

Weird but True! 4

300 Outrageous Facts

A RIF GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

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, build background: Ask your child to think of the weirdest or most random fact they know. Where did they learn it?

After reading, ask questions:

- ◆ Which fact was most surprising?
- ◆ Which facts did you already know?
- ◆ Did any of the facts seem too weird to be true? How would you test them?
- ◆ Who do you think came up with all these facts?

While reading, make connections: Which facts from the book are familiar? Do any of the facts make you think of things you've seen happen?

RELATED ACTIVITIES

BRAIN FREEZERS

According to the book, you can beat brain freeze by pressing your tongue to the roof of your mouth. Test it out with these frosty treats!

Materials: small plastic cups, aluminum foil or plastic wrap, popsicle sticks

Combine your favorite flavors (juice, drink mixes, etc.) to make popsicle mix. Fill cups with mixture. Cover the cups with foil or plastic wrap; put a popsicle stick in the middle of each. Freeze until solid.

FAMILY FACTS

Make a collection of weird but true facts just for your family! Ask every family member to think of at least three weird facts about themselves. Put all the facts

together into a list or book. Whose facts are the weirdest?



PUZZLE IT OUT

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

Make your own jigsaw puzzle! 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. Reassemble your picture!

TECHNOLOGY LINK

Visit 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).



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