## The Pawprint News &

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# THE CODE TO THE BEST HOT CHOCOLATE FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY!

This is not any ordinary hot chocolate recipe to have in your home on Christmas...THIS IS THE IMPROVED VERSION!!!

Ingredients:
Hot Chocolate
Whip Cream,
Candy Canes,
Sprinkles (of your choice)
Mint Cookies
Marshmallows



#### Recipe:

1. Grab any mug of your choice and place it on a flat surface.

- 2. Put your hot chocolate in the mug and top it of with whip cream and marshmallows.
- 3. Put the candy canes in a bag and crush them, sprinkle them on the hot chocolate.
- 4.Put a mint cookie (how many of your choice) on the side as a snack for your hot chocolate . 5.Enjoy!

Enjoy your fresh hot chocolate in your cozy home! Happy Holidays!

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By Finley J. Ingram



New York City during Christmas is a MAGICAL experience, with twinkling lights and festive decorations at every turn. At the heart of it all is Times Square, a vibrant hub of activity where you can catch Broadway shows or marvel at the spectacular billboards. Head to Rockefeller Center to see the ENORMOUS Christmas tree and go ice skating at the rink. Bryant Park is a winter wonderland with its holiday market and skating pavilion. Don't miss the holiday deals at department stores like Macy's and Saks Fifth Avenue—they're huge for great prices! For quiet moments, stroll through Central Park, where you might catch a glimpse of Christmas Carolers or horse pulled carriages full with festive wreaths. The city is truly SPECTACULAR, with every alley having holiday spirit.









Even New Years in New York City is a spectacular that draws people from all corners of the globe. The heart of the celebration is Times Square, where throngs of revelers gather to witness the iconic ball drop when midnight strikes, a tradition dating back to over a century. The atmosphere is electric, filled with confetti, music, and a palpable sense of excitement and unity. Besides Times Square, the city's skyline lights up with breathtaking fireworks displays over landmarks like the Statue of Liberty and Central Park. Whether it's attending glamorous parties, joining the Midnight Run in Central Park, or enjoying a festive cruise along the Hudson River, NYC offers an array of unforgettable experiences to ring in the new year. The blend of vibrant energy, diverse celebrations, and stunning visuals makes New Year's Eve in New York City a truly magical

By Ryan Soza and Jude Kassas

## TOUR OF SOUTH AMERICA

A TOUR OF TRADICIONAL FOOD OF SOUTH AMERICA

### Peru

Have you ever thought it like to be in Peru? It is very nice, especially the food! one of the most popular foods that Peru has made is Ceviche, a seafood salad that is very yummy but hard to make. Or "treep-lay" a very good sandwhich that Peru loves to make.

## Costa Rica

If your wondering, what Costa Rica's tradicional food is? Well here it is! They are ceviche which is a seafood salad, rondon that is a seafood and coconut stew, chifrijo which consists of fried pork with red beans, last but definetly not least is horchata. Horchata is made by blending white rice and cinnamon sticks in water and letting them soak overnight.

## **Argentina**

Not only is Argetina gorgeous, it also has fantastic food. Some examples are Asado., which is like barbecue, yerba mate which is made of dried yerba mate, and water. Another food is dulce de leche cake.

## Uruguay

Everyone loves Uruguay especially on vacation! But not only is it pretty famous, it has yummy food! like chorizo and morcilla (blood sausage), and chimichurri, a tangy green sauce. It is yummy but is also really famous all around the world!

#### Ceviche from Peru



Arepa from Venezuela

### Venezuela

I guarantee that you will love Venezuelan food, for example like one of the famous. Tequenos, they are really delicious because its bread and it has melted cheese inside. They also have arepas, which like sandwiches made with maize, and can be filled with cheese, meats, or sauces.

### Brazil

Brazil has fantastic foods, and sweet treats. Such as brigaderos. Which are cakes made of, condensed milk, cocoa powder, butter, and chocolate sprinkles covering the outside layer. Açai is made of pulped and flash-frozen Açai that get pureed with other fruits. You can also add seeds, nuts, and fruits.

### El Salvador

El Salvador is a very unique and pretty place, especially with amazing food! For example, tortillas, papusa, rice, meats, plan tains and soups. If you think these foods are that good, I suggest that you try them at many places. (a papusa is masa harina (cormeal flour) or rice flour that are mixed with water)

### **Bolivia**

All foods are unique but Bolivia is one of the most unique, and beautiful places in South America, You never know how good the food is! For example, Arroz con queso (rice with cheese) or Aji of noodles (a type of noodle sauce). I really suggest you to try them!!

### Colombia

Colombia has many great foods. Such as bandeja paisa [paisa tray]. Which includes sausage, eggs, avocado, beans, pork, plantain, and more. Another wonderful dish is ajico, Ajiaco is a soup containing of chicken, potatoes, garlic, scallions, and guacas.

## Cuba

Cuba has great beaches, because it is an island, but it also has awesome food. Such as ropa vieja, which is just shredded beef stewed in a tomatobased sauce. They also have tostones, which a twice fried green plantains.

### **Honduras**

Have you wondered if Honduras had good food? Yes it does! it has one of the most delicious and unique foods in South America, for example, sopa de caracol, fried fish, tamales, carne asada and baleadas. (aka conch soup, fried fish, tamales, carne asada and baleadas).

By Sophia Latorre-Mejia and Gabriella Martinez



Ropa Vieja from Cuba





#### What's in your food?

Have you ever checked the label on the back of a Cheeto's bag and read the ingredients?

Well, I have. Kids who eat unhealthy food have a weak immune system, so, it's important to check what's in your food.

#### An app you can use to make better food choices and realize past one

You are probably wondering," How can I stop my bad food choices and start good ones?

Well, you can use ... Yuka! Me and my mom use this app whenever we go to a grocery store.

You just need to scan the bar code and you will know if the product is good or bad! There is three colors: red for bad, orange for poor, green for good and for the products that have no bad ingredients at all, teal. For statistics, there will be numbers to say what percentage is good and what percentage is bad.

#### Packaged foods have labels to convince people to think it's healthy

If you look on the back of a Lucky charms or a Pruitloops cereal box, you'll find the despicable truth: Red-40 and Yellow-5. These along with many cereals can cause hyperactivity in sencitive children. Hyper activity can cause lack of focus and can cause children to run around at inappropriate times. When you go to the store, you see things like Natural food coloring or 100% real cheese. These labels are true, but they don't mention the unhealthy stuff. In Tajin they use silicon dioxide to prevent caking.

#### Just remember

Although it's hard to avoid a packet of takis or biting into a oreo, it's important to change your food choice. You should think how that choice will affect your health and should also remember that a little bit, your body can handle, but too much is too much.



If you are interested in downloading Yuka, you should find this icon after typing Yuka









ACHOO! UGH I DON'T FEEL SO GOOD! I THINK I NEED TO GO TO THE DOCTOR .A LITTLE WHILE LATER ... AHH I FEEL MUCH BETTER NOW .DOCTORS ARE SO IMPORTANT . YOU MIGHT BE WONDERING WHY? SO, LET ME EXPLAIN .SAY, IF YOU GET SICK, THEN, YOU COUGH OR GET A STOMACH ACHE SO YOU PROBABLY GO TO THE DOCTOR THEN SHE/HE PROVIDES YOU MEDICINE. YOU TAKE THE MEDICINE FOR A FEW WEEKS AND LET THE DOCTOR KNOW IF YOU FEEL GOOD OR NOT.IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT IF YOU ARE OVER 50 THEN GO TO THE DOCTOR ONCE A YEAR .IF YOU YOUNGER THAN THAT GO TWICE A YEAR.







#### *FACTS*

- . DID YOU KNOW YOUR MOUTH PRODUCES ONE LITRE OF SALIVA?
- 2. LAID END TO END AN ADULT'S BLOOD VESSEL CAN CIRCLE EARTH'S EQUATOR **SEVERAL TIMES!**
- . 3. BODIES GIVE OUT TINY BITS OF LIGHT THAT'S TOO WEAK TO SEE FROM THE EYE.
- 4. INFORMATION GOES ALONG NERVES AT 400 KMPH

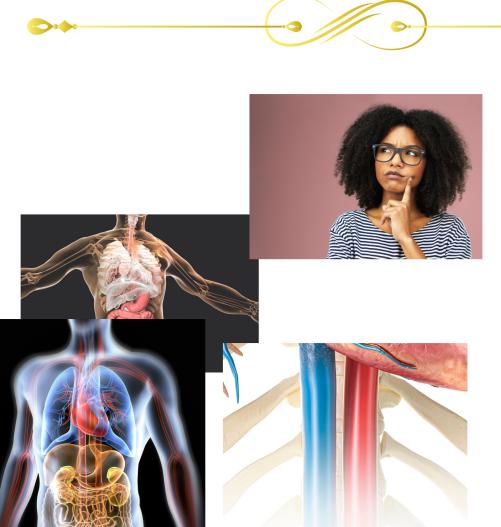
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NOW I WOULD LIKE TO SHOW AND TELL YOU A FEW THINGS ABOUT THE BODY - AS YOU KNOW, THE SKIN CONSISTS OF THE EPIDERMIS AND THE SUBCUTANEOUS TISSUE. THEY ARE LIKE BODY ARMOR EXCEPT THEY PROTECT THE BODY. HAVE YOU NOTICED THE HAIRS ON YOUR BODY? WELL THOSE PROTECT YOUR BODY FROM THEIR GREATEST ENEMY ... THE GERMS! THERE ARE SOME GOOD GERMS AND SOME BAD ONES AND WHEN WE GET SICK THE IMMUNE SYSTEM COMES TO ACTION THE IMMUNE SYSTEM HAS WHITE AND RED BLOOD CELLS. THEY FIGHT FOR THE BODY WHICH IS WHY YOU COUGH, THROW UP, AND ECT. THERE ARE MILLIONS OF THINGS IN YOUR BODY THAT I JUST CANNOT EXPLAIN HOW COMPLICATED IT IS

PEOPLE STILL HAVE NOT FIGURED OUT MUCH ABOUT THE HUMAN BODY YET!







By: Debashree Panda

## **Weird Phobias**

Anatidaephobia - the fear of ducks watching you Anatidaephobia is the fear of ducks watching you. You may not be worried that the duck may come near them, but that the duck might be watching what you do in your day - to - day life.

Phobophobia - the fear of having phobias

Phobophobia is the fear of having phobias, or just the fear of fear itself. Just don't tell them that they have this!

Aibohphobia - the fear of palindromes
Aibohphobia is the unofficial name for the fear of palindromes, words that are spelled the same front and back.
As you may have noticed, the word itself is a palindrome!

Pantophobia - fear of everything (including pants)
Pantophobia is the widespread fear of everything. It is not an official diagnosis, though.

Hippopotomonstr<mark>osesquipp</mark>edaliophobia - the fear of long words

Hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia, also known as sesquipedalophobia, is the fear of long words. Just remember not to ask a person with this phobia if they have it!

Globophobia - the fear of balloons
The most common source of fear is the sound of balloons
popping, but people could still be triggered by their texture or
smell. Generally, a person with globophobia will refuse to go
near a balloon because they are scared that the balloon will
burst.

Turophobia - the fear of cheese

This can be triggered by past disturbing experiences with cheese, but there is no structured cause in its etiology.

Vestiphobia - the fear of clothing
Vestiphobia is an overwhelming fear of clothing, which could restrict a
person's everyday life, such as the fact that they have to dress every
morning.

Omphalophobia - the fear of belly buttons
Since the belly button is a part of the human body, this fear can be slightly disturbing to people, but it could also refer to the fear of other people's belly button, not your own.

Blennophobia - the fear of everything that is slick, gooey, or slippery Blennophobia is the irrational fear of slime, or generally anything that is slimy in substance or texture.

Peladophobia - the fear of bald people
This phobia is surprisingly common, but it can affect people of all ages and both genders.

Pogonophobia - the fear of beards

Pogonophobia is the irrational fear of natural or artificial beards. This can lead to severe anxiety and panic attacks.

Podophobia - the fear of feet

This can be caused by traumatic experiences involving feet, but

Psychotherapy can help a lot of people get over it.

Chaetophobia - fear of hair
Chaetophobia is the rare phobia or fear that causes an irrational,
abnormal, and persistent fear of hair.

## All about Earth

6 cool facts about earth

The first fact about earth is that it is not round. Another fact about earth is that coral reefs are earth's largest living structure. The third fact about earth is that the earth is a billion years old. The fourth fact about earth is that the earth's surface is actually mainly water. The fifth fact about earth is the earth is continually rotating. The last fact about earth is that the earth rotates around the sun.

Earth is very important, we need it . Why earth is important is because it is the only plant in the galaxy to support our life. This is why it is so important to keep earth safe, there are many more interesting facts about earth today, and by the way keep earth safe by cleaning up trash and anything else. extria facts about earth is the fih largest planet. It is one of

close plant to the sun.



By: Tara Oegbola Loriann















- a hook ( it should tell you what size it is. Ex: 1.50 mm, (B/1) 2.25 mm, 2.50 mm)
-a darning needle (depending on what project)

#### Knol

Today we are making a knot! All you have to do is wrap it around your finger. And again pinch in between your finger and thumb take the back Loop. And bring it over the front Loop. And there you have your slip knots!

#### Chain

So now you know how to knot so now you Just like that wrap yarn around the hook. Pull it through the loop yarn around the hook. Pull it through the loop. And if you're just starting off with Crochet. You'll want to do this again. And there you have it ! A Chain!











## **ORIGAMI**



#### AN ANCIENT ART FORM.

#### How to make a paper boat

- Take a rectangle paper
- folded up to down
- make sure that folded piece like this
- fold the top corner to the middle of the rectangle fold bottom part to the upper triangle
- turn it around
- fold both of the tiny triangles to you
- copy steps 5-7 grab the triangle upside down from the corners join the two ends

  - fold the rest
  - fold the bottom corner to the top
  - do the same in the others side
    - stretch the two sides

#### Info about origami

Paper origami was originally practiced by monks who brought paper and the ideas for folding it to Japan from China in the 6th century. Japanese origami was used to decorate temples and shrines. Wealthy people who could afford to buy paper, which was expensive at this time, were able to enjoy origami.



#### When was origami first created?

It was around the sixth and seventh century when origami arose within Japanese culture, with many believing this to be the very first appearance of the artform. Paper and the origami craft in Japan during the sixth and seventh century were seen as luxuries due to its high cost.



#### What is the old name for origami?

#### Orikata

Origami is derived from two Japanese words, Ori (folded) and Kami (paper). The transition from the term orikata to origami came into use in 1880.









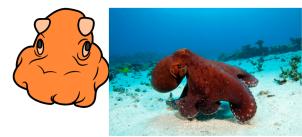


## THE DUMBO OCTOPUS

AFTER DISNEY'S DUMBO THE ELEPHANT CHARACTER, FROM THE EPONYMOUS MOVIE, THAT WAS FAMOUS FOR ITS BIG EARS. UNLIKE MOST OCTOPUSES THE DUMBO OCTOPUS DOESN'T HAVE AN INK SAC BECAUSE IT RARELY ENCOUNTERS PREDATORS IN THE DEEP SEA. THEY LIVE IN THE HARSH **ENVIRONMENT OF THE DEEP** OCEAN FLOOR IN OCEANS ALL OVER THE WORLD. THEY HAVE EIGHT WEBBED TENTACLES. DUMBO OCTOPUSES POUNCE ON PREY AND EAT IN WHOLE. THEIR DIET INCLUDES COPEPODS, ISOPODS, BRISTLE WORMS, AND AMPHIPODS. MUCH OF THE FOOD THEY CONSUME IS ALSO AROUND OCEAN VENT **ECOSYSTEMS OR FLOATING** ALONG IN THE CURRENT.THEY ARE SMALL ANIMALS, ABOUT 8 INCHES TALL, AND HAVE A PAIR OF FINS LOCATED ON THEIR MANTLES. THERE ARE ABOUT 17 SPECIES OF DUMBO **OCTOPUSES** 

THE DUMBO OCTOPUS IS NAMED

THAT BELONG TO A GROUP CALLED
"UMBRELLA OCTOPUS" BECAUSE
THEY ARE ABLE TO FLOAT WITH AN
UMBRELLA-LIKE SHAPE TO THEIR
MANTLE. WHILE THESE SPECIES CAN
"FLUSH" COLOR AS DO MORE
SHALLOW SPECIES, THEIR MOUTH
STRUCTURE IS QUITE DIFFERENT.
DUMBO OCTOPUSES HAVE 3 HEARTS
IN THEIR BODY, ONE PUMPS BLOOD
TO THE BODY AND TWO PUMP
BLOOD TO THE GILLS. WHICH IS
PARTLY A CONSEQUENCE OF
HAVING BLUE BLOOD.
BY: AADHIRA SUBRAMAIAN







## TIMBER RATTLE SNAKES



The Timber Rattlesnake has a lot of predators. Some of these are coyotes, bobcats, skunks, foxes, hawks and owls. And snake eating snakes like the king snakes.indigo snakes and Cotton mouth. Diet Mice, other small mammals(Voles, Shrews, Chipmunks, squirrels)And occasionally birds. Habitat mountains or hilly forests, Hardwood or pinewoods, swamps and river floodplain, lowland cane thickets. And artificial fields. Characteristics a heavy light yellow, gray or greenish -whitebody, with a rust - colored strip along the length of their bac and a black is tipped with rattles. Reproduction mating season is in early spring; only once every two or three years for females.lifespan up to ten years

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Have you ever had a thought of having a pet that is skinny, furry, and just amazing!? Well, count yourself lucky, because I have the perfect pet for you! Meet the ferret, ferrets live in temperate grasslands and are flexible.

#### Diet

Ferrets are obligate carnivores. The natural diet consisted of whole small prey, including meat, bones, skin, feathers, and fur. Ferrets have short digestive systems and a quick metabolism, so they need to eat frequently. Ferret digestive tracts lack a cecum and the animal is largely unable to digest plants. Ferrets eat many things.

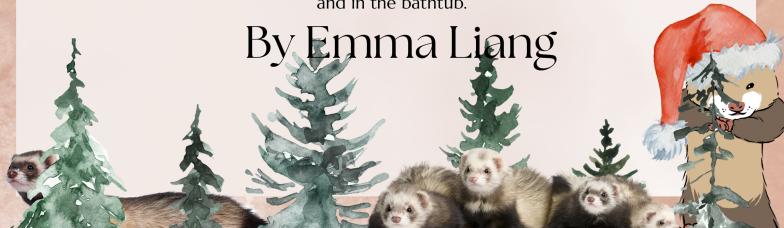
#### Habitat

There is no such thing as a wild ferret. Ferrets have been domesticated for at least 2,500 years. Homes for pet ferrets should be well ventilated, dry, and drought-free. Ferrets thrive in temperatures that are between 50 and 80 degrees Fahrenheit (10 to 27 degrees Celsius)

#### **Fun Facts**

.Ferrets were also used for rodent control and rabbit hunting.
.Ferrets sleep 14-18 hours a day

.Ferrets can swim in saltwater just as well as they can swim in freshwater and in the bathtub.



## Capybaras



## By:Michelle Hu and Claire Qin Description

Did you know that Capybaras can sleep in water? Their scientific name is (Hydrochoerus hydrochaeris) Capybaras are known for their great swimming skills and cuteness. They have heavy barrel shaped bodies with stubby webbed feet. It has reddish or yellowish colored fur. Adults can grow up to 3.48-4.4 feet and weigh 77-146 pouds. Day old pups weigh 2-3 pounds.

#### Capybara Fame

The capybara became famous when Caplin Rous,a capybara became a youtube sensation boosting the animal's online presence. Their chill personality has also been used to make memes. They are just the right amount of cuteness and comical.

#### Lesser Capybaras

The Lesser Capybara is a smaller version of the Capybara. Adults grow up to 3 feet and weigh up to 62 pounds, a big difference between the two species. Just like the Capybara, it is a semi-aquatic animal that is found in South America.

#### Water-lovers

The capybara is an excellent swimmer, this is not rare for rodents but is rare for terrestrial animals. They do this to clean, relax, and to search for aquatic plants, a main part of their diet. These animals swim surprisingly fast, they can swim up to 5 mph but only if they are being ch by a predator

#### Communication

Capybaras communicate with barks, chirps, whistles, huffs, and purrs. A warning bark is their first line of defense, after that the whole group of capybaras bark until the danger passes.





## Ili Pikas

by Sophia Zhou





is sadly enda**hige ited #il**om habitat loss, climate change, and population decrease. There are about 1,000 Ili Pikas left in the wild.

Ili pikas are about 8 inches long, and live at high elevations between 9,200 and 13,450 feet. IUCN lists these animals as vulnerable to extinction. China on the other hand lists these animals as endangered. The Pika is sensitive to changes in its environment, which makes this species decline quickly.

The species was first observed by conservationist Li Weidong in 1983. The animal was not observed again until May 2014 (again by Li). Up to 2015, a total of 29 live sightings were reported. When this species was discovered, it was completely new to the world.

As you can see, Ili Pikas are one of the amazing animals of our world, and I hope you have at least a bit of love for these cute critters.



Ili Pika #2

## Red Foxes



### Little Foxes

Most foxes mate once a year. The female can have up to 14 babies. The young open their eyes after about two weeks and stay in their den for five weeks.

BY: McKenzie
Hitch

## Average Life Span

The red fox can live three-to-five years out of captivity and can live for up to fifteen years in captivity.

## Why Are Red Foxes Red?

The color of a red fox's coat comes from pigments called melanins and are deposited in the hair as it grows.

## **Intresting Dinosaurs**

By Hudson Rader

#### The Insicvosaurus

The Incisvosaurus was a very small dinosaur. it is estimated to be about 2.6 - 3.3 ft.long.



This is Dreadnoughtus



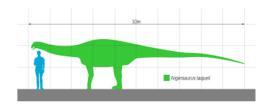
### The Nigersaurus

Its name, Nigersaurus, was named after the country its from, Niger.



## Deinonychus Weight about 100 to 150 pounds

It is closly related to veloceraptor





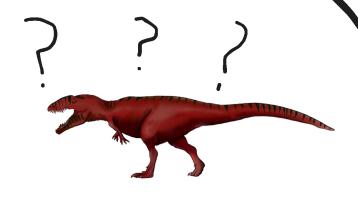
## Gigantosaurus

It was a sauropod.

Not many bones have been found



leaves off of trees it could have grown to 33 feet







Hi, my name is Alizah Bumpus ,and I have a lot of sports I've experienced in my life. Here are all of the sports I've experienced so far in order. Gymnastics, softball, cheerleading, volleyball, and now I'm back in cheer. My team name now is called the Space City Sparks. Our team colors are Purple, Black, and White. These are all my sports facts about me. When I started Gymnastics I was 18 months. I know it might sound impossible but it's true. Soon later, I played softball when I was 4 years old. I was an AMAZING hitter. Three years Later, I discovered that cheerleading was my true calling. I started to think that cheerleading could really become my thing. When cheer season ended I played volleyball. I played volleyball to wait for the next season to start ,and to try something new. Now in 2024 as a cheerleader for Space City Sparks i'm known as a leader and a big supporter.

## TOP AMERICAN FOOTBALL PLAYERS





1. Tom Brady, QB (2000-2022): It's hard to pinpoint when Brady ended the argument as the NFL's greatest player. He firmly entered the conversation after leading the Patriots from behind against Seattle in Super Bowl XLIX. Brady entered "arguably the greatest" territory after he and the Patriots pulled off the greatest comeback in Super Bowl history against Atlanta. His last two titles -- especially his final one with the Buccaneers at age 43 -cemented his legacy as the greatest winner and player the sport has ever seen.



4. Walter Payton, RB (1975-1987): How good was "Sweetness?" So good that there is a legitimate argument to be made regarding whether or not he is the greatest running back in NFL history. He's without question the greatest back since te 1970 merger. Quite possibly the most fearless player of all time, Payton routinely took on eight-man fronts for mediocre Bears teams. When the Bears finally became competitive later in his career, Payton led them to a championship after gaining over 2,000 all-purpose yards for the Super Bowl XX champions. Along with his running prowess, Payton was an exceptional blocker, receiver and overall football player.



2. Jerry Rice, WR (1985-04): Rice belongs on Mount Rushmore regarding the NFL's all-time greatest players. His list of NFL records spans longer than a football field. A three-time Super Bowl champion with the 49ers, Rice caught his record eighth career Super Bowl touchdown with the Raiders at age 40. His career tally of 22,895 receiving yards is over 5,000 yards more than the second-closest wideout, Larry Fitzgerald. In 1987, Rice caught 22 touchdowns -- a record that stood for 20 years -- despite playing in only 12 games.





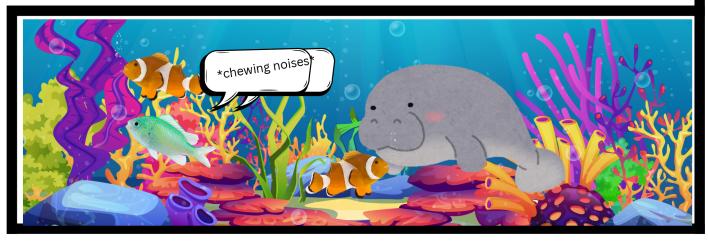
5. Peyton Manning, QB (1998-2015): If Brady is Jack Nicklaus, Manning is Arnold Palmer in this epic QB rivalry. Brady has more titles, but Manning has his own unique legacy that includes a record five league MVPs as well as being the first starting quarterback to win Super Bowls with two different clubs. And like Palmer did with golf, Manning has served as a significant ambassador for the NFL, both during his playing days and in retirement.

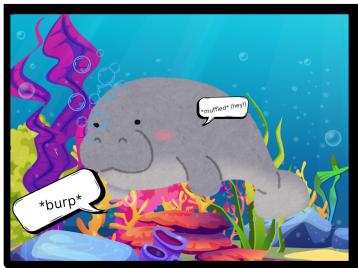


3. Jim Brown, RB (1957-1965): It's hard to quantify how dominant Brown was during his nine seasons with the <u>Cleveland Browns</u>. He is on the short list of athletes who towered over the competition, a list that includes Babe Ruth, Wayne Gretzky, Michael Jordan, Tiger Woods, Wilt Chamberlain, Cheryl Miller, Serena Williams, Jesse Owens and Michael Phelps. Brown led the NFL in rushing eight times and carried the Browns to their last league title in 1964. His career yards-per-game average of 104.3 yards remains the highest of any player in NFL history.











KAYLA ALVES

