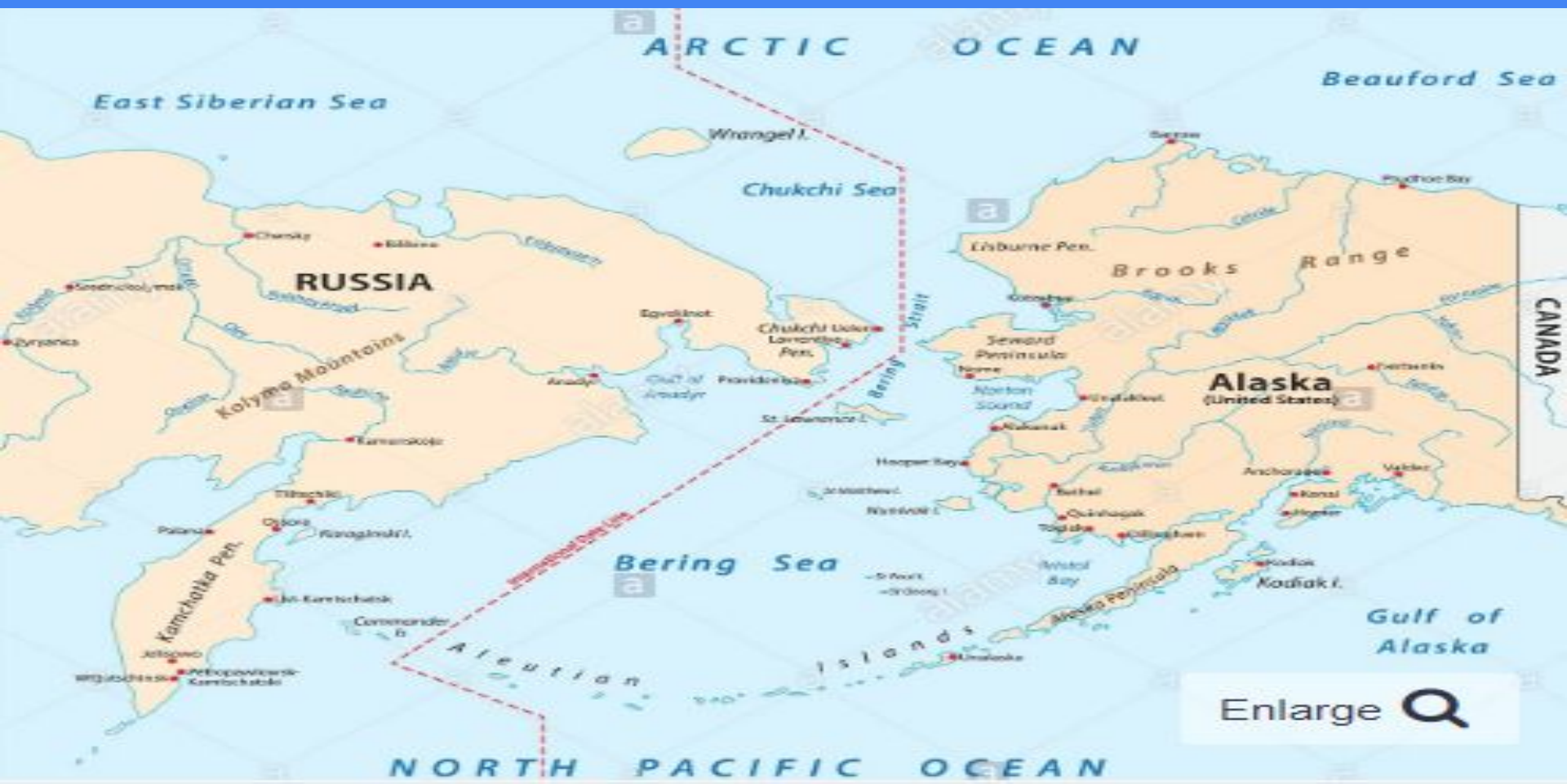
The air
around a
lightning
strike is 5
times hotter
than the sun.



Bats have thumbs.



Russia is only 2 miles away from Alaska.



**Astronauts
can't
cry properly
in
space
because
there's no
gravity.**



Leonardo da Vinci
invented scuba gear.



Some Turkeys
have
drowned
In rainstorms.



Sloths can hold
their breaths
longer than
dolphins.



3 Musketeers
candy was
named after
the Three
Musketeers as
they used to
come in three
flavors.



Michelangelo
wrote a poem
about how
much he hated
painting the
Sistine Chapel.





Lions can
jump 36
feet.

A Tsunami can travel as fast as a jet plane.



You can buy
insurance
coverage that
covers ALIEN
ABDUCTIONS.



Kangaroo
rats
don't
need to
drink any
water
during
their
whole
life.



**Michael
Jordan makes
more money
in one year
than all Nike
workers in
Malaysia.**



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In 18th century
England, gambling
dens employed
someone whose
job was to
swallow the dice
if there was a
police raid.



Mailmen in
Russia now
carry
revolvers
after a
recent
decision by
the
government.



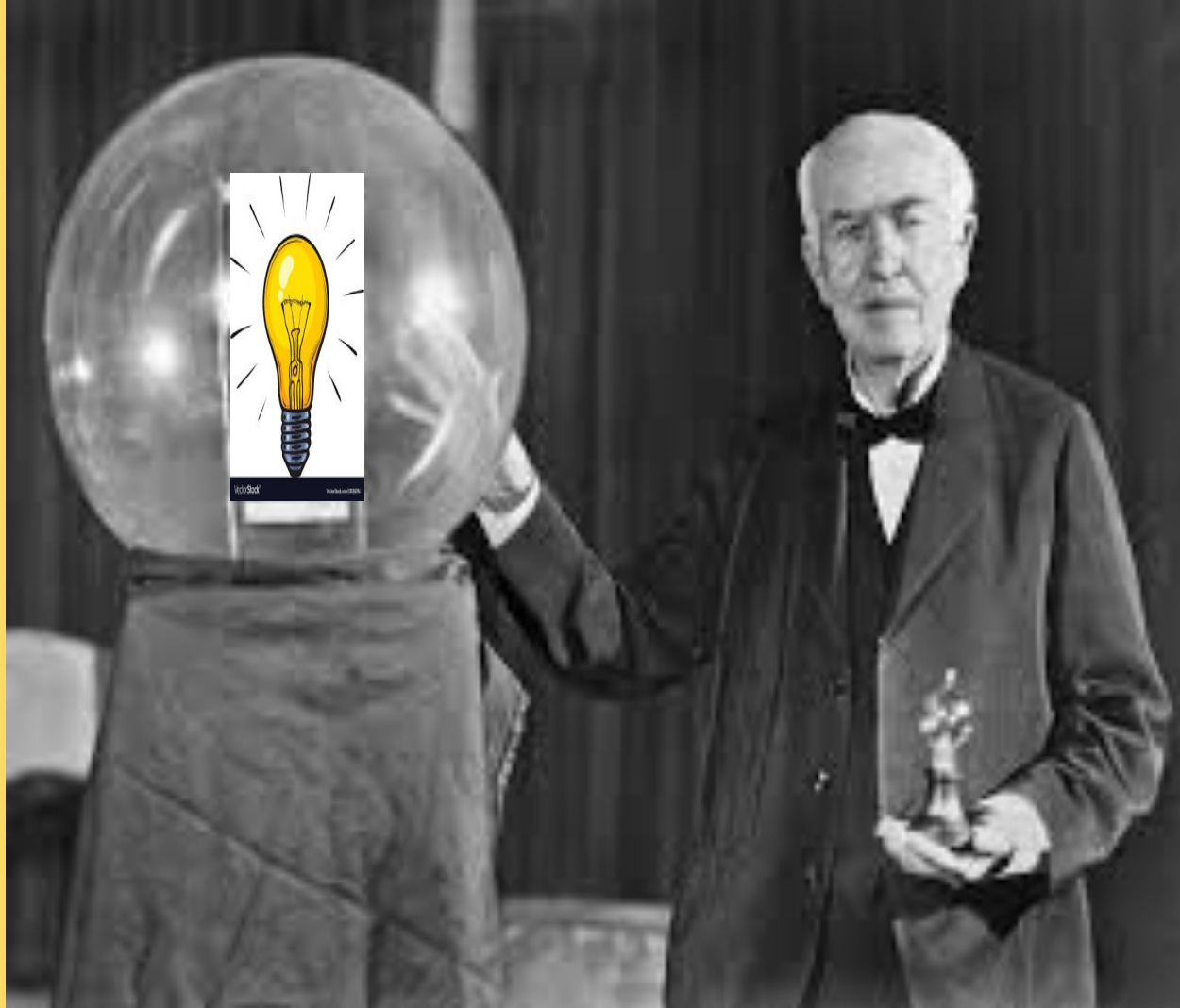
6,700-year-old
popcorn was found
in Peru.



A woman
ONCE made
1,127
PANCAKES
IN ONE
HOUR.



A schoolteacher of Thomas Edison inventor of the lightbulb thought he was too “addle-brained” to ever learn anything.



The Slow Loris
is one of the
very few
mammals that
have a
poisonous
bite.



King cobras
are the
largest
venomous
snakes in
the world.



The rarest
stone in
the world
is the red
diamond.



There are decomposed wasps inside of figs.



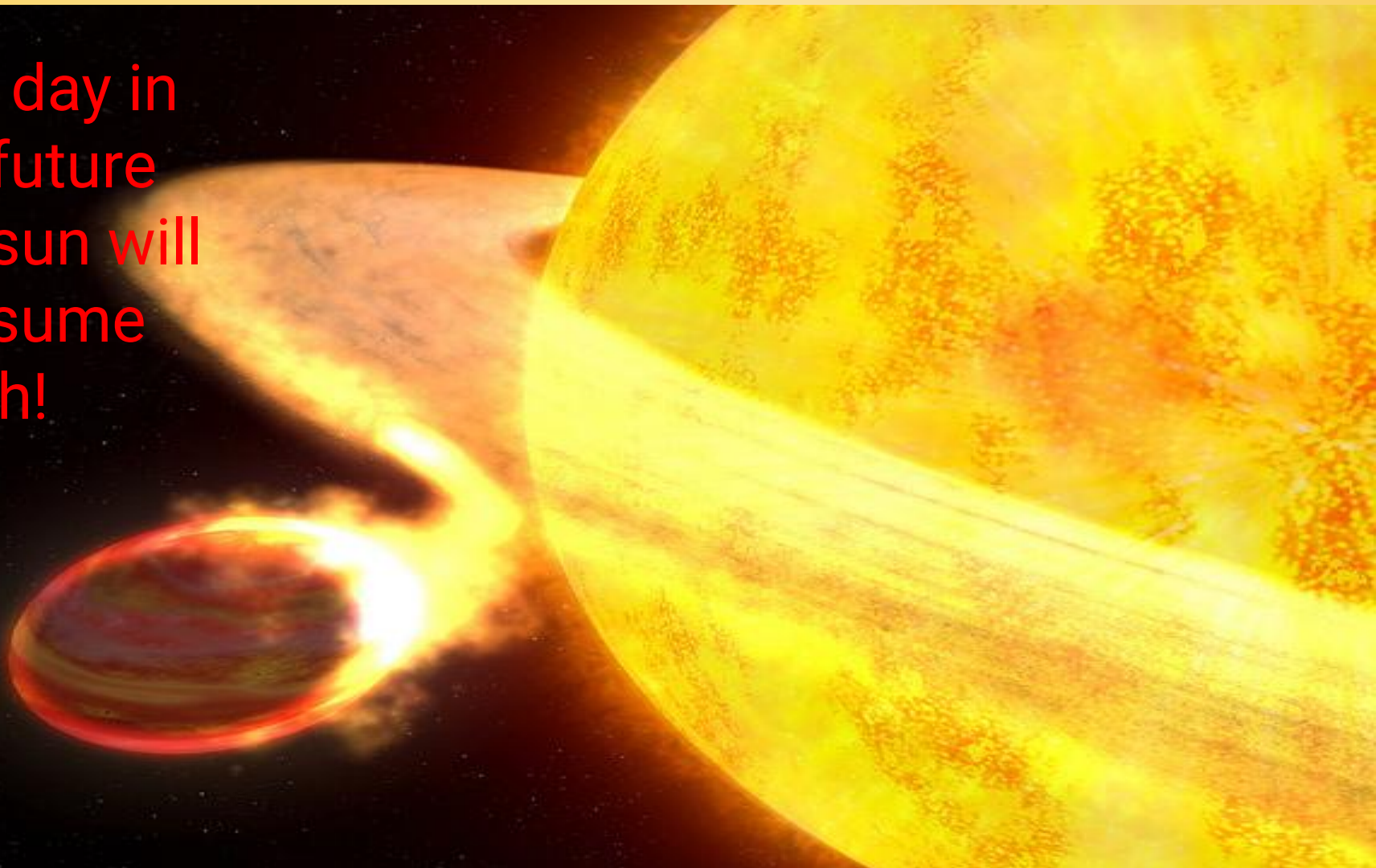
Chameleon spit is
400 times thicker
than human spit.



Scientists have discovered how to 3D print human bone and tissue.



One day in
the future
the sun will
consume
Earth!



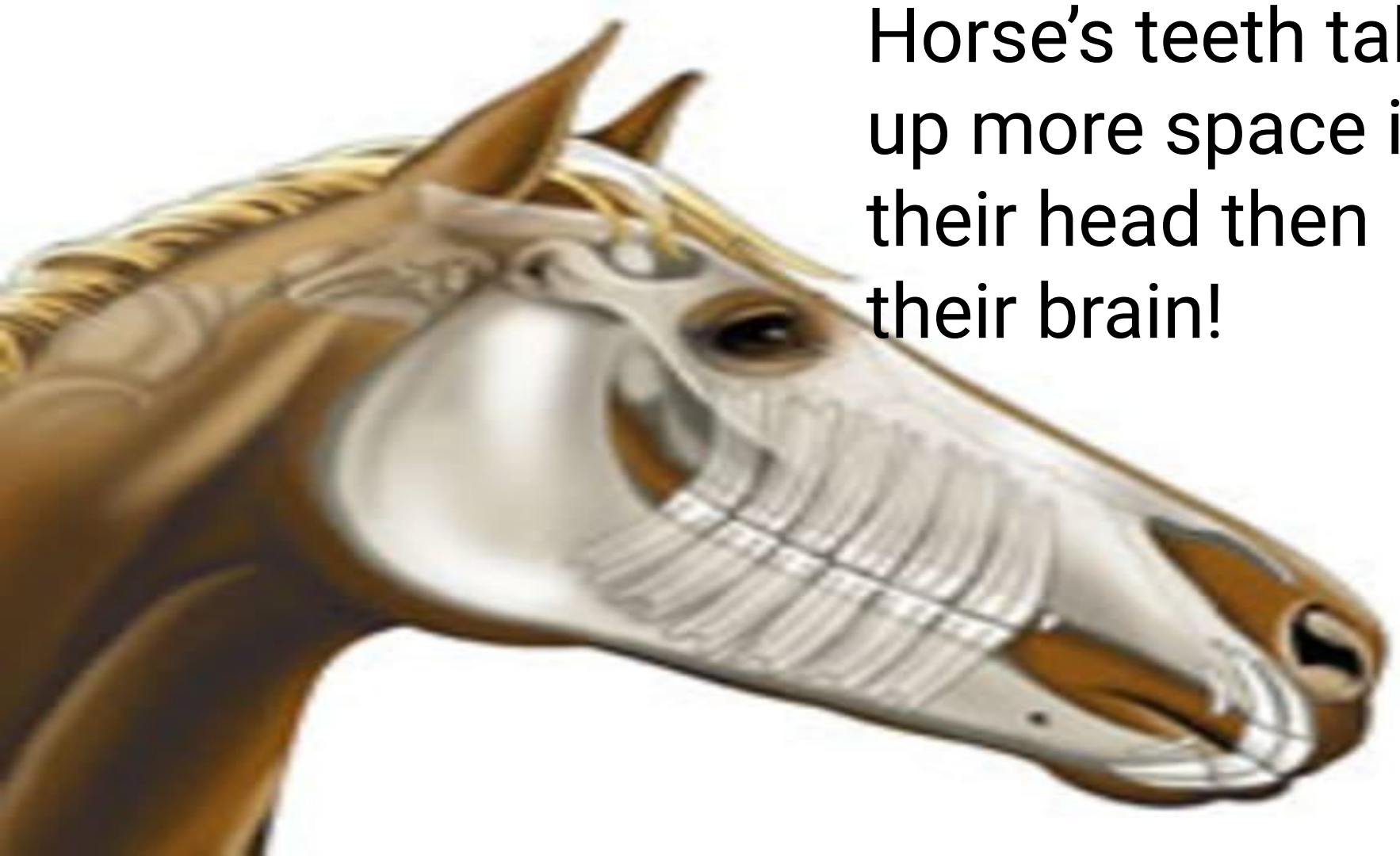
Snakes can eat animals
bigger than themselves.





Australia has the longest golf course covering over 850 miles.

Horse's teeth take
up more space in
their head than
their brain!



It is physically impossible for pigs to look up.



Butterflies will drink blood when given the chance.



Babies are born without kneecaps, which grow later on.

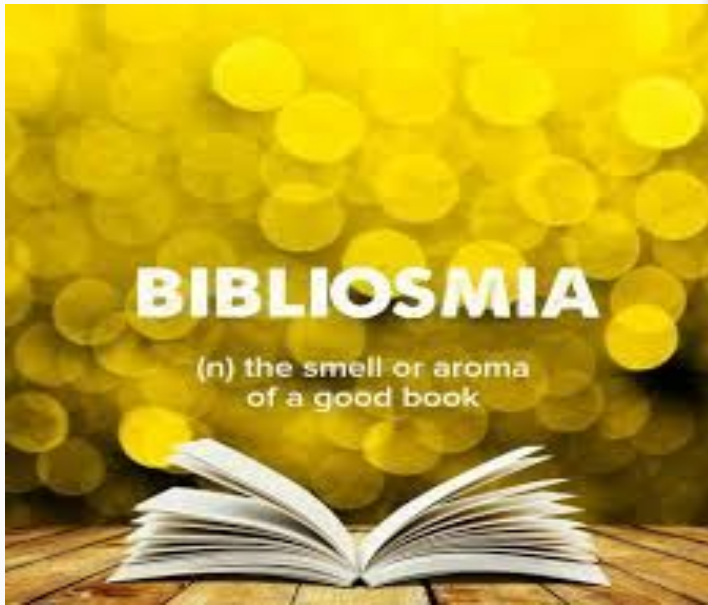




An inventor once designed diapers for birds.



Bibliosmia { Prefix- Bibli (books)
Sufix- Osmia (sense of smell)



There's a word for loving the smell of books: bibliosmia.



There was once a lake the size
of England in the Sahara.

Snails can sleep for almost three years.



Edgar Allan
Poe Married
his 13-Year-Old
cousin.



“Dumbledore” is
Old English for
“Bumblebee.”



Bumbledore

The World
Record for
Longest Conga
Line was set in
1988.



Green Eggs and Ham




By Dr. Seuss

Green Eggs and Ham
was written because
of a bet!





Hamburgers make
fly-traps rot.



Horses
produce up
to ten
gallons of
saliva a
day!

The tallest
known
snowman is
37.21 meters
tall.



Dogs in the
U.K. were
trained to fly
an airplane.



A 600-pound octopus can squeeze through an opening the size of a quarter.



Thieves in
Wisconsin
stole
20,000
pounds of
cheese.



In Taiwan,
it's trendy
to get your
dog's fur
groomed
into
geometric
shapes.



In 2012,
\$18.7 million
worth of
maple syrup
was stolen in
"The Great
Canadian
Maple Syrup
Heist."

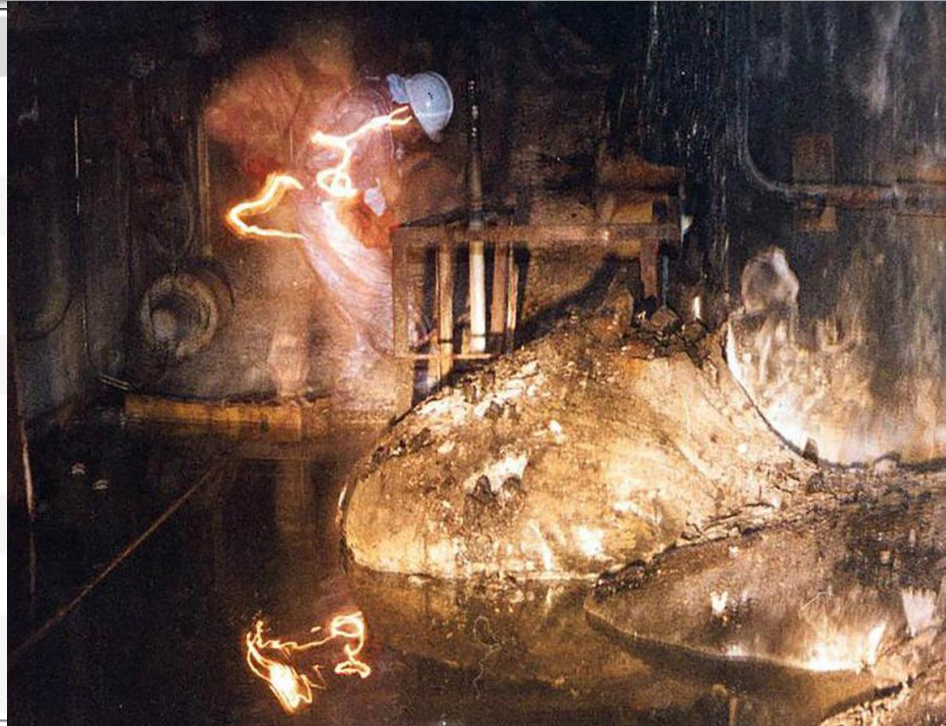




Hitler, and Stalin were both
nominated for the Nobel Peace
Prize.

Chernobyl's "Elephant's Foot" will kill you if you look at it.

Roentgens	Effect
15	Smallest effect detectable by statistical study of blood counts of a group of people.
50	Smallest effect detectable in an individual by laboratory methods.
75	Smallest dose causing vomiting on day of exposure in at least 10% of people.
100	Smallest dose causing loss of hair after 2 weeks in at least 10% of people.
200	Largest dose that does not cause illness severe enough to require medical care in over 90% of people.
450	Median lethal dose, fatal to 50% of people in 2 to 12 weeks.
600	Severe sickness due to gastrointestinal tract damage, survivors unlikely.
2000-10000	Death in minutes-to-1-day due to central nervous system damage.



The most powerful nuclear bomb ever created was called tsar.

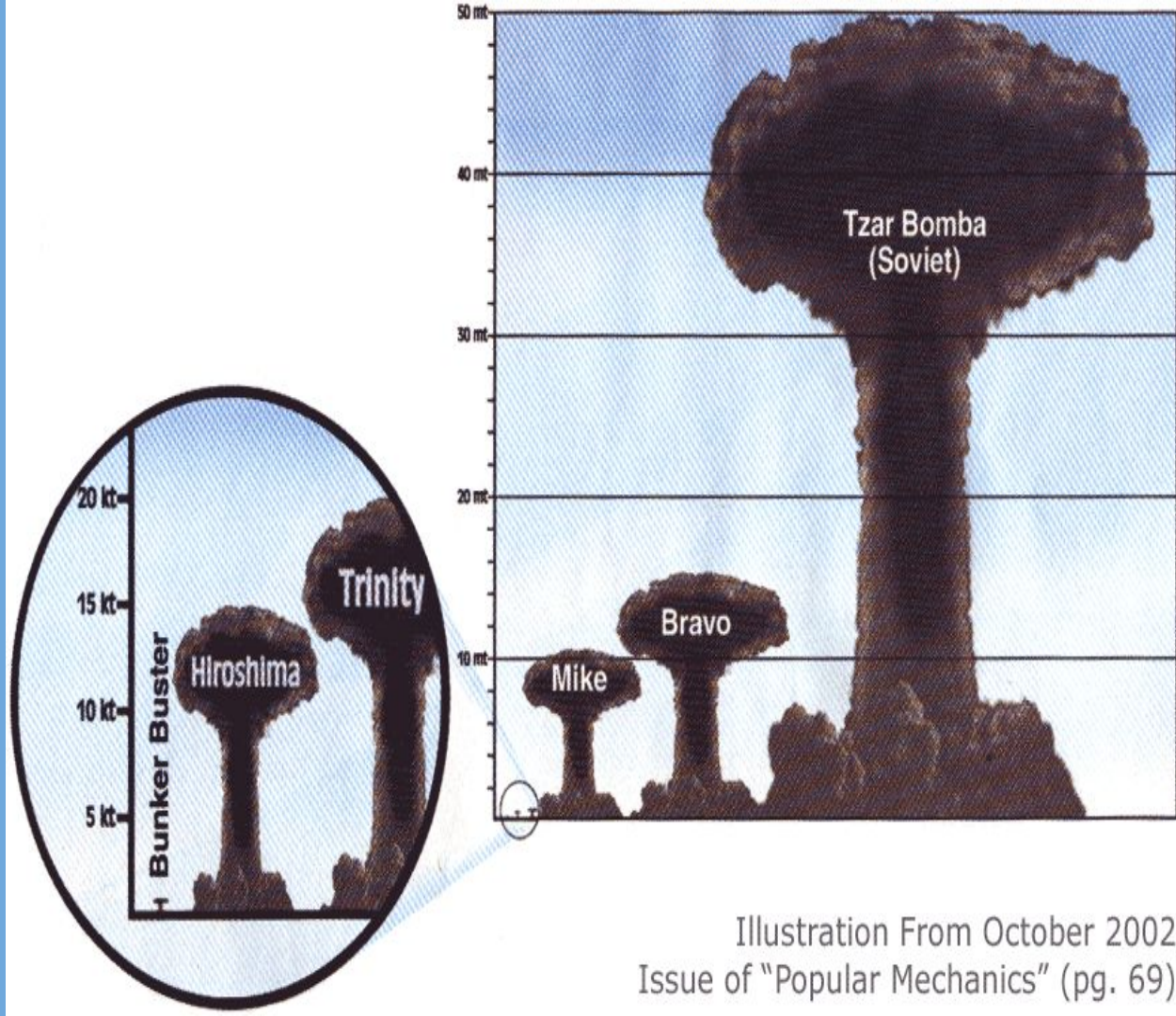


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Roller coasters were invented to distract
Americans from sin



One Artist
Turned Cans
Of Poop Into
\$300,000
Pieces Of Art



VOLCANOES
CAN BE
FOUND
INSIDE SOME
GLACIERS.



SCORPIONS
GLOW UNDER
BLACK LIGHT.



LARGE FOREST FIRES
CAN CREATE
TORNADOES MADE
OF FLAMES.



Thousands of tiny earthquakes happen each day.



Gorillas are
ticklish.



Make sure to go skip the video to 18 seconds to see the laugh!

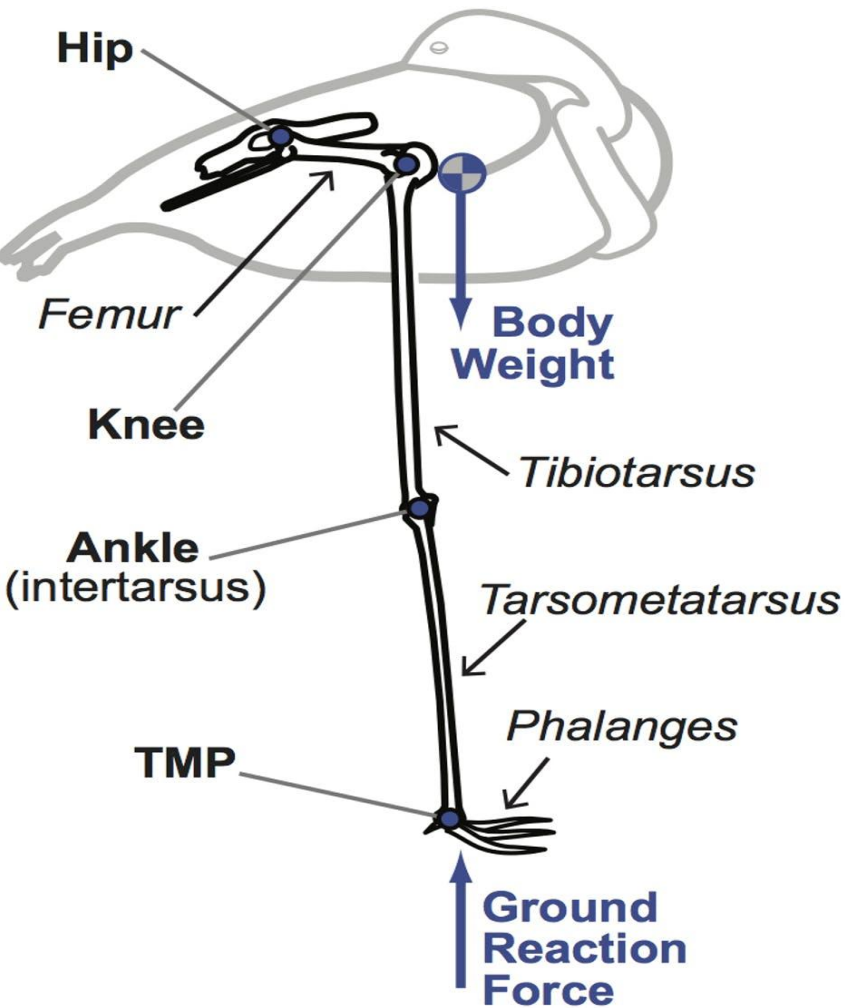


Scientists can
make peanut
butter into
diamonds.





Tiger's skin
has the
same
pattern as
the fur.



Flamingos don't have backward knees but they bend their legs at the ankle.

A top-down view of several rainbow-colored ice pops on wooden sticks, scattered on a dark surface. The pops are surrounded by fresh fruit including strawberries, blueberries, blackberries, orange slices, and lime wedges. The text is overlaid in the center in a yellow, cursive font.

*Ice pops were accidentally
made by an 11 year old.*



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The average lifespan of a major league baseball is 7 pitches.

A photograph of two bonobos in a lush green forest. The bonobo on the left is sitting and looking towards the camera with a slight smile. The bonobo on the right is sitting and looking towards the camera, with its hand resting on its head. The background is filled with dense green foliage.

Bonobos are the
closest human
relative.



***A HARDBOILED EGG WILL SPIN, BUT A
SOFT-BOILED EGG WILL NOT.***

*WHEN FLAMINGOS
EAT BRINE SHRIMP
THEY TURN PINK.*



You can compete in an underwater mountain bike race in Wales, UK.



*The longest
paper airplane
flight was 200
feet.*



Toe wrestling is a competitive sport.



A photograph of a desert landscape featuring rolling sand dunes in the foreground and middle ground. The sand is a warm, golden-brown color and shows distinct ripples. In the background, several palm trees are visible against a clear blue sky with a few wispy clouds. The text "The Sahara desert is bigger than Australia." is overlaid in a large, white, cursive font across the upper half of the image.

*The Sahara desert is
bigger than Australia.*

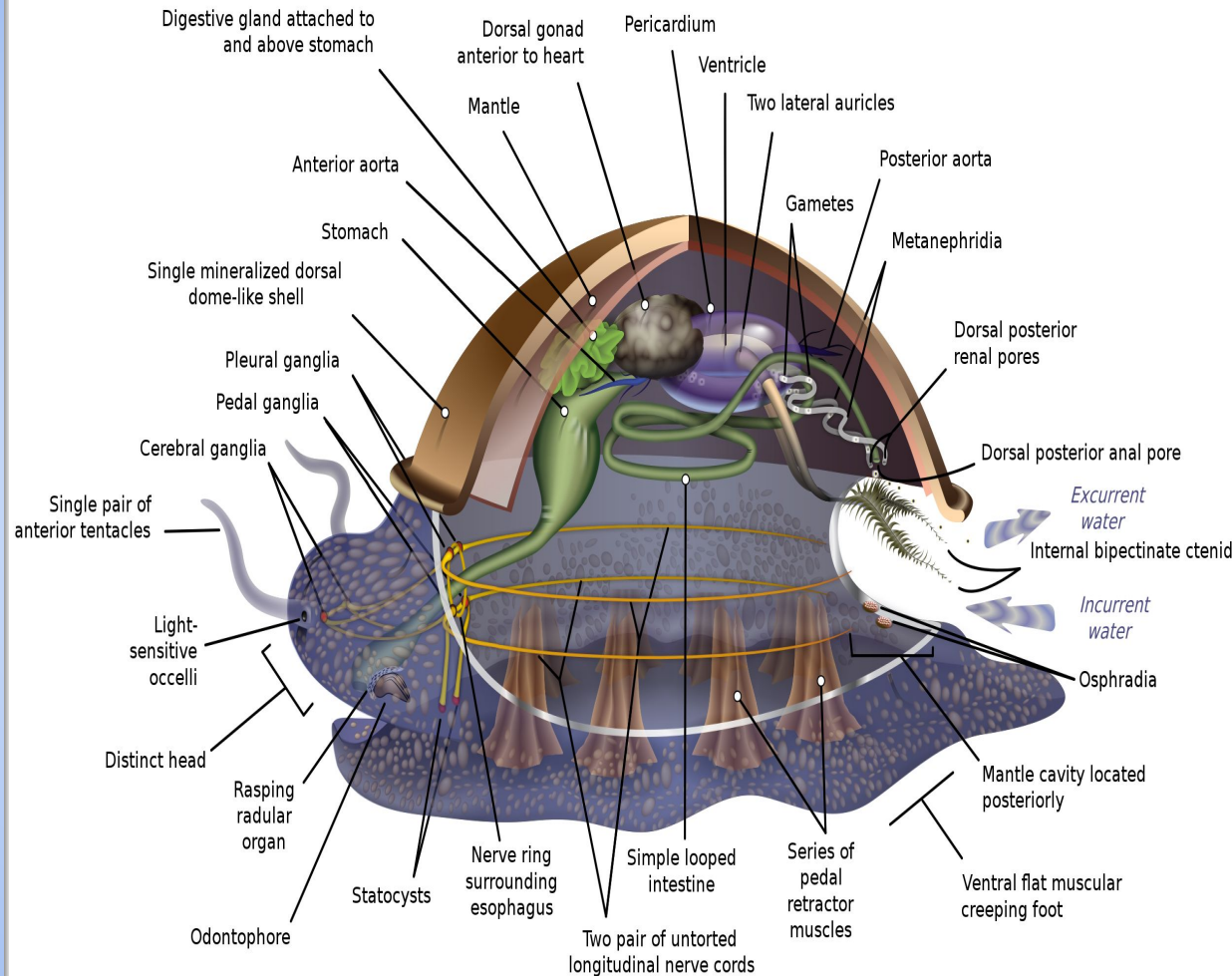
From
1967-1976
slam dunks
were illegal
during an
game.





A tropical ant can snap its
jaws together at a speed of
78-145 miles an hour.

*Octopus have
a very unique
anatomy.*



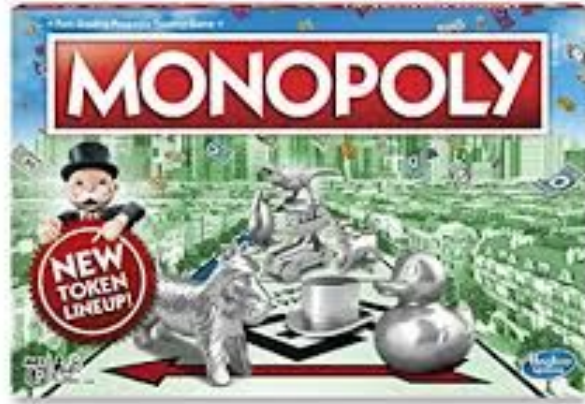
Tomatoes were
considered
poisonous until the
1800s.




A rhinoceros horn
is made of hair.



The longest game of Monopoly played in a tree house lasted 286 hours.



A close-up photograph of a koala's head and front paws as it grips a tree trunk. The koala's dark, shaggy fur and sharp claws are visible against the light-colored bark of the tree.

Koala's
fingerprints are
almost
indistinguishable
from humans'.



Koala



Human

Scientists
have figured
out how to
make a toilet
that can
generate
electricity out
of urine.



If humans
continue to grow
as fast as an
average baby,
you'd weigh
about 412,300
pounds by age
10.

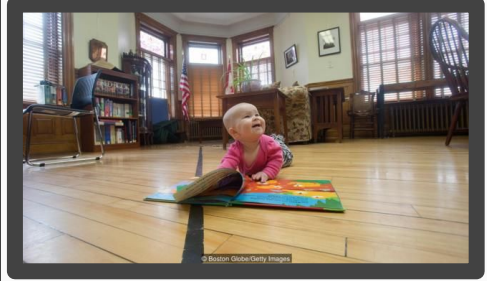


Penguins only live in the southern hemisphere.

Southern Hemisphere



***THE U.S CANADIAN
BORDER RUNS
THROUGH THE
MIDDLE OF A
LIBRARY.***



***A BILLIONAIRE
BOUGHT EIGHT 1,000
DOLLAR
SMARTPHONES FOR
HIS DOG.***



***A FAMILY IN NEW
JERSEY, U.S.A. , LIVED
IN A FARMHOUSE
ENCASED IN AN
AIRCRAFT HANGAR.***



In Ancient Egypt,
only pharaohs
could eat
mushrooms.



*A swordfish
can swim
about as
fast as a
cheetah can
run.*



You can't move your body when you're in a certain stage of sleep.



A camel can drink 848 cups of water in 3 minutes.



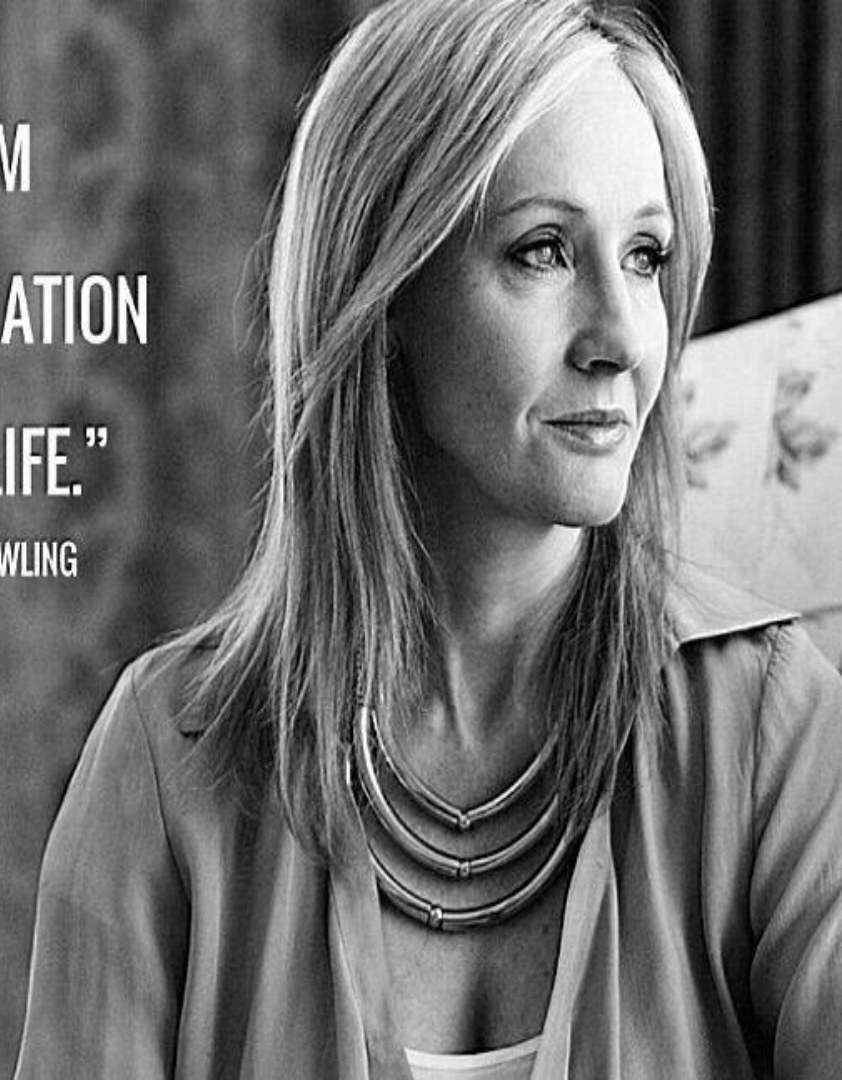
*Alexander Hamilton
and his son, Philip
Hamilton both died in
similar conditions and
in the same place.*



J.K Rowling was
jobless, penniless,
and a single-mother
while writing the first
Harry Potter book.

**“ROCK BOTTOM
BECAME THE
SOLID FOUNDATION
ON WHICH I
REBUILT MY LIFE.”**

- J.K. ROWLING



Maui, from Moana,
was originally
going to be bald.



George Washington's teeth were made from many weird things.



Many ancient physicians used spider webs as band aids.



+

synthetic material

= band aids

Flamingos can only eat with their heads upside down.



The earth weighs
6,600,000,000,000,000,000,000 metric tons.



A starfish eats
and urinates
out of the
same hole.



Turtles lived on
earth before
dinosaurs did.



SeaWiFS February 26, 2000

Santa Maria (Azores)

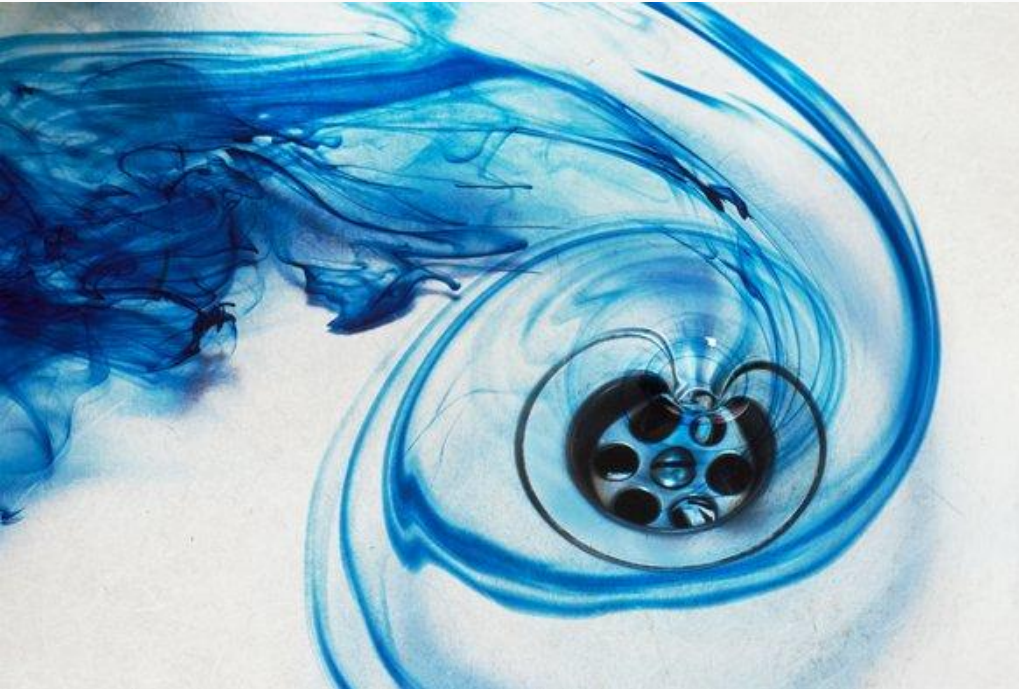
Dust from Africa
can travel all the
way to florida

Canary Islands

There's a
heart-shaped coral
reef in Australia.



Water goes down the drain in opposite directions in the Northern and Southern hemisphere.



A horse's heart
can weigh up
to 9 pound!!



You can swim as
fast in syrup as you
can in water.



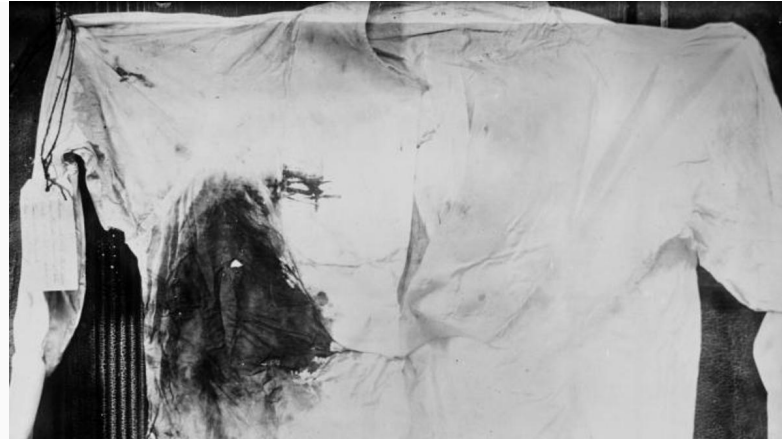
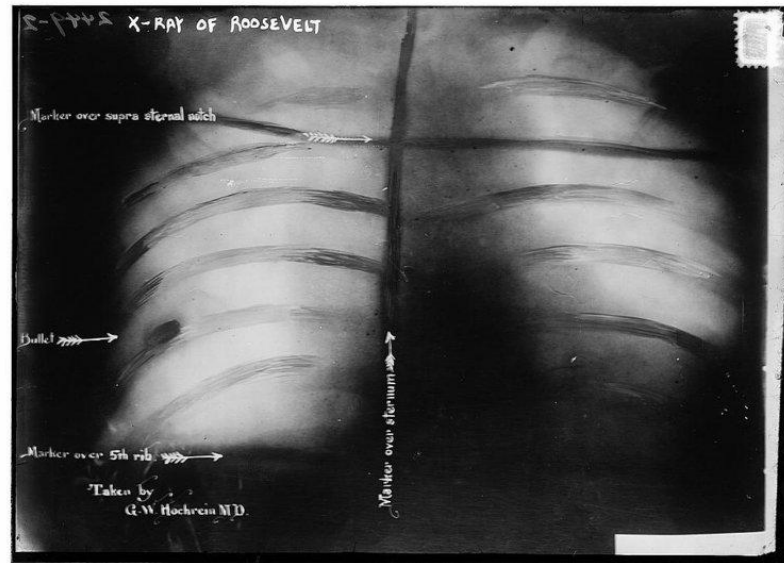
Diamondback
rattlesnakes can
strike in about half
the time it takes
you to blink.



Lady Jane Grey
was the queen of
England for nine
days.



Bulletproof candidate, Teddy Roosevelt, was shot and instead of going to the hospital he gave a speech.



There are mites living in the hair follicles on faces.



Headis, a sport played on a ping pong table with a rubber ball and the ball can only be touched their heads.

