The surface area of your lungs can cover an entire tennis court.

Europeans in the Middle Ages thought if they had sex during a full moon they would have demon children.

The inventor of Gameboy was originally Nintendo's janitor.

Crickets hear through their knees.

The idea that carrots improve your eyesight was a lie first spread by the Royal Air Force.

Rats can't vomit.

Humans are the only primates with permanent breasts.

Catfish have over 100,000 taste buds, but humans only have 10,000.

The last private resident of 10 Downing Street was called Mr Chicken.

Northumbrian accent is thought to come from people copying Duke Harry Hotspur's (after whom Spurs FC named) speech defect in 1300s

The risk of having a heart attack between 6 am and noon is 40% higher than at any other time of day.

Kiwifruits used to be called 'melonettes'

During WWI German and Russian troops agreed a temporary ceasefire, joining forces to fend off attacks by wolves.

The Russian city Volgograd reverts for six days a year to its former name Stalingrad.

Ex-PM Harold Macmillan was shot in WWI, so he spent the day lying in a trench reading Aeschylus plays in the original Greek