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# Chewing Gum Facts

- Waste gum can now be recycled into new compounds for the plastics and rubber industry.
- Humans have been chewing gum for 9,000 years.
- Chewing gum aids concentration.
- Most chewing gum is purchased in the months between Halloween and Christmas.
- Chewing gum whilst peeling onions will keep you from crying.
- It has been said that chewing gum can help improve your memory.
- Chewing gum is the world's most common habit.
- In the next five years one million metric tons of chewing gum will be produced.
- On average the cost of a piece of chewing gum is about 3p, the cost to remove one piece of chewing gum is about 10p.
- Chewing gum takes up to 5 years to biodegrade.
- The largest bubble ever blown was 23 inches in diameter, the bubble was blown by Susan Montgomery in July 1994.
- Trident was the first gum to go into space, it was part of the rations taken to space in 1964 on the US Gemini Space Flight.
- Chewing gum burns around 11 calories per hour.
- In Singapore it is illegal to chew gum.
- During the 1920s prohibition in America gum sales saw an increase due to people at tempting to mask the smell of alcohol on their breath.
- The longest gum wrapper chain record was 2,400 ft in length, nearly 1.5 miles. The record was set by Cathy Usher
- To grow all of the mint that Wrigleys needs to make all of their mint gum, it would take up about 53 square miles of farmland, this is almost 30,550 football fields.
- North American children spend about ½ a billion dollars on gum every year. That translates to the selling of 1.6 million pieces being sold every hour, 26,000 pieces every minute and 444 pieces per second.
- 100,000 tons of bubble gum is chewed every year all around the world
- The colour of the first successful piece of bubble gum was pink because it was the only colour left with the inventor, the colour has stuck ever since.

- The energy American expend every day when chewing bubble gum is enough to light a city of ten million people.
- By the 1940s chewing gum was so popular in America that it was included in the rations kits for U.S soldiers.
- In Africa various tribes accepted large quantities of bubblegum instead of sheep and oxen as payment for a wife.
- The average American chews around 300 sticks of gum in one year.
- Richard Walker holds the world record and 'chomp title', for chewing 135 sticks of bubble gum for 8 hours straight.
- The total value of the entire chewing gum industry is estimated to be about \$19 billion.
- There are 3.74 trillion sticks of chewing gum made every year.
- On Oxford Street alone there are ¼ million blobs of discarded chewing gum on the pavement.
- 9/10 paving stones have discarded chewing gum on them.
- It is an old wives tale that if you swallow chewing gum it will stay in your body for 7 years, there is little truth in this chewing gum actually passes through your body just as quickly as any other non-digestible food.
- If every piece of chewing gum was chewed for 30 minutes it would take 187 billion hours to chew all the gum sold in one year.