

The freshest finds for clever minds!!!

Hey there, Smart Scoopers!

Welcome back to SmartScoop — where curious minds like yours get the coolest stories, fun facts, and world news, all served up in snack-sized bites.

We've picked 5 fresh scoops that got people buzzing this week. Let's dig in!

World Watch

Greta Thunberg set sail on a bold mission — but was stopped in international waters. What happened, and why? We dive into the story and the big hopes behind the voyage.

Science

A purr-fect mystery on orange cats. Why are most of them male? Let's untangle this furry genetic mystery!

Spotlight

On June 8, humans everywhere gave the ocean a big salty hug for World Ocean Day — because without it, where else would our fish, pirates, and lost sunglasses go?

Technology

The truth about those sneaky, not-so-sweet internet cookies. We uncover what these crumbly little data gobblers really do!

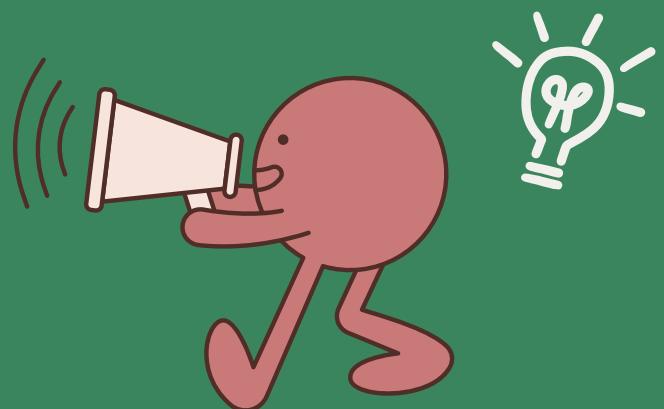
Sport

French Open 2025 served up drama, smashes, and surprise comebacks hotter than a clay court in July! We've got the best moments, biggest wins, and a bonus throwback to a legendary match that still makes tennis balls tremble.

Our mascot, Blurt will follow us along the way.

Blurt /blurt/
noun:

A loud, round, super-curious character who just can't keep a fact in.



Freedom Flotilla

Tiny Cargo, Giant Message



Greta Thunberg

What's the story?

On June 1st, a boat named **Madleen** sailed from Italy to bring help to Gaza, where people don't have enough food or medicine.

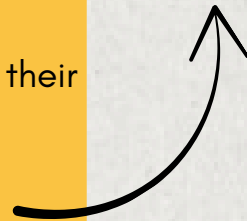
On board? 12 peace activists, including famous climate warrior

Greta Thunberg!

They weren't carrying much — just rice and baby formula — but their message was powerful:

"The world needs to look at what's happening in Gaza."

But the boat never made it.



Yacht Madleen intercepted on journey to Gaza



What stopped them?

The Israeli Navy stopped the boat and took it to a port called **Ashdod**.

Why?

Israel says it could be unsafe — Gaza is controlled by a group called Hamas, which has attacked Israel in the past. They want to stop weapons from getting in by sea.

Why is aid so hard to deliver?

Because of this **blockade** — a rule that controls what can go in and out of Gaza. Israel says it's needed for safety. But the United Nations and others say it's too strict, and it's making life horrible for ordinary people. People are stuck between starving slowly or risking danger to find food.



What happened on the boat?

Before losing contact, the activists shared a video saying:

"If you see this, we've been intercepted and kidnapped."

The activist group behind the trip — **Freedom Flotilla Coalition** — says the mission was peaceful and important. They believe people need to see what's going on in Gaza.

Follow this super cool
[Live tracker : freedomflotilla.org](https://freedomflotilla.org)
for more updates on this brave
team. This is a developing scoop!

Blurt just told us it was **World Ocean Day** on June 8. Sea-riously!

But get this, there is a difference between oceans and seas.

Oceans are huge! In fact, they cover more than 70% of Earth – that's like most of the planet being underwater!



The Fab Five Oceans

Seas are like the oceans' little cousins. Oceans have around 50 cousins – Gasp! They're smaller, often shallower, and usually part of an ocean, but surrounded more by land.

If the ocean is a massive pool, the sea is like the smaller splash zone near the edge!



The Indian Ocean is massive. The Red Sea is a smaller sea that connects to it.

Oceans are in serious threat from pollution and climate change. To find solutions, world leaders and scientists met in Nice, France on 09 Jun 2025 at the **UN Ocean Conference**.

Is the **Red Sea** actually red? ●
Not really (Phew!). The Red Sea got its name because sometimes, the water looks reddish-brown. This happens when there are lots of tiny algae floating around...or it could also be because of the nearby red mountains.

And is The **Dead Sea** ... "dead"? 😞
Sort of. It's the ultimate salty party that fish and plants say, "No thanks, I'll pass!". Nothing can live there, so it's basically the loneliest sea around.

Did you know? There's a **Yellow Sea** too! ●
It's all the muddy silt from giant Chinese rivers that pour into it – turning the water a yellowy colour!

Don't forget the **White Sea**! ●
It's often covered in ice and snow, making it look white. It's way up in the north of Russia, near the Arctic Circle, where it's freezing cold!

Fur Real? Why Orange Cats Are Mostly Boys.

Great science starts with a "Hmm, that's odd..."

Lots of people — from scientists to pet owners — began noticing:

"Hey, most orange cats I meet are boys!"

So researchers started collecting actual data. They looked at cat shelters, vet records, and cat owner reports.

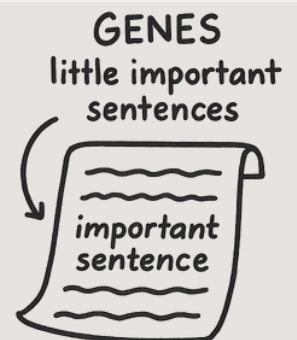
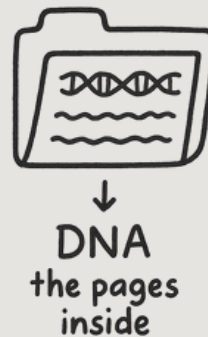
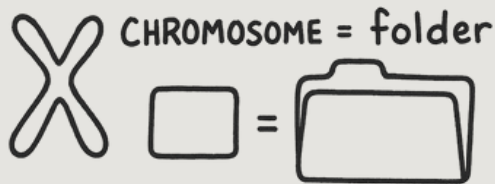
They found



80% of ginger cats are boys!!

Before we become brainier than Einstein on a sugar rush, let's clear up some basics: What's **Chromosome**? What's a **DNA**? And what's going on with **Gene** ?!

Blurt explains !



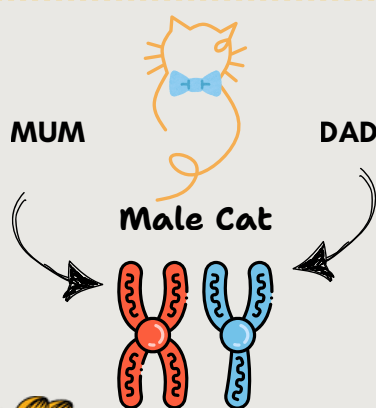
Now let's get back to our cat story, shall we?



Scientists made a fascinating discovery: it is a **mutation** in the X chromosome that boosts the **ARHGAP36** gene (nope, not Blurt's Wi-Fi password), turning up the orange in cat fur!

Boys have 1 X and 1 Y chromosome each - **XY**

Girls have 2 X chromosomes - **XX**



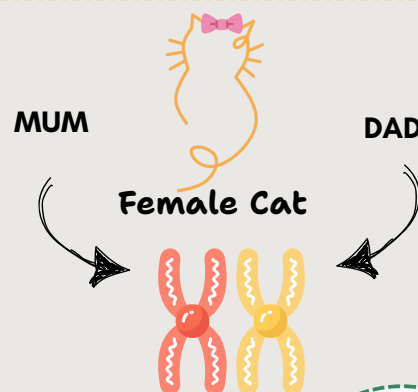
Boys only need **1** orange gene on their X to be orange.



That's why even the comic world's favourite orange cat is a boy...



Ginger



Girls need **2** orange genes (one on **each** X) to be fully orange — which is much rarer.

When **mutation** hits just one X chromosome... Boom! You don't get a glitch—you get fashion icons



Calico



Tortoiseshell

mutation: a typo or a change in a living thing's DNA



Attention, please: Not all Cookies are Edible

Cookies used to just live in jars.

Now they pop up on websites when you're just trying to watch a funny video.

A pesky little pop-up appears:

"This site uses cookies. Accept?"

Without a second thought, you click "Accept"...want to know what happens?

What are (computer) cookies?

When you visit a website, it can leave a little "cookie" on your device. Not the chocolate kind — it's more like a sticky note that says:

"This person likes dark mode."

"They added shoes to their cart."

"They logged in already."



Session Cookies

Poof! Gone when you close your browser



Persistent Cookies

Stick around, even next week



First-Party Cookies

From the site you're on



Third-Party Cookies

These are sneaky; from other websites, like ads following you around.

Sure, some cookies just help websites remember your name or keep your shopping cart full. But others? They're more like sneaky little spies in crumbly disguises. Imagine a cookie wearing a trench coat, following you from site to site, jotting down your every move: "Ah yes, they watched 12 cat videos in a row. Fascinating..."

To stop the cookie snooping, here's what you can do:

Don't click "Accept all" like it's free candy — read before you feed.
Switch to "private" or "incognito" mode when you want to go undercover.
Clear out your cookie jar (aka browser settings) now and then for a fresh start.

Because not every cookie deserves a place on your digital plate.



French Open 2025: The Last Serve-ing

Carlos Alcaraz: GOAT Loading ...

Hi, I'm **Carlos Alcaraz**. I just won the 2025 French Open Men's single!

Phew ! It took me **5 hours and 29 minutes...** the longest final match in French Open history!

At one point, I couldn't tell if it was tennis or a marathon... **but I kept going**—even when my legs handed in their resignation!



Coco Gauff: Championship unlocked !

Three years ago, I lost the final right here... I was so destroyed !

I had a ton of self-doubt...to overcome I wrote in my diary: **"I am French Open Champion 2025 – calling it now!"**

Self-doubt talks a big game, but my backhand talks louder. Believe in yourself – if I can smash it to win the **2025 French Open women's singles**, so can you!



Australian Open 2012 Finals Longest Match Ever: 5hr 53 minutes

Djokovic and Nadal battled for a jaw-dropping 5 hours and 53 minutes. More like a full Netflix season than a match!

After an epic rally, **Novak** clinched the win — then ripped his shirt like he was auditioning for a rock band. Both looked like they'd just wrestled time... and barely made it out alive

Their legs trembled during the ceremony, the organisers brought out chairs. **Wobbly legs but victory was sweet**



Blurt's Geo-giggle of the week



Greenland is mostly ice, and Iceland is mostly green — go figure!

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