

# ***Believe It or Not!***<sup>®</sup>

A Video Based Lesson



Activities with answer keys.

Students learn new facts about the world while deciding if they are true or not.

Check with the video.

Introductory "Interesting Facts" PPTx.



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Read the first part of a Ripley's Believe It Or Not fact. Match it to its correct ending.  
Discuss. Which facts do you find most unreal, unbelievable?

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| <b>1.</b> The first owner of the Marlboro Company          | <b>A.</b> used as a substitute for blood plasma.              |
| <b>2.</b> The three most valuable brand names on earth are | <b>B.</b> folded in half more than seven times.               |
| <b>3.</b> The liquid inside young coconuts can be          | <b>C.</b> than plane crashes.                                 |
| <b>4.</b> Pearls melt                                      | <b>D.</b> than you do watching television.                    |
| <b>5.</b> Turtles can breathe                              | <b>E.</b> until they are fifty years of age or older.         |
| <b>6.</b> No piece of paper can be                         | <b>F.</b> to have a bar code.                                 |
| <b>7.</b> Wrigley's Gum was the first product              | <b>G.</b> without a mustache.                                 |
| <b>8.</b> Most dust particles in your house                | <b>H.</b> that rotates clockwise.                             |
| <b>9.</b> Oak trees do not produce acorns                  | <b>I.</b> are more efficient at waking you up in the morning. |
| <b>10.</b> Walt Disney was afraid                          | <b>J.</b> are made up of dead skin.                           |
| <b>11.</b> A duck's quack                                  | <b>K.</b> died of lung cancer. So did the 1st "Marlboro Man." |
| <b>12.</b> Apples, not caffeine,                           | <b>L.</b> of mice.  |
| <b>13.</b> Donkeys kill more people annually               | <b>M.</b> in vinegar.   |
| <b>14.</b> It is possible to lead                          | <b>N.</b> Marlboro, Coca Cola, and Budweiser, in that order.  |
| <b>15.</b> The king of hearts is the only king             | <b>O.</b> a cow upstairs...but not downstairs.                |
| <b>16.</b> You burn more calories sleeping                 | <b>P.</b> doesn't echo, and no one knows why.                 |
| <b>17.</b> Venus is the only planet                        | <b>Q.</b> through their behinds.                              |

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## INTERESTING FACTS

YOUR SHOES ARE THE FIRST THING  
PEOPLE SUBCONSCIOUSLY  
JUDGE YOU BY.

IF YOU SIT MORE THAN 11 HOURS A DAY  
THERE IS A 50% CHANCE YOU WILL DIE  
IN THE NEXT 3 YEARS.

THERE ARE AT LEAST 6 PEOPLE IN  
THE WORLD WHO  
LOOK EXACTLY LIKE YOU.

SLEEPING WITHOUT A PILLOW ACTUALLY  
HELPS REDUCE BACK PAIN AND MAKES  
A STRONGER SPINE.

YOUR HEIGHT IS DETERMINED  
BY YOUR FATHER. YOUR WEIGHT  
BY YOUR MOTHER.

YOU CAN WAKE UP A PART OF YOUR  
BODY THAT HAS FALLEN ASLEEP BY  
SHAKING YOUR HEAD.

THE HUMAN BRAIN CANNOT IGNORE  
THREE THINGS. FOOD. DANGER.  
ATTRACTIVE PEOPLE.

RIGHT-HANDED PEOPLE TEND TO  
CHEW FOOD ON THE RIGHT SIDE  
OF THEIR MOUTH.

DRY TEA BAGS WILL ABSORB BAD  
SMELLS, LIKE IN YOUR GYM BAG  
OR SHOES.

IF BEES WERE TO GO EXTINCT,  
HUMANS COULD NOT SURVIVE FOR  
MORE THAN 4 YEARS.

YOU CAN ONLY SURVIVE UP TO 11  
DAYS WITHOUT SLEEPING.  
NO FOOD - MANY DAYS.

LAUGHING IS A SIGNIFICANT FACTOR  
IN MAINTAINING YOUR HEALTH.

OUR BRAIN CAN STORE 5 TIMES AS  
MUCH INFO. AS WIKIPEDIA.

IN 30 MINUTES OUR BODY GIVES OFF  
ENOUGH HEAT TO BOIL  
1.5 LITRES OF WATER.

STOMACH ACID IS STRONG ENOUGH  
TO DISSOLVE RAZOR BLADES.

SMILING IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE  
TYPE OF ANTI-DEPRESSANT. EVEN IF  
ONLY FAKING IT.

# 5 Amazing Facts About

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## Lesson Delivery

Introduce the concept of Ripley's Believe It or Not to the class by bringing in samples from newspapers or playing excerpts from Youtube.

The main point to get across to students is that both the syndicated cartoon and the television show focus on incredible and interesting 'facts' that many find difficult to believe.

Let students spend a few minutes on their own, working out as many of the answers as they can individually. Next, have students work with a partner, and together they compare and support their answers. Then correct as a class.

### Answers

1.K 2.N 3.A 4.M 5.Q 6.B 7.F 8.J 9.e 10.l

11.i 12.P 13.C 14.O 15.g 16.d 17.h

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