Interesting Facts to Consider

Thanks to *The Little Book of Answers* by Doug Lennox, you can learn these interesting facts. Learning something new every day helps to increase your IQ. Here are some fun facts that you may not know… yet.

Is Mount Everest the world's tallest mountain?

Mount Everest may be the world's highest mountain, but it's not the tallest. Hawaii's Mauna Kea is four thousand feet taller, but its huge base is submerges, which means Mount Everest rises higher above sea level. Actually, satellite measurements indicate that the Himalayan peak K2, at 29,030 feet, is two feet higher than Everest, but snow and erosion make precise measurements difficult to attain.

Was there ever a planet named Vulcan, as in the *Star Trek* series?

In 1845, scientists believed that the only explanation for Mercury's confusing and erratic orbit of the sun would be the presence of gravitational pull from an unseen nearby planet, which they named "Vulcan." Eventually Albert Einstein, through his theory of relativity, explained Mercury's behavior, thus eliminating the hypothetical planet Vulcan- until it was resurrected by Gene Roddenberry in *Star Trek*.

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