

Did you know?

- Termites eat wood twice as fast when listening to heavy metal music!
- The term 'pop music', coined in 1926, is short for 'popular music'.
- Justin Bieber's YouTube play count is greater than the combined population of China and India!
- American composer, John Cage (1912–1992), composed a work in 1952 titled 4'33". It consists of four minutes and thirty-three seconds of silence!
- The name of the only member of ZZ Top without a beard is Frank Beard.
- Before composing, Beethoven often dipped his head in cold water.
- At only four lines long, the Japanese national anthem is the shortest national anthem. The longest is the Greek national anthem, at 158 verses long.
- The harmonica is the world's best-selling instrument.
- A grand piano can be played faster than an upright piano.
- A piano covers the full spectrum of all orchestra instruments, from below the lowest note of the double bassoon to above the piccolo's top note.
- Having reached number one in the UK in 1968 with the song *What A Wonderful World*, Louis Armstrong became the record holder for the oldest chart-topper. He was 67 at the time.
- So-called 'gut strings' for Spanish acoustic guitars were originally made from the small intestines of sheep. The production material changed to nylon during World War II, when all available guts were used for surgical thread for wounded soldiers.
- Stravinsky wrote a short piece of music for a ballet with elephants.

