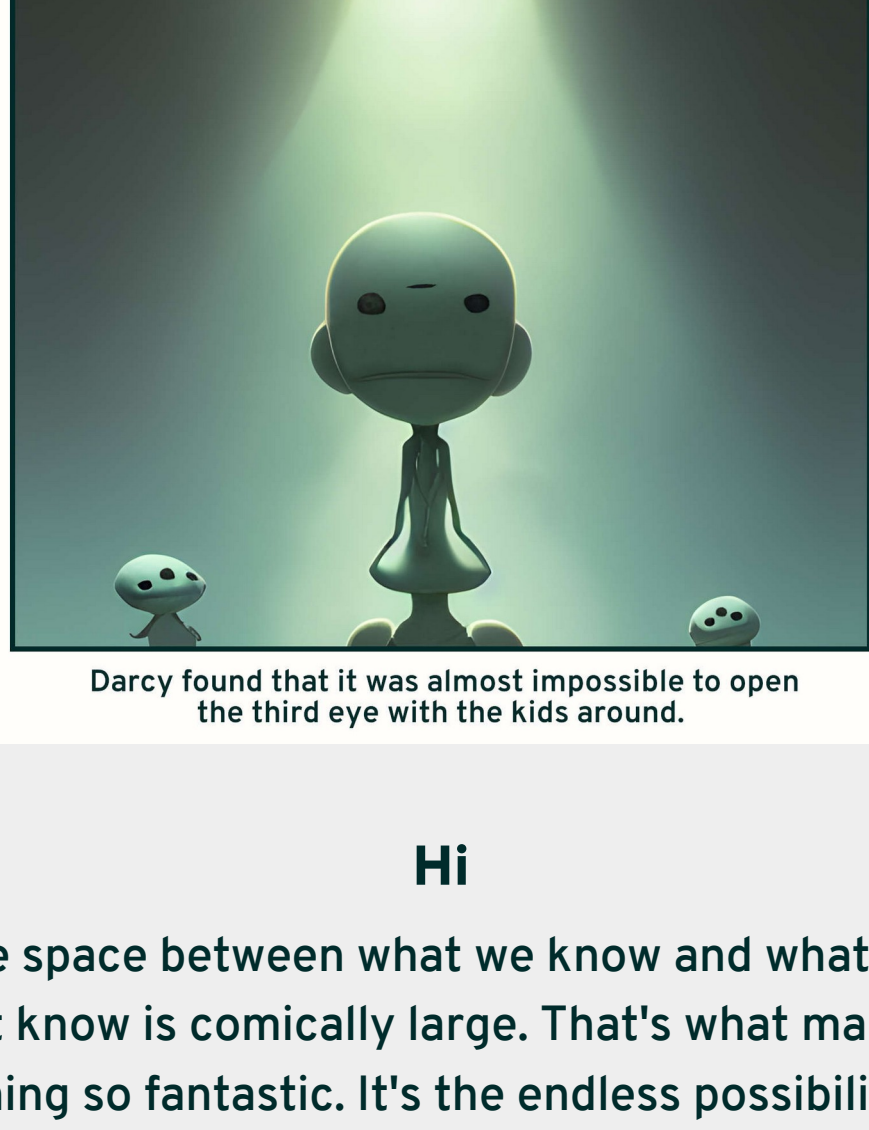


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## The Alien Life



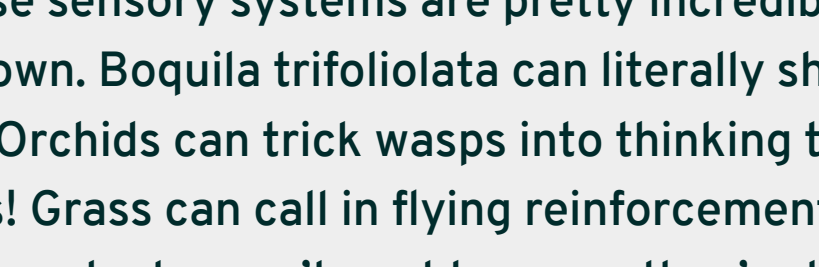
Darcy found that it was almost impossible to open the third eye with the kids around.

## Hi

The space between what we know and what we don't know is comically large. That's what makes learning so fantastic. It's the endless possibilities for seeing, or understanding, something new, that make being alive so magical. If you choose to, you can clap your hands in wonder every day.

Especially as humans, we have so many opportunities to grow in a single life. To add to our existence every day something new. It's amazing how much we know, and even more amazing how much we don't.

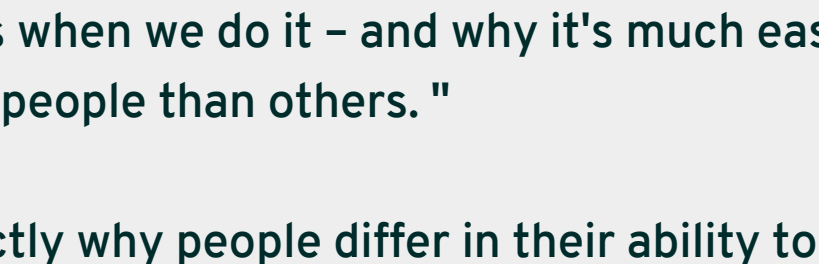
## *It's amazing what these plants do* The mystery of the mimic plant



"Scientists have yet to figure out why, exactly, the vine mimics other plants, ... The more exciting question, however, is how they do it. Plants have no brains or eyes. So how do they sense the shape of leaves around them and then copy it? "

" Those sensory systems are pretty incredible on their own. Boquila trifoliolata can literally shape-shift! Orchids can trick wasps into thinking they're wasps! Grass can call in flying reinforcements! So perhaps plants aren't neat because they're like us, but because they're so different. "

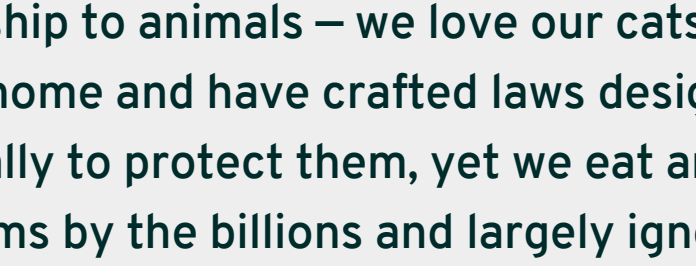
## *This is more common than you realize* Why some people can't tell left from right



" Left-right discrimination is actually quite a complex process, calling upon memory, language, visual and spatial processing, and mental rotation. In fact, researchers are only just beginning to get to the bottom of exactly what's going on in our brains when we do it – and why it's much easier for some people than others. "

" Exactly why people differ in their ability to tell left from right isn't clear, though research suggests that the more asymmetrical someone's body is (in terms of writing hand preference, for example) the easier they find it to tell left and right apart. "If one side of your brain is slightly larger than the other, you tend to have a better right-left discrimination," says Gormely. "

## *A long overdue advance in compassion* Adorable puppies for sale? Not at these pet stores anymore.



" Pets symbolize our morally inconsistent relationship to animals – we love our cats and dogs at home and have crafted laws designed specifically to protect them, yet we eat animals from farms by the billions and largely ignore their mistreatment. But the first puppy mills originated on farms. "

## January 29, 1886 Benz Patent-Motorwagen A Car Is Born

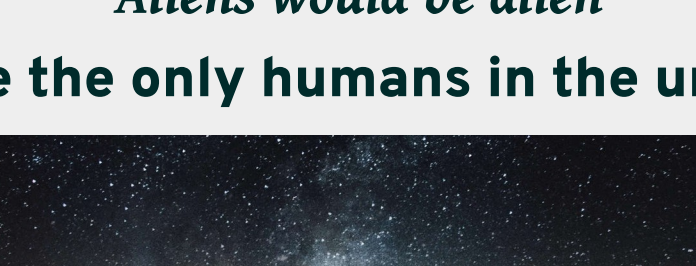


## Wiki Rabbit Hole

" The early 1888 version of the Motorwagen had only two gears and could not climb hills unaided. This limitation was rectified after Bertha Benz made her famous trip driving one of the vehicles a great distance and suggested to her husband the addition of a third gear for climbing hills. In the course of this trip she also invented brake pads. "

## *Myanmar, Liberia, and the United States —* Only countries that don't use metric

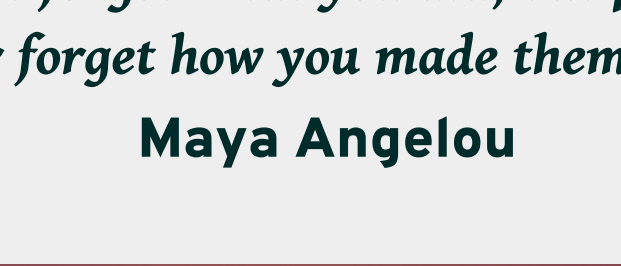
**It's been 230 years since British pirates robbed the US of the metric system**



" There's a certain amount of hypocrisy here – I'm British and we still cling to our pints, miles per hour, and I'm told drug dealers still deal in eighths and 'teenths in the land of my birth. But the American system is bonkers, has cost the country many millions of dollars, an increasing amount of influence, and needs to be changed. "

" What has kept the metric system going is its inherent rationality. Rather than use a hodgepodge of local systems, why not build one based on measurements everyone could agree on configured around the number 10, which neatly matches the number of digits on most people's hands? "

## *Science requires commitment* 6 doctors swallowed Lego heads for science. Here's what came out



" Sure, you can reassure parents one-by-one that they probably don't need to come to the emergency room—or, worse yet, dig through...But Andy and five other pediatricians wondered, is there a way to get this message out ... through science? "

" Button batteries can actually burn through an esophagus in a couple of hours," says Imbler. "So they're very, very dangerous—very different from swallowing a coin or a Lego head. "

## *Aliens would be alien* We are the only humans in the universe



" If the flying spaghetti monster exists, it will exist on only one world. In the same way, we exist on only one world. We are the only humans in this universe. "

" Until it becomes intelligent, life is happy just replicating. With intelligence, it will be unhappy just replicating. This, in a nutshell, is the essence of the human condition. "

" Life is an amazing force. Starting from a carbon-based code and a common genetic ancestor, it can create a staggering diversity of wonders – in this world, and possibly in others. "

***"I've learned that people will forget what you said,  
people will forget what you did,  
but people will never forget how you made them feel."***

**Maya Angelou**



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