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How much does a cloud weigh? How fast is the length of a day increasing on our planet? How much does wearing a necktie reduce blood flow to the brain? What percentage of the cells in your body are actual human cells? How much do all of us travel in a day without realizing it?

There's an interesting feature on the Science Focus website that lists 121 'random facts' that most of us would never have known without this guide to help us. For example, a typical cloud takes up about a quarter of a cubic mile of space in the sky, and weighs a total of around a million tons. Otherwise identical twins don't have the same fingerprints, and the earth's rotation is slowing down, so that the length of a day increases by 1.8 seconds per century. The website says that 600 million years ago, an Earth day lasted 21 hours.

More? If you were to stretch all of the world's bacteria on top of each other, the resulting chain of microbial life would extend so far that it could wrap around our Milky way galaxy over 20,000 times.

Only about 44% of the cells in your body are your own; the other 56% are bacteria that perform synergistic tasks for your cells. But altogether, these bacterial cells make up just 0.3% of your overall body weight.

The Earth's daily motion around the Sun, and our Solar System's trip around the galaxy, together take us more than 1.55 million miles a day from where we were yesterday in the universe.

And... According to a 2018 study, wearing a necktie can reduce the blood flow to your brain by 7.5%. The site also notes that neckties are 'great' at carrying germs.



Sources:

https://www.sciencefocus.com/science/fun-facts

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