

# Weird but True! 4

## 300 Outrageous Facts

### A RIF GUIDE FOR COMMUNITY COORDINATORS

**Themes:** General Information

**Grade Level:** 3rd to 5th grade

**Book Brief:** Did you know a lemon can power a lightbulb? Read to find out 299 more weird but true facts!

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### TIME TO READ!

**Before reading:** Ask the children to think of the weirdest or most random facts they know. Who has the wildest fact? (*This book will work best if you read a few facts out loud, then let children explore the rest of the text on their own.*)

### RELATED ACTIVITIES

#### PUZZLE IT OUT (AGES 6-12)

Materials: thin cardboard or cardstock, paper, glue, scissors, markers or crayons

Let children make their own jigsaw puzzles! Have them draw a picture on the paper. Glue the paper to the cardboard; let dry. On the back of the cardboard, draw puzzle piece shapes. Cut the cardboard along the puzzle piece lines. Let them trade puzzles with a friend and solve!

#### WALL OF WEIRD (AGES 7-12)

Materials: paper, markers or crayons

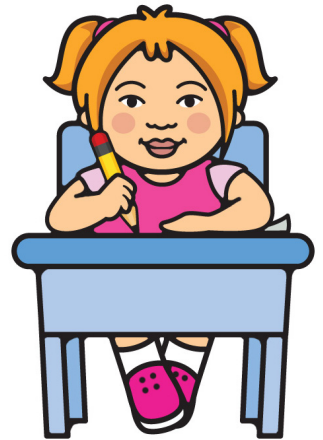
Tell children to think up at least one weird but true fact about themselves. Have them write their fact on a sheet of paper and draw an illustration to go with it. Display all the facts on a group “wall of weird.”



#### WIRD BUT TRU (AGES 9-12)

Materials: paper, pencils, markers or crayons

They don't have to write a whole novel, but can the children write a short story without using the letter “e”? Have them write a story about the weirdest thing that ever happened to them—without using the letter “e”! Let them illustrate their stories.



#### TECHNOLOGY LINK

Visit [www.youtube.com/watch?v=MQwLmGR6bPA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MQwLmGR6bPA) to watch the video of the Lego man from the book getting launched into space!

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

#### OTHER BOOKS IN THIS SERIES

*Weird but True!* (2009), *Weird but True! 2* (2010), *Weird but True! 3* (2011).

**TECHNOLOGY LINK FOR KIDS** [www.rif.org/kids](http://www.rif.org/kids)



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