

# **“Fun Facts You Learned in School”**

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BIG SANDY, Texas—Even if you don’t remember, we learned a lot in our days in elementary school. When people reminisce about grades K-5, they often retell stories about happenings throughout the school day.

What we learned from those years is rarely discussed because it seems so basic now as adults. Here are some of things we learned in our early education.

1. The two countries with the largest populations in the world (China and India) border each other.
2. A million earths could fit into the sun.
3. Only humans have chins.
4. A human nose is capable of detecting a trillion different smells.
5. Venus is the only planet that spins clockwise.
6. Neptune’s days are 16 hours long.
7. Human fingernails grow four times as fast as human toenails.
8. Abraham Lincoln was a pro wrestler.
9. The number four is the only number (in English) with the same amount of letters.
10. Anchorage is not the capital of Alaska.
11. The United States and Canada share the longest border in the world.
12. Chlorophyll turns sunlight into food for plants.
13. Sharks are boneless.
14. More than an estimated one third of Europe’s population was wiped out thanks to rats.

15. The Gulf of Mexico is the largest gulf in the world.
16. There are only three basic types of rock (igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic).
17. Algebra dates back to the 9th century.
18. Submarines are “boats,” not “ships.”
19. A human eyelash doesn’t stay attached longer than a year.
20. Shrimps hearts are in their heads.
21. We can create any color by mixing two different colors.
22. For six-sided dice, opposite faces always have a sum of seven.