

FirstNews Top Trumps Fact File



We've created a fact file for all the people we're asking you to vote on for our Top Trumps! If you're not sure who someone on the list is, you can find a little bit of information about the impressive things they've done here. Of course, this is only a snippet of the incredible lives all these people have lead, so if you want to find out more don't be afraid to conduct your own research!

SPORT



Usain Bolt	is a Jamaican sprinter, often dubbed the fastest man in the world! He is the first man in Olympic history to win both the 100 metre and 200 metre races.
Muhammad Ali	was an American professional boxer, activist, and philanthropist. He remains the only three-time lineal heavyweight champion.
Serena Williams	is an American professional tennis player. The Women's Tennis Association ranked her world No. 1 in singles on eight separate occasions.
David Weir	is a British Paralympic wheelchair athlete. He has won a total of six gold medals at the 2008 and 2012 Paralympic Games, and has won the London Marathon on eight occasions.



SCIENCE



Marie Curie	was a chemist who conducted pioneering research on radioactivity. She was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize and is the first person, and only woman, to win twice!
Stephen Hawking	was a theoretical physicist, cosmologist, and author. He was particularly interested in time and wrote an international bestseller called A Brief History of Time, talking about everything from the Big Bang to black holes.
Alexander Fleming	was a Scottish physician, microbiologist, and pharmacologist famous for helping to discover penicillin. Penicillin is an antibiotic which has helped to save many people's lives.
Albert Einstein	was a German-born theoretical physicist who developed the theory of relativity and the equation $E=MC^2$.
Sir Isaac Newton	was an English mathematician, astronomer, theologian, author and physicist. He is famous for discovering the laws of gravity.



TECHNOLOGY



Tim Berners-Lee	is an English engineer and computer scientist, best known as the inventor of the World Wide Web.
Ada Lovelace	was an English mathematician and writer, who is considered the first ever computer programmer.
Mark Zuckerberg	is a technology entrepreneur who invented the social-network website 'Facebook', which has now made him a billionaire.
Bill Gates	is an entrepreneur and businessman, who co-founded the technology company Microsoft. He is one of the richest men in the world!
Steve Jobs	was a designer and entrepreneur, who co-founded Apple. He is responsible for introducing iPads and iPhones to the world. Steve also helped to launch Pixar Animation Studios.





LITERATURE

William Shakespeare	was an English poet, playwright and actor, widely regarded as the greatest writer in the English language. His works include Romeo and Juliet, Macbeth and Hamlet.
JK Rowling	is a British novelist, philanthropist, film and television producer and screenwriter best known for writing the Harry Potter fantasy series. The books have won multiple awards and have inspired theme parks and stage shows.
Jane Austen	was an English novelist known primarily for her novels including Sense and Sensibility and Pride and Prejudice.



ART



Frida Khalo	was a Mexican artist who painted many portraits, self-portraits, and works inspired by the nature and artifacts of Mexico.
Picasso	is widely considered one of the greatest painters of all time. He is sometimes credited with the inventions of the parachute, helicopter and tank.
Leonardo Da Vinci	is a Spanish painter, sculptor, printmaker, ceramicist and stage designer. He helped to co-found the Cubist movement – an early 20th-century style and movement in art.



ENTERTAINMENT

Walt Disney	was an American motion-picture and television producer, who pioneered cartoon films and created Disneyland!
Simon Cowell	is an English reality television judge and producer. He has famously judged The X Factor, Britain's Got Talent, American Idol and America's Got Talent.
Beyonce	is an award-winning singer and songwriter, who shot to fame in the girl group Destiny's Child. She's now one of the most famous, and highest-earning, singers in the world.



ANIMALS



Sir David Attenborough	is an English broadcaster and naturalist. He is best known for writing and presenting Blue Planet.
Jane Goodall	is a British anthropologist and primatologist, who is famous for her work with chimpanzees. She's helped to raise awareness about the plight of both wild and captive chimpanzees.



WORLD LEADERS



Barack Obama	is an American politician who served as the 44th President of the United States between 2009 and 2017. He was the first African American to serve in the office.
Margaret Thatcher	was a British stateswoman who served as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom from 1979 to 1990 and Leader of the Conservative Party from 1975 to 1990. She was the longest-serving British prime minister of the 20th century and the first woman.
Winston Churchill	was a British politician, army officer, and writer, who was Prime Minister of the United Kingdom from 1940 to 1945 and again from 1951 to 1955. As Prime Minister, Churchill led Britain to victory in the Second World War.
The Queen	is known as Queen Elizabeth II and is a figurehead for the UK and the Commonwealth. She is the longest reigning monarch in British history.



CIVIL RIGHTS

Emmeline Pankhurst	was a British political activist and leader of the British suffragette movement who helped women win the right to vote.
Nelson Mandela	was a South African anti-apartheid revolutionary, political leader, and philanthropist, who served as President of South Africa from 1994 to 1999. He was the country's first black head of state and the first elected in a fully representative democratic election.
Rosa Parks	was an activist in the civil rights movement and is best known for her role in the Montgomery Bus Boycott. The United States Congress has called her "the first lady of civil rights" and "the mother of the freedom movement".
Martin Luther King jr	an important figure in the American civil rights movement, who campaigned for equal rights for all. He made the iconic 'I have a dream' speech.
Malala Yousefzai	a political activist, campaigning for education for all girls across the world. She won the Nobel Peace Prize when she was just 17 years old.
Chai Ling	is a Chinese psychologist who was one of the student leaders in the Tiananmen Square protests of 1989. The students were protesting for democracy (when everyone gets a say, rather than just a few individuals).
Mahatma Ghandi	was an Indian activist who was the leader of the Indian independence movement against British rule. Gandhi led India to independence and inspired movements for civil rights and freedom across the world.



EXPLORATION



Amelia Earhart	was an American aviation pioneer and author. She was the first female aviator to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean and set many records.
Neil Armstrong	was an American astronaut and aeronautical engineer who was the first person to walk on the Moon. He was also a naval aviator, test
Valentina Tereshkova	is a cosmonaut who became the first woman to travel into space aboard Vostok 6.
Junko Tabei	was a Japanese mountaineer. She was the first woman to reach the summit of Mount Everest, and the first woman to ascend all Seven