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Tests, tests, tests. I know how much you enjoy taking them. And you know how much we enjoy making and marking¹ them. We all love this time of year. You and I both know that most of what you learn you will forget. That is fine. We don't expect² you to remember everything. I only hope that you will remember what you think is interesting. And that you will find how much fun it is to learn things that are interesting for you. And that you are always interested in finding out new things. That I hope.

Something You Don't Know (Facebook)

1. Facebook was started in February 2004. It was initially³ for Harvard University.
2. Mark Zuckerberg started the company⁴. He still owns⁵ 28% of it, which means he is worth⁶ about \$36,000,000,000.
3. He stole⁷ part of the idea for the site from some of his friends and in 2008 they took him to court⁸. He lost and had to give them 1.2 million shares⁹ (about \$300 million).
4. Facebook is available¹⁰ in 70 languages¹¹ for 1.3 billion¹² users¹³ worldwide¹⁴.
5. The average user¹⁵ has 130 friends and spends about 10 hours a month on the site.
6. Facebook is such a large site but only has 9,200 employees¹⁶ worldwide.
7. Most Facebook users are 18 to 29 years old.



15 differences

Last Week's Answers

There are 136 sets of numbers that give the answer 66. They don't all fit here unless I make them very small.

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Announcements

There are tests on Tuesday.
 There are tests on Wednesday.
 And there are tests on
 Thursday. Good luck.

News

Facebook has one billion users in one day

Last week Facebook reached¹⁷ a milestone¹⁸. One billion people visited the site in the space of¹⁹ a single day²⁰. That is the equivalent²¹ of one in every seven people on the face of the planet²²! Obviously²³ some of the visitors were the same person more than once, but still, it's a lot of people.



Facebook is now the second most visited site on the Internet. The first is Google. 3.5 billion people visit Google every day. Over one billion people have an account on Facebook but many of them could be fake²⁴ accounts or accounts of people who have deceased²⁵. Facebook has no way of knowing²⁶.

What is the future for Facebook? Mark Zuckerberg thinks the future is golden²⁷. He is concentrating on²⁸ moving to mobile platforms²⁹ and becoming more user friendly³⁰. As long as Facebook remains useful it will be popular. However, the Internet is always looking for the next new thing.



- 1.Mark 採点 2.Expect 期待する 3.Initially 初めに 4.Company 会社 5.Own 所有する
 6.Worth~の財産がある 7.Steal 盗む 8.Take to court 裁判沙汰にする 9.Shares 株
 10.Available 利用できる 11.Language 言葉 12.Billion10 億 13.User 使用する人
 14.Worldwide 世界的な 15.Average user 一般ユーザー16.Employee 会社員 17.Reach
 になる 18.Milestone 画期的出来事 19.In the space of~の間に 20.A single day 一日
 21.Equivalent 同等 22.On the face of the planet 地球上で 23.Obviously 明らかに
 24.Fake 偽物 25.Deceased 死亡した 26.No way of knowing 知る方法はない 27.The
 future is golden 未来は有望な 28.Concentrate on~に集中する 29.Mobile platform 携
 帯プラットフォーム 30.User friendly 使いやすい