

Guess How Many - Answers

Rhinos – 5,630

Source <https://www.helpingrhinos.org/5-species-of-rhino/>

I looked up several websites for this, but this one gave the most accurate figure.

Black rhinos exist in just a few countries in Africa: South Africa, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Tanzania and Kenya. They are threatened with extinction because they have been hunted for their horns and poachers still hunt them today.

Cathedrals – 89

Source https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lists_of_cathedrals_in_the_United_Kingdom

When you type “How many Cathedrals in the UK” into Google, a box pops up saying there are 42. However, if you read carefully you discover there are 42 Anglican cathedrals in England. So, it doesn’t include Catholic cathedrals or those of other denominations. And it doesn’t include those in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland! The source above links to a separate list for each of these nations. I had to add them all up to get the answer!

Watermills – 346

Source https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_watermills_in_the_United_Kingdom

This website lists all the surviving watermills in the UK. Watermills were built up until the time steam power was invented (around 1750). Which means they are mostly around 150 years old! Many have been turned into private homes or offices or restaurants, so it must be hard to make sure every single one has been counted!

Spitfires – 213

Source https://military.wikia.org/wiki/List_of_surviving_Supermarine_Spitfires

I tried one website and it had a total of 152 listed. The website above had 213. I would believe the larger number as it is easier to miss some that exist rather than count ones that don’t exist!

It is estimated that over 22,000 Spitfires were built during World War 2. So only a small number survive (1%). What happened to all the others? I guess many of them still exist, lost in the sea or forests or bogs. Of the ones that are known about only 62 can be flown. 103 are on display in museums around the world and 48 are in storage.

Van Gogh Paintings – 866

Source https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_works_by_Vincent_van_Gogh

This website provides an accurate list of paintings by Van Gogh. This is probably the most accurate count out of all 5 questions on this challenge. How do I know that? Because we take most care of the things that are most valuable! In 1989 one of his paintings sold for \$124 million and in 1981, \$121 million – that is why people are keen to make sure they always know where his paintings are and not lose any!