

FUN GREEK FACTS

Did You Know?

- The Ancient Athenians were the first humans to develop democracy?
- The Greek Alphabet is the forerunner of the alphabet we use in English today?
- Ancient Greek children slept in wicker baskets until they were seven years old?
- • Greek was the language of education in the Roman Empire?
- Greek food today, with slight variation (such as the addition of the tomato after 1500 AD), is about the same as it has been for over 2000 years?
- Greeks consume more olive oil per capita than any other group of people?
- The length of Greece's coastline is estimated at 9,300 miles; America's coastline is estimated at 11,800 miles. The land area of Greece is slightly smaller than Alabama?
- The yo-yo is the second oldest known toy in the world (only the doll is older), and was born over 3,000 years ago in the days of ancient Greece?
- Greek is one of the few European languages where the word NO does not have any sort of “N” sound?
- If a word has a “ph” in it, it is probably Greek?