



Fun facts

1. Our nose and ears continue to grow?

Actually they don't grow, it's because of gravity that they lengthen and look bigger in old age. Our ears and nose are composed of cartilage. Gravity causes the cartilage to break down and sag as we age. This is the reason why some older people seem to have larger ears and noses.

Q. Name the largest external organ of the human body?

2. Strawberry has seeds on the outside?

The specks that are visible on the outside of a strawberry are actually the plant's ovaries called achenes. Each of them is a separate fruit with a single seed inside. It is these seed-like fruits that are mistaken for seeds.

Strawberries do not rely on the seeds inside the achenes to reproduce. Each plant can send out thin runners that take root and give rise to multiple new plants.

Q: Find out whether strawberry is a berry.

Answers
1. The skin.
2. No, it's called an aggregate fruit.

Bits & Bytes

Given below are a few terms with something in common. Guess what it is.

- Unix
- Solaris
- Ubuntu
- Amiga
- Fedora



Answer: They are operating system software

Space odyssey

Do you know me?

1. There are more than 1,600 major volcanoes across my surface. The highest among them is Maat Mons.
2. I am the only planet in the solar system that rotates on its side.
3. I am a dwarf planet boasting of 20 known distinct haze layers in the atmosphere.
4. I am a doughnut-shaped zone of highly energetic charged particles surrounding the Earth.
5. My northern hemisphere has a raging six-sided storm nicknamed "the hexagon."

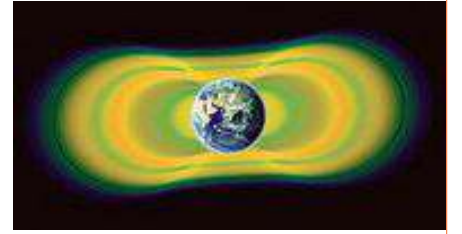


PHOTO: AP/NASA

Answers: 1. Venus, 2. Uranus, 3. Pluto, 4. Van Allen Radiation Belt and 5. Saturn

This or that?

Some words can be confusing due the similarities in their pronunciation. Choose the right word in the following sentences

1. The construction site / sight was abandoned after the ruling.
2. "Oh deer / dear! This is not the cake we ordered," he said.
3. How course / coarse the fabric is will decide what form it will take.
4. The current / curreant situation is comforting.
5. They saw the candidates only when they came to canvass / canvass for votes.



The New York Times

Answers: 1. Site, 2. Dear, 3. Coarse, 4. Current, 5. Canvass

Picture story

Come up with a witty caption for this picture



PHOTO AFP

Volunteers dressed as Stormtroopers and Darth Vader from the "Star Wars" film franchise patrol in a wooden boat to remind residents to stay at home during the COVID-19 lockdown. Write a caption that can sum up the picture in just a few words. Be creative!

Journal Writing

Dear Diary

It was my first road trip...

Imagine and write. You may even type a note and mail it to us at school@thehindu.co.in. We will select a few for publication when we resume

Today's Diary Pick

Dear diary,
Today, I decided that I will not play games in my mobile. Yes, a game addict like me would never take such a decision, but I have decided to remove mobile and video games from my life. Whenever I think of playing for five minutes, I realize that it always extends to over an hour. So today, I uninstalled all my games and made up my mind to attend all classes. And the bonus? Well, it is my eyes. They will not suffer any more. Yes, this decision will be a big step towards success...

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Figure it out!

Here's an easy Sudoku puzzle. To solve it, all you need to do is take care that every digit from one to four appears in each of the four vertical columns, and in each of the four horizontal rows.

		2	
	3		
			1
4	1		

Answer:

4	1	3	2
3	2	4	1
2	3	1	4
1	4	2	3

(Content provided by Amrita Bharati)

Word of the day

Melancholy (noun) and (adjective)

Meaning: Melancholy as a noun refers to a gloomy state of mind. Earlier, the word was associated only with depression, but over the years, it has taken on newer meanings. Today, as an adjective, it refers to a feeling of sombre introspection, brooding or even nostalgia. It can even denote a specific personality or characteristic.

Origin: The term "melancholy" has been derived from the word "melancholia". It came from the ancient Greek word "melaina chole," which literally meant "black bile." In ancient medicine, the body was believed to be composed of four liquid-like substances - blood, yellow bile, phlegm and black bile. The latter was believed to cause negative emotions such as sadness and fear.

Usage: Here are some examples of how 'melancholy' is used in a sentence: 1. Looking through old photo albums always makes me feel a bit melancholy. 2. After having bad dreams all night, I was in a melancholic mood this morning.

Activity

Use the word of the day in a sentence

The W Corner

The grid lines are only to help you and parts of the ball might be in more than one box too! Find that one box where the ball is or find them all if you think it is in more than one box...

Answer: _____

Answer: According to the grid lines, the ball can be found in 1D.



PHOTOS: AP

WHERE is the ball that India's Rohit Sharma played in a T20 international against New Zealand that took place in February 2020?

