



Bubble Gum Trivia Challenge

Name _____

Test your knowledge of bubble gum!

- ___ 1. How many sticks of gum does the average American chew in a year?
A. 200 B. 300 C. 400
- ___ 2. How many tons of gum are chewed every year?
A. 50,000 B. 75,000 C. 100,000
- ___ 3. If all the five-chunk packs of Bubble Yum ever chewed in the U.S. since it's introduction in 1975 were laid end-to-end, how many times would it circle the earth at the equator? A. 2 B. 5 C. 7
- ___ 4. San Luis Obispo, California, is the home of 'Bubble Gum Alley'. What is it?
A. An alley with brick walls covered with ABC (already-been-chewed) gum wads.
B. The place where bubble gum was invented.
C. The home of the largest collection of bubble gum machines.
- ___ 5. Richard Walker holds the record for the Chomp Title by chewing 135 sticks of gum for the longest time. How long did he chomp?
A. 5 hours B. 6 hours C. 8 hours
- ___ 6. The Topps company holds the record for having made the largest single piece of bubble gum. How many pieces of normal-sized Bazooka did it equal?
A. 5000 B. 8000 C. 10, 000
- ___ 7. The 1952 Mickey Mantle rookie card is the most valuable Topps Company card. How much did it sell for at auction?
A. \$75,000 B. \$120,000 C. \$1,000,000
- ___ 8. What is the Official Gum of Major League Baseball?
A. Bubble Yum B. Bazooka C. Topps
- ___ 9. When was the first successful bubble gum invented?
A. 1891 B. 1906 C. 1928
- ___ 10. Susan Mont"Gum"ery Williams is the Guinness Record Holder Of the Worlds Largest Gum Bubble. How big was it?
A. 19 inches B. 23 Inches C. 27 inches



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Answer Key

1. How many sticks of gum does the average American chew in a year? Answer: B. 300
2. How many tons of gum are chewed every year? Answer: C. 100,000
3. If all the five-chunk packs of Bubble Yum ever chewed in the U.S. since it's introduction in 1975 were laid end-to-end, how many times would it circle the earth at the equator? Answer: C. 7 (and a little more!)
4. San Luis Obispo, California, USA is the home of 'Bubble Gum Alley'. What is it? Answer: A. An alley with brick walls covered with ABC (already-been-chewed) gum wads.
5. Richard Walker holds the record for the Chomp Title by chewing 135 sticks of gum for the longest time. How long did he chomp? Answer: C. 8 hours
The first person to win the 'Chomp Title' was Sue Jordan, who chewed eighty pieces of Doublemint gum for five hours and twelve minutes! Clyde Steward McGehee, of North Carolina, broke that record by chewing 105 sticks of Juicy Fruit for six hours and Richard Walker broke that record by chewing 135 sticks of gum for eight hours.
6. The Topps company holds the record for having made the largest single piece of bubble gum. How many pieces of normal-sized Bazooka did it equal? C. 10,000
Topps presented the gum to baseball player Willie Mays in 1974. Mays then cut it into small chunks and gave it to children in nearby hospitals.
7. The 1952 Mickey Mantle rookie card is the most valuable Topps Company card. How much did it sell for at auction? Answer: B. \$120,000
8. What is the Official Gum of Major League Baseball? Answer: A. Bubble Yum
9. When was the first successful bubble gum invented? Answer: C. 1928
The first known bubble gum, "Blibber Blubber," appeared in 1906. It failed to catch on because it was too sticky and too brittle so it didn't hold together when it was chewed. The first successful bubble gum was invented by Walter E. Diemer in the summer of 1928. A 23-year-old accountant who knew nothing about chemistry, Diemer created his invention in a tiny laboratory in Philadelphia. The only food coloring he had on hand was pink. "It was an accident," Mr. Diemer said in an interview with The Lancaster Intelligencer Journal in 1996. "I was doing something else and ended up with something with bubbles."
10. Susan Mont"Gum"ery Williams is the Guinness Record Holder Of the Worlds Largest Gum Bubble. How big was it? Answer: B. 23 Inches

Many of the facts for the questions were found at Bubble Gum Fact page at <http://mmwww.northville.k12.mi.us/STUDENTS/2005/dugganla/Hpage4.htm>.