





# Gold Mine Trivia!

Amaze your parents and your friends with these awesome facts about gold!


 Lumps of gold are called nuggets. One of the largest nuggets ever found weighed 156 pounds, as heavy as a medium-size man. This huge nugget was found in Australia in 1869 when a wagon ran over it, and pulled it from the earth. The nugget was named the Welcome Stranger.


 The biggest gold nugget found in California weighed 54 pounds. A 195-pound mass (not a true nugget) was also found in California.


 Gold does not tarnish, or lose its shine. Acids and most other chemicals do not harm gold. Seawater does not harm gold. (Good news for pirates!)

 Gold is one of the heaviest metals. It is heavier than sand and stones. That's why it washes to the bottom of the pan when someone is panning for gold.

 The chemical symbol for gold is Au, from Aurora, the Roman goddess of the dawn.

 The last Olympic medals made entirely from gold were awarded in 1912.

 The purity of gold is measured in karats. Karats are not the same as carats, which is how the weight of gemstones is measured. And karats are not the same as carrots, the yummy orange vegetable.

 One karat is the same as  $1/24$  pure gold. This is why pure gold is known as 24 karat gold.

