

Fun facts about Disney (Mickey Mouse's Origin and evolution)

1. Did you know why Mickey Mouse, a cartoon character, was created by Walt Disney?

The first animated illustration cartoon created by Walt Disney was [Oswald the Lucky Rabbit](#) by [Universal Pictures](#). [Charles Mintz](#) was the producer of Oswald the Lucky Rabbit. This short film was released on 4 March 1927. As there was a dispute between Walt Disney and Universal Pictures, Walt Disney broke a partnership with Universal Pictures. In 1928, Walt Disney and [Ub Iwerks](#) together created Mickey Mouse, who became a world-famous cartoon character. Walt Disney was inspired by [Charlie Chaplin](#). This inspiration led to the creation of the Mickey Mouse cartoon character.

2. Do you know that Mickey Mouse's design underwent considerable changes after his first appearance?

[Mickey Mouse](#) has changed considerably from its original design. Initially, Mickey's eyes were illustrated as blackened ovals. These eyes moved onto his face for expression. In [Carnival Kid](#), Mickey Mouse's eyes were drawn as 'pie eyes' to produce the illusion of light reflection. Fred Moore is the man who remodeled eyes. Fred Moore joined pupils to an earlier model of Mickey Mouse's eye to enhance expression.

3. Do you know the original name of Mickey?

Actually, Walt Disney gave the name Mortimer Mouse to his new live cartoon character. The name Mickey was given to him by [Lillian Disney](#), wife of Walt Disney.

4. Did you know that Steamboat Willie is not the first short of Mickey?

On 15 May 1928, Mickey's short [Plane Crazy](#) was screened. He is without his trademark shoe in the short film. In this short, he is depicted as a rash and arrogant character. The [Gallop in' Gaucho](#) was the second short of Mickey Mouse. It was screened on 7 August 1928. In this short, he is depicted as a brave and fearless character. For the first time, Mickey Mouse appeared in his trademark shoes in Gallop in' Gaucho. Plane Crazy and Gallop in' Gaucho were silent short films.

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