10 Strange Facts About Einstein

1. Einstein Was a Fat Baby with Large Head

When Albert’s mother, Pauline Einstein, gave birth to him, she thought that Einstein's head was so big and misshapen that he was deformed.

2. Einstein Had Speech Difficultly as a Child

As a child, Einstein seldom spoke. When he did, he spoke very slowly until he was nine years old. Einstein’s parents were fearful that he was retarded - of course, their fear was completely unfounded!

3. Einstein was Inspired by a Compass

When a tradesman gave birth to the genius he was deformed - which showed him a simple pocket compass. What interested young Einstein that he was retarded - of course, of course, their fear was completely unfounded!

4. Einstein Failed his University Entrance Exam

In 1905, at the age of 17, Albert Einstein applied for early admittance into the Swiss Federal Polytechnical School (École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL)). He passed the math and science sections of the entrance exam, but failed the history, languages, geography, etc. Einstein had to go to a trade school before he retook the exam and was finally admitted to ETH a year later.

5. Einstein had an Illegitimate Child

In the 1980s, Einstein’s private letters revealed something new about the genius he had an illegitimate daughter with a fellow student Mileva Marić (whom Einstein later married). In a letter from Einstein to Mileva from September 19, 1905, Lise was mentioned for the last time. After that nobody knows anything about Lise Einstein-Marić. Source:

6. Einstein Became Estranged From His First Wife, then Proposed a Strange “Contract”

After Einstein and Mileva married, they had two sons: Hans Albert and Eduard. Einstein's academic successes and world travel, however, came at a price – he became estranged from his wife. For a while, the couple tried to work out their problems - Einstein even proposed a strange "contract." He passed the math and science sections of the entrance exam, but failed the history, languages, geography, etc.

7. Einstein Didn’t Get Along with His Oldest Son

After the divorce, Einstein’s relationship with his oldest son, Hans Albert, turned rocky. Hans blamed his father for leaving Mileva, and later banned the somberly married couple from his home. He was still estranged from his wife until the late 1930s. After that nobody knows anything about Lise Einstein-Marić. Source:

8. Einstein's Brain

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9. Einstein, the War Pacifist, Urged FDR to Build the Atom Bomb

Re-creation of Einstein and Szilárd signing the famous letter to President Franklin Roosevelt in 1939. (Image credit: Wikipedia)

In 1935, Albert Einstein and Leó Szilárd signed a letter to President Franklin Delano Roosevelt warning that Nazi Germany might be conducting research into developing an atomic bomb and urging the United States to develop its own. Einstein and Szilárd’s letter was often cited as one of the reasons Roosevelt started the Manhattan Project, which was responsible for developing the atom bomb.

10. The Saga of Einstein's Brain

After Einstein’s death in 1955, his brain was removed without permission from his family - by Thomas Stoltz Harvey (a former student of a pathologist). Harvey took the brain home and kept it in a jar. He was later fired from his job for refusing to relinquish the organ.

Many years later, Harvey, who by then had gotten permission from Hans Albert to study Einstein’s brain, sent slices of Einstein’s brain to various scientists throughout the world. One of these scientists was Marian Diamond of U.C. Berkeley, who discovered that compared to a normal brain, Einstein's brain had significantly more glial cells in the region of the brain that is responsible for synthesizing information.

In a scene reminiscent of the movie Marathon Man, he then forced open her mouth and removed the $520 worth of dental work which the woman's insurance company had refused to pay.

According to police, the dentist knocked on the door of the 55-year-old woman on Monday evening and without saying a word forced her into her living room and tied her hands.

The dentist from the Bavarian town of Neu-Ulm is now under investigation for assault and theft after arriving at the woman’s home with his medical instruments to perform the unwanted surgery.

"The dentist is being investigated for assault for the way he forced open her mouth, and theft for taking the bridges," said Christian Owsinski a police spokesman.

"The woman was in pain when she showed up at the police station," Mr Owsinski said the dentist, who has not been named, had not been arrested.

If convicted he could face discipline from both the health insurance company and the dental association that could jeopardise his practice.