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**FUN FACTS ABOUT LEGO®**

- The LEGO name is made from the first two letters of the Danish words LEG GODT, meaning “play well.”
- The LEGO Group patented the LEGO brick with the familiar tubes inside and studs on top on January 28, 1958. All 2x4 LEGO bricks manufactured since have been produced to the exact same measurements as this patent.
- LEGO DUPLO bricks are eight times the size of original LEGO bricks—yet they both connect to each other.
- On average, every person on Earth owns 86 LEGO bricks.
- In 2012, 45.7 billion LEGO bricks were produced at a rate of 5.2 million per hour.
- Two eight-stud LEGO bricks (2x4) can be combined in 24 different ways and three eight-stud LEGO bricks can be combined in 1,060 ways. Six eight-stud LEGO bricks can be combined 915,103,765 different ways.
- The LEGO Group is one of the world’s largest tire manufacturers, creating tires for use on the vehicles in its sets.
- Laid end to end, the number of LEGO bricks sold in 2012 would stretch around the world more than 18 times.
- To reach the moon you would need to build a column of approximately 40 billion LEGO bricks.
- LEGO Architecture offers more than 10 kits, including the Flatiron Building, Lincoln Memorial, Trevi Fountain and the Louvre.

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