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CREATE YOUR OWN **FACTopia!** TRAIL OF FACTS



One of the most powerful ways to experience a sense of wonder is to find connections between things you didn't realize were related. Every time our brain makes a new connection, we experience a little burst of joy that makes us think (or, even, say) WOW.

Each of the *FACTopia!* books connects 400 facts, covering a wide range of topics, in surprising and hilarious ways. Now you can create your own ingenious trail of connected facts. Here's how!

You will need:

- Instruction sheet for students
- Copies of the *FACTopia!* Trail of Facts templates
- Pens or pencils
- Scrap paper
- Blu Tack, drawing pins or sellotape to display your trail

Tip

If your trail is going to be displayed over a wide area, draw your own arrows, to direct viewers to the next fact.

Library or classroom

Leave the instructions, *FACTopia!* Trail of Facts templates, pens or pencils, and scrap paper out for students to use.

The first student starts the trail by writing a fact in their template. (They can choose their favourite *FACTopia!* fact if they prefer).

They highlight one word that the next student must write their fact about.

Display the first fact on the wall.

The next student writes a fact in their template, based on the highlighted word. They then highlight a word in their own fact.

Display the second fact on the wall.

Encourage your class/library members to add to the trail. Watch it grow!

Home

Use the instructions on the left, but get the whole family involved! Ask every member to add their own fact to the trail.

You could organise it in order of age, alphabetically, or by picking names out of a hat.

Be inspired by the *FACTopia!* books, your favourite TV show, game or topic, or things you can see around you. The choices are endless!



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Challenge the rest of the year, or the whole school!

Each class/year provides a fact for the trail.

Select a class/year to begin the fact-trail.

As a group, they will choose their favourite fact. In order to do so:

- EITHER, each individual student comes up with a fun fact
- OR students work in groups to find a fact

Once you have all the facts, shortlist the top 10 and ask the class to vote for their favourite one.

Write the winning fact on your **FACTopia! Trail of Facts** template.

Pass the fact onto the next class or display it for everyone to see. Either your class or the next must select a word from your fact to inspire theirs.

Continue until all classes involved have added their facts.

Display the trail around the school. Include arrows to show where viewers must go next!



Here are some things that could inspire your fact-trail:

- The *FACTopia!* books
- A recent or current school topic
- A fact on your favourite subject eg. animals
- One of the starter facts below



Use one of these facts to get you started:

More than half the bones in your body are in your hands and feet.

The sun only rises once per year at the North Pole.

A newborn female African elephant weighs about as much as 28 newborn human babies.

Every 50 years or so, a star explodes in our galaxy.

The oldest human poo fossil ever found is about 50,000 years old.

Nearly 3,000 years ago, during the early Olympics, athletes competed naked.

Scientists discovered an ancient species of parrot as tall as a three-year-old child and nicknamed it 'squawkzilla'.

A Japanese engineer has developed a real-life invisibility cloak that uses tiny light-reflecting beads to hide its wearer.

These are all real facts from *FACTopia!* books.

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