

PLANET EARTH: FUN FACTS by Gail Skroback Hennessey

Did You Know?

- 1. It takes about 500 years for plastic to decompose.
- 2. The Ring of Fire located in the Pacific Ocean is the largest zone of active volcanoes. 75% of the world's volcanoes are here!
- 3. There is enough salt in the oceans that if you could collect all of it and spread it, it would cover all the continents in 5 ft. (1.5m) of salt.
- 4. Scientists say the earth travels at 66,700 mph through space or 18.5 miles per second!
- 5. The name Earth is the only planet named for an Angle Saxon word(erda) and not from Greek or Roman mythology.
- 6. In 1961, the first man in space, Russian Yuri Gagarin, was the first to call Earth, "the Blue Planet".