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## Hairy Stories

The ancient Egyptians loved long locks fixed in fancy styles. But the Egyptian climate made long hair not only hot, but also a happy home for bugs. That's why the Egyptians favoured cropped hair and shaved heads and added on hair extensions or dyed wigs.



Human hair is used as additive to some foods. An amino acid called L-cysteine can be made from human hair and is added to foods like pizza dough and some kinds of snacks. The hair mostly comes from China and is processed in chemical plants to convert it to a powder. It will be listed on the ingredients label as "natural flavouring".



The colour of your hair influences how many hairs you have on your head. If you are a redhead, you have about 80.000 hairs. Brunettes have around 100.000 hairs, and blonds have about 120.000 hairs. Blond hair tends to be thinner than darker varieties.



There is no such thing as grey hair. When melanin stops producing colour in hair, the hair becomes white. What you think is grey hair is white hair alongside hair that still has colour.

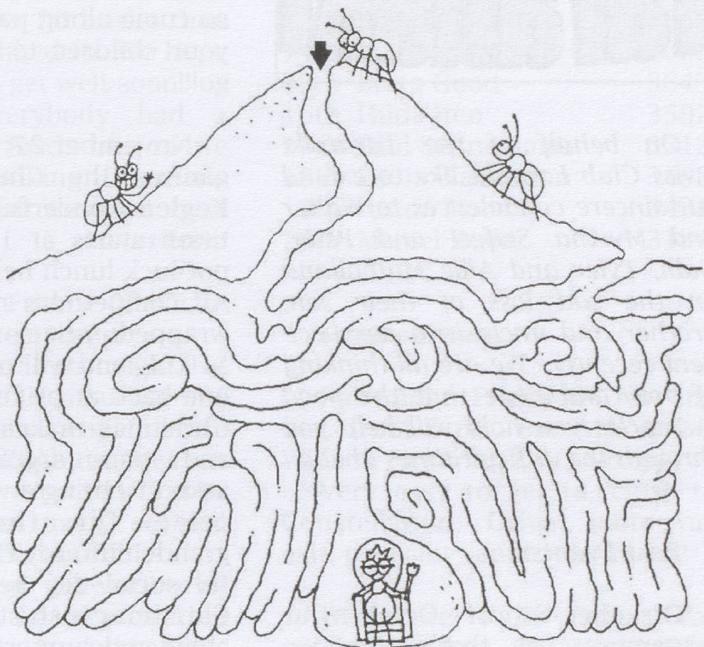


In the 1770s, wealthy women in Europe wore their hair built up over wire cages and powdered with starch to make it stand up to almost 1 m high. They decorated these hairdos with feathers and ribbons and the occasional ornamental bird. These styles took hours to create, so they were left undisturbed for several weeks. Sometimes bugs moved into those beehives.



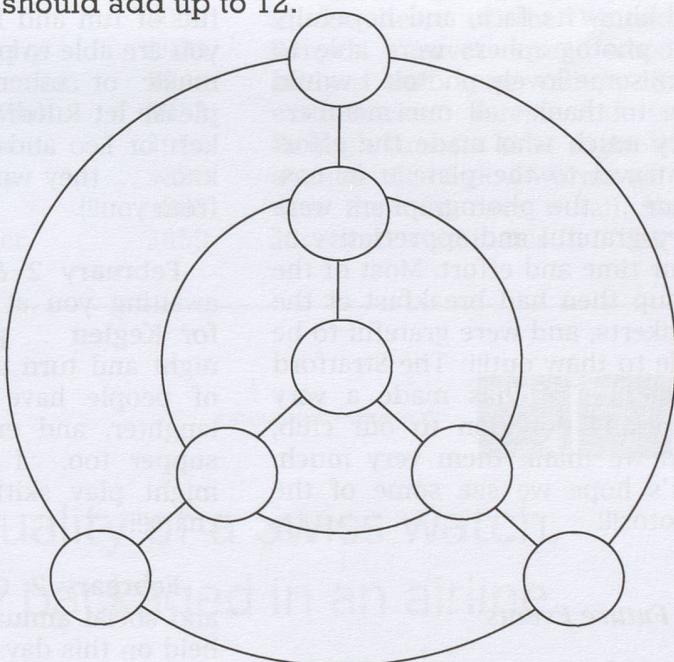
Archaeologists have found head lice dried on mummies' heads, which means the insects have survived thousands of years of human attempts to get rid of them.

## Anthill Maze



## Mathematical Puzzle

Fill in the numbers 1 to 7, using each number once. Each circle and each straight line should add up to 12.



## Joke

What room has no walls, no doors, no windows and no floors?

- *The mushroom.*