

The board game Monopoly was invented more than 100 years ago. It became popular during the Great Depression in the 1930's because it helped people forget about their real-life problems. Recently, the playing piece that was shaped like an iron was replaced by a cat.

Antarctica is the coldest, driest, and windiest continent on Earth. It has a small population of people who live there year-round. More people come in the summer to visit and do research. No country actually owns Antarctica, but many countries work together to study and take care of it.

An adult human brain only weighs about three pounds, but contains about a billion nerve cells! Without those nerve cells, you would not be able to think, move, or feel emotions. Your brain also controls things you don't even have to think about like breathing and digestion.

Your heart is about the size of your fist. It beats about 80 times a minute. Your heart pumps blood to your lungs to get oxygen, then it pumps the oxygen-rich blood to all the other parts of your body through tubes called arteries. Blood returns to the heart through tubes called veins.

Elizabeth Blackwell was the first woman to earn a medical degree in the United States. After being rejected by several schools, Blackwell was finally admitted to Geneva Medical school in New York in 1847. In 1849, she graduated first in her class.

The black part of your eye is called the pupil. Its job is to let the right amount of light into your eye so you can see. If you are in the bright sun, your pupil will be small because there is plenty of light. If you are in a dark room, it will get big to let in as much light as it can.