

## Fun and interesting facts (Historical use of parachutes)

### 1. How to keep a parachute?

A nylon or a cotton pack is used into which the [parachute](#) is folded.

### 2. Did you know about the parts of a parachute?

A strong and flexible cable is used, known as a ripcord, to open a parachute. It is helpful for opening a pack of parachutes. The most important part of the parachute is called the canopy. It should be strong enough. There are about 28 triangular-shaped panels in the canopy. The panels are divided into smaller sections. These small sections are sewn together so that if there is damage to the parachute, it will be limited to only that section. Shrouds, the suspension lines of the parachute, are connected to the canopy and then to the harness.

### 3. Did you know who performed the demonstration of the parachute first?

The first demonstration of the parachute was done by Frenchman [Louis-Sébastien Lenormand](#). In 1783, Frenchman Louis-Sébastien Lenormand used a modified umbrella for his demonstration, and he jumped from a tree.

### 4. Did you know the name of the person who used the parachute consistently?

[André-Jacques Garnerin](#) was one who consistently utilized parachutes. He did a demonstration of parachute jumping in England in 1802.

### 5. Did you know the name of the first U.S. Army captain who was the first to jump from an airplane with the help of a parachute?

In 1912, United States Army captain [Albert Berry](#) jumped from an airplane with a parachute.

### 6. Did you know who was the first woman to jump from an airplane in a parachute?

[Georgia Broadwick](#) became the first woman to jump from an aircraft with the help of a parachute on June 21, 1913, in Los Angeles, California.

### 7. Did you know about the parachute riggers?

[Parachute riggers](#) are well-trained professionals who have a duty to fold and pack parachutes properly. They also play a role in repairing the parachute when it gets damaged.

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