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'get curious about' is a knowledge series aimed at igniting curiosity among young minds and encouraging them to explore further in the world of knowledge. The book chronicles amazing facts which we do not come across in our day-to-day lives.

This second volume of the 'FUN FACTS' edition of the book, contains very interesting facts that continues to bring a smile or make you think "Wow, that's something I did not know". It will enrich your knowledge of the world capturing the fun with colourful pictures. Don't forget our new section '**FUNDA-mental**' which contains amazing mind-boggling facts!

Let's read. Let's 'get curious about FUNFACTS'.

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INDIA

The world's highest cricket ground is in **Chail, Himachal Pradesh**. It was built in 1893 after levelling a hilltop. This cricket pitch is 2,444 metres above sea level.



The world's first university was established in **Takshila** in 700 BC. More than 10,000 students from all over the world studied more than 60 subjects.



The **Bailly Bridge** is the highest bridge in the world. It is located in the Ladakh valley between the Dras and Suru rivers in the Himalayan Mountains. It was built by the Indian Army in 1982.





Varanasi, also known as Benaras, was called 'the Ancient City' when Lord Buddha visited it in 500 B.C. It is the oldest, continuously inhabited city in the world today.

India invented the number system. **Aryabhatta** was the scientist who invented the digit zero.



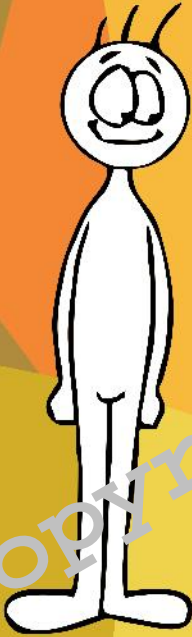
India has the most number of **post offices** in the world, with over 1,55,000 Post Offices.



The longest station name on the Indian Railways is **Venkatanarasimharajuvariapeta**, which is located in south India.



AMAZING HUMAN BODY



Babies are born without **knee caps**. They don't appear until the child reaches between 2 to 6 years of age.



When you wake up in the morning you are **taller** than when you go to sleep, because you have let your spine straighten out after all the bending, sitting and moving you have done.

The **Femur (thigh bone)** is the longest, heaviest and the strongest bone in the human body. Its length is 26 percent of the person's height.





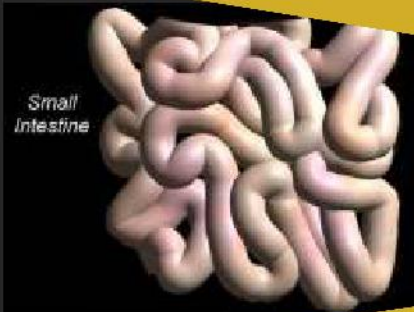
About 80 percent of the **brain is water**. Living brain tissue is a pink, jelly-like organ because it contains a lot of blood and water content of the tissue. So the next time you're feeling dehydrated get a drink to keep your brain hydrated.



Did you know your **nose** can remember over 10,000 different scents? Humans can identify a wide variety of scents and many of these are strongly tied to our memories.



The **enamel** which protects our teeth is the hardest substance in our body. Our teeth also starts growing 6 months before we are born.



The **small intestine** in our body is about 20 feet long and can only fit inside because it is lying in a row on top of each other.

FICTIONAL CHARACTERS

The real name of **Shaggy** from Scooby Doo is Norville Rogers. He is nicknamed shaggy after his appearance as an untidy, lanky boy with 'shaggy' hair.



Doraemon, the robot cat, has musophobia, which means a 'fear of mice'.

Tom and Jerry almost never speak in the classic episodes but have voices in Tom and Jerry Tales, which debuted in 2005 on kids' WB channel.





In the show, 'The Simpsons', the voice for the boy **Bart Simpson** is that of a lady named Nancy Cartwright and not a man.



All **Pokemon Professors** are named after trees. Professor Oak, Professor Birch, Professor Elm, Professor Juniper and Professor Sycamore are all names of different kinds of trees or plants.



Bugs Bunny was the first cartoon character to be put on a postage stamp. Envelopes with that stamp can be sent around the world.

Garfield is based on a real cat. The original, also named Garfield, was an overweight, grouchy cat, one amongst the 25 cats the creator of the character had on his farm.



DANCES OF The World

Tap dancing is a form of dancing performed by tapping the feet against the floor. The sound of the dancer's shoes is considered the music, which is made by a metal 'tap' at the bottom of the shoes.



Ballet started in Italy over 500 years ago and became popular in France and Europe. Professional ballet dancers wear pointed shoes, so that they can dance on their toes.

Break dancing, the good foot, rocking, b-boying and breaking are all the same form of dancing. It requires strength, balance and creativity and is combined with the breaks in the music.

