

# Palindrome Fun Facts!

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In the movie *HOLE*, the lead character's name (Stanley Yelnats) is a **PALINDROME** [a word that reads the same way when spelled forwards and backwards].

Palindromes can be words, places, sentences, names, numbers, sounds, and even music (Joseph Haydn's Symphony No. 47 in G is nicknamed "the Palindrome" because the second half of the piece is the same as the first but backwards).

Two entire novels have been written entirely in palindrome:

*Satire: Veritas* by David Stephens (58,795 letters)

*Dr Awkward & Olson in Oslo* by Lawrence Levine (31,954 words)

"**Tattarrattat**" is the longest palindrome in the dictionary - meaning the sound made when knocking on a door.

In the Netherlands, "**koortsmeetsysteemstrook**" is a type of fever measurement. Good luck pronouncing it!

**Robert Trebor** is an actor who actually changed his name to make it a palindrome. He later acted in *Xena: The Warrior Princess*, so I guess that was a good move for him!

**Aibohphobia** is an irrational fear of palindromes.

One of the most famous palindromes is: "**A man, a plan, a canal—Panama**" which references the building of the Panama Canal. It was first published in the November 13, 1948 issue of the British journal *Notes and Queries*.

There are also a ton of towns all over the world that are palindromes, and they sound absolutely amazing. They range from the very short, like "**Ee**" in the Netherlands, to the very long, like **Nerren Nerren** in Western Australia. There's also **Wassamassaw**, South Carolina, **Anahanahana**, Madagascar, **Ekalaka Lake**, Montana and **Madoko Dam**, Zimbabwe.