

10 FACTS

Malaria



1. Malaria is caused by a parasite transmitted by mosquitoes
2. In 2010, more than 200 million people were infected and 655,000 died from malaria
3. In 2010, singer Cheryl Cole got Malaria whilst on Holiday in Africa
4. Changes in global climate will affect the range of the disease
5. In 1974, Malaria was officially eliminated from Greece, but the disease returned in 2012
6. China and East Asia provide 90% of the raw material for artemisinin, the current most effective anti-malarial drug
7. Birds, monkey and rodents were used to study the parasite and develop key medications, making malaria preventable and curable
8. Malaria parasites have developed a resistance to some drugs
9. Researchers are still looking for new anti-malaria drugs
10. No effective vaccine currently exists