

# Winter Fun Facts

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Think you know everything there is to know about winter? Think again! Try to answer the following true or false questions. Do your best and see what you score out of 12.

Good luck!

1. According to the *Guinness Book of World Records*, the biggest snowflake to ever fall was in Montana in 1887. It was eight inches by 15 inches.
2. The record for the most snowfall in a 24 hour period in the United States happened in Colorado in 1921. During that 24 hour period, 10 feet snow fell.
3. Sometimes it's too cold to snow.
4. The coldest temperature ever recorded on Earth was -128 degrees. That was in Antarctica in 1983.
5. Every snowflake has 8 sides.
6. The Abominable Snowman from the movie Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer may be real! Some people believe that the Yeti, or an abominable snowman, lives in the Himalayas in Nepal. The Yeti is related to Bigfoot.



7. Earth is farthest from the sun in the month of December.

8. According to the Guinness World Records, on January 28, 1887, a snowflake 15 inches wide and 8 inches thick fell in Montana, making it the largest snowflake ever observed.



9- Every winter, at least one million snow crystals fall from the sky.

10. The average snowflake falls at about 8 mph.

11. The largest recorded snowman ever built was in Bethel, Maine, in February 1999. The snowman was 113-foot and 7 inches.

12. A single snowstorm can drop 39 million tons of snow.

**Answers:**

- 1- True
- 2- False- only 6 inches of snow fell
- 3- False- can always fall if it is cold out and there is moisture in the air
- 4- True
- 5- False- snowflakes have 6 sides
- 6- True, although there is no proof
- 7- False- Earth closest to the sun during December, although it seems counter-intuitive
- 8- True
- 9- False- one septillion (1 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000) snow crystals fall
- 10- False- the average snowflake falls at about 3 mph
- 11- True
- 12- True



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