

FIREWORKS TRUE OR FALSE

1. Ancient Chinese soldiers fired rockets with live rats attached to frighten their enemy
2. A rare breed of deaf dinosaurs is believed to have developed following a very noisy fireworks display following a T Rex concert in the Jurassic era.
3. A Chinese sparkler factory's daily production would stretch all the way to the Moon and back
4. In 55BC Julius Caesar celebrated his visit to Britain with a fireworks display
5. Stonehenge was believed to be an ancient burial site for druid pyrotechnicians
6. A man who wanted his ashes sent up in a rocket after his death had them posted to us in a JiffyBag.
7. To combat unemployment Port Isaac in Cornwall has Britain's only fully integrated fish and fireworks factory
8. The red stars in fireworks are made using a rare Egyptian maggot that feeds on tomatoes
9. A mediaeval scientist was so worried by the power of gunpowder that he wrote its formula in code so it couldn't fall into the wrong hands
10. Shakespeare's first draft of his most romantic sonnet opened with the words 'Shall I compare thee to a fireworks display' before he amended it to the better known quotation
11. Post Offices in Scotland can sell fireworks all the year round
12. Fireworks were invented by a tribe of Icelandic Eskimos who were depressed by long winter nights
13. The world's oldest firework was discovered in an archaeological dig under the Leaning Tower of Pisa
14. Yaks used to transport fireworks in ancient China were sprayed with a flameproof chemical before setting out on the 1000 mile trip to Shanghai
15. Edvard Munch's artwork masterpiece The Scream was inspired by a German rocket which landed on his patio as he was giving his wife a painting lesson
16. Guy Fawkes was eating an eel pie when he was arrested on 5th November 1605
17. A firework display to celebrate the opening of Hadrian's Wall was cancelled when Roman soldiers went on strike over pay and conditions
18. A species of firefly that feeds on gunpowder is feared to have been reared by terrorists posing as NATO scientists

ANSWERS: 1, 6, 9 are TRUE.