



50 MYTHS TO GET YOU STARTED

1. You get less wet by running in the rain
2. You cannot swim for 30 minutes after eating
3. It takes seven years to digest gum
4. The Great Wall of China is the only manmade structure visible from space
5. Water drains backwards in the Southern Hemisphere due to the Earth's rotation
6. Animals can predict natural disasters
7. A penny dropped from the top of a tall building could kill a pedestrian
8. A dog's mouth is cleaner than a human's
9. Lightning never strikes the same place twice
10. A falling cat will always land on its feet
11. Yawning is "contagious"
12. There is no gravity in space
13. Chicken soup can cure the common cold
14. The five second rule
15. Why Are Lips Red?
16. Does Hot Water Freeze Faster Than Cold Water?
17. Can Fish Hear?
18. When two objects fall from the same height in a vacuum, the heavier of the two will reach the ground first.
19. If you drop a feather and a marble from the roof of your house, they will both land at the same time.
20. Skiers put wax on their skis to keep them from going too fast.
21. Boots with grooves on the soles make it easier to walk on slippery surfaces.
22. It's easier to stop a barrel full of monkeys than an empty barrel.
23. If you swallow a watermelon seed, a watermelon will grow in your stomach.
24. Sweet potatoes and yams are different names for the same thing.
25. Without the nectar from the honeysuckle plant, humming bees lose their ability to hum.

26. A goldfish has more chromosomes than you do.
27. The acid inside your stomach is so powerful it can dissolve stainless steel.
28. Dog saliva is cleaner than human saliva.
29. Spiders will never eat another spider.
30. Cold air takes up more space than the same mass of hot air.
31. Unlike other shipwrecks found in other seas, those that have sunk in the Black Sea are completely free from rust.
32. Rainbows are most often seen on cloudy, rainy days.
33. Fresh corn can pop.
34. From the time water evaporates to the time it falls as rain, it will have traveled no more than 16 kms.
35. Most of the water droplets in a cloud end up as rain.
36. Sound travels more slowly through water than through air.
37. A hard surface reflects sound better than a soft one.
38. You hear thunder before you see lightening.
39. When you blow on a bottle of water, sound is produced because the water vibrates.
40. On Earth, a star that has died would weigh more than an elephant.
41. A megabyte is a unit of frequency.
42. It's possible to break glass using just your voice.
43. Tap on two identical glasses filled with the same amount of water, and the sounds produced by each tap will sound different.
44. The lengths of grandfather clock hands help it to keep the correct time.
45. Tightening the string of a musical instrument will lower its pitch.
46. People can drown in quicksand because it acts like a vacuum cleaner sucking them below the surface.
47. The reason you do not sink into dry sand is friction.
48. Static electricity can cause your hair to stand on end.
49. Lightening is the same kind of spark that happens when you walk across a carpeted floor and touch a metal doorknob.
50. Nails and screws are coated with plastic to keep them from rusting.

