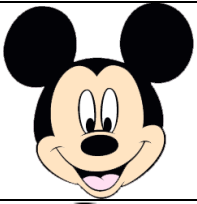


lunchbox love notes: Disney fun facts!



Q: Was Walt Disney a real person?

A: Yes! Walter Elias Disney was born Dec 5, 1901 in Chicago, Illinois. He married Lillian Bounds, and they had two daughters, Diane and Sharon. He died in 1966; he was 65 years old.



Q: How many people work at Walt Disney World?

A: Over 62,000 people are employed at Walt Disney World Resort!



Q: How many outfits do Mickey & Minnie Mouse each have?

A: Mickey Mouse has 290 outfits and Minnie has over 200! Mickey has a scuba suit, a lighted tuxedo, and Minnie has cheerleading uniforms to evening gowns!



Q: How many plants are on the Disney World property?

A: *Each year, more than 3 million plants are planted, including 4 million shrubs, 13,000 roses, and 200+ topiary.*



fun fact: Since 1971, the total miles logged by the Disney monorail system would be equal to more than 30 round-trips to the moon.



Q: How many hotel rooms are there in Disney World?

A: A WHOLE LOT! If you stayed in each of the guest rooms on the Walt Disney World property (a different room each night), it would take more than 68 YEARS!



fun fact: Every day an average of 210 pairs of sunglasses are turned in to the Disney World Lost & Found. Since 1971, that's over 1.65 million pairs!



Q: How many buses transport visitors around the Disney property each day?

A: *More than 270 buses!*

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fun fact:

The fountain at Epcot's Innoventions Plaza shoot water 150 feet into the air! If all the shooters fired water at once, there would be 2,000 gallons of water in the air at once!



Q: How many stones are there in Cinderella's Castle in the Magic Kingdom?

A: None! The whole castle is made of fiberglass!



Q: How BIG is Walt Disney World?

A: *Disney World Resort is 40 square miles, about the size of San Francisco or two Manhattan islands.*



fun fact: More than 30 tons of fruits and vegetables grown at The Land pavilion in Epcot are served in Walt Disney World restaurants!



Q: What was the strangest thing ever brought to Lost and Found at Disney World?

A: A glass eye, a prosthetic leg, and a potty trainer (but they all didn't belong to the same person!)



fun fact: The Liberty Oak Tree in the Liberty Square area of the Magic Kingdom is the proud parent of over 500 young trees! They all started out as acorns harvested from the majestic tree.



Q: Who named Pluto, Mickey's dog?

A: We're not sure, but Pluto was named Rover in the film, *Picnic*, and he belonged to Minnie! After that, he was named Pluto, and he became Mickey's best friend.



fun fact: The Tree of Life in Disney's Animal Kingdom stands 14 stories tall, features more than 300 animal carvings, and is 50 feet wide!

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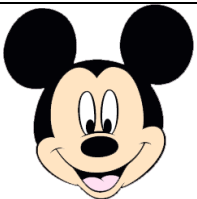


Q: What does EPCOT stand for?

A: Experimental Prototype Community of Tomorrow.



fun fact: Goofy's first name was 'Dippy Dog', then it was changed to 'Dippy the Goof' and then finally, 'Goofy'.



fun fact: Stretched out end-to-end, the number of mouse ear hats sold each year would stretch 175 miles!



fun fact: When Disney World opened, adult admission to the Magic Kingdom cost \$3.50. Today it costs \$85.



Q: Do a lot of kids bring autograph books to Disney World?

A: YES! If you stacked the number of autograph books sold each year, it would match the height of 200 Cinderella Castles! And 7,500 autograph books end up at Lost & Found EACH YEAR!



Q: How many hats are lost each year at Disney World?

A: 18,000 hats are lost each year, along with 6,000 cell phones and 3,500 digital cameras. WOW!



Q: What is the biggest theme park on Disney Property?

A: Disney's Animal Kingdom is the biggest, at 400+ acres and housing more than 3,000 species in its 4 million trees and plants.



fun fact: Walt Disney built a special apartment in the upper part of Cinderella's Castle that he intended to use when he and his family were there. When Walt Disney died, the room was unfinished. Disney World turned it into a deluxe suite, which is awarded randomly to a family every day. It comes complete with 24-karat gold tile floors and a "magic mirror" that turns into a television!

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