

Trivia & Bikes

Share your bike knowledge!

Have a student read a fast fact about biking, or a trivia question about cycling over the PA everyday. There are a lot of other options, and fun facts, but hopefully this can get you thinking...

- What is the fastest speed a human being has gone on a bicycle on a flat road without assistance? (133Km/hr)
- What nationality was the person who set that record? (Canadian, his name is Sam Wittingham)
- What is the record for a human being traveling *downhill* on a bicycle? (222km/hr)
- What is the current distance record for a bicycle-powered flight? (115kms. Set on 23 April 1988 in flight from the island of Crete to the island Santorini by pilot/cyclist Kanellos Kanellopoulos in a human-powered airplane built by MIT)
- How long did it take the person who holds the world record for cycling across Canada to go from Vancouver to Halifax? hint: it's a distance of 6055kms. (13 days, 6 hours and 13 minutes!)
- Where was that person from? (Winnipeg and his name is Arvid Loewen.)
- How old was he when he did it? (54 years old)
- Which of the following uses have there *not* been bicycles designed for water, sand, ice, snow, air, moving furniture, underwater, ballet, polo, people with no arms, the moon? (none of the above)
- What is the world record for the world's longest two-wheeled bicycle? (28.1m, built by the University of Delft in 2002)
- In the 1960s, what did NASA consider sending with the astronauts to the moon? (bicycles)
- What is the farthest one person has traveled on a bicycle in one day? (890km, set by Marko Baloh of Slovenia in 2008)
- The bicycle is one of the most energy efficient forms of transportation on the planet. How far can 100 calories take a cyclist? (4200 metres) How far can the same amount of energy take the average car? (85 metres)
- Approximately what percentage of kids aged 6-17 ride their bikes year-round in Oulu, Finland? 10% 20% 50% 80% (Answer: About 50%)
- What age group is legally required to wear a helmet in Mb? (everyone under 18)
- In what country is *Bike* a popular given name? (Turkey)
- The first two-wheeled transportation like a bike was called a *Dandy Horse*, *Draisienne* or *laufmaschine* where was it invented? (Germany)
- A *penny farthing* is a bike with one very large wheel, which is larger the front or back (front)
- What is BMX short for? (Bicycle Motorcross)

- Name five parts of a bicycle (frame, saddle, seat post, handle bars, pedals, chain, tires, tubes, spokes, hub, front and rear brakes, cogset, front and back derailleur, chain rings, rim, valve, head tube, shock absorber, fork, top tube, down tube, seat stay)
- What is a tandem bicycle? (a bicycle built for two)
- Who wrote the song “I want to ride my bicycle?” (Queen)
- What country has developed an elevator for cyclists to take to get up steep inclines? (Norway, in Trondheim, called the Trampe bicycle lift)
- When a cyclist extends their left arm when riding what does this mean? (left turn)
- What kind of things should your bike have, when riding at night? (rear and front lights)
- What clothing choices can you make to help cars see you? (reflective or bright coloured clothing)
- What is the game played while riding bikes, where the goal is to hit a ball with a mallet into the opponents net? (bike polo)
- What is a bike called with only one wheel (unicycle)

Enjoy!

