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## The Mystery of the Socks

At first sight there is nothing particular about a pair of socks. Mostly they come in pairs, since fortunately most of us have two feet, as we were of course designed to have. Socks keep our feet warm and sometimes they are used to make a fashion statement. Socks come in many varieties to match almost any outfit.

For a prospective boyfriend, it is not done to wear white sport socks. And women hate the fact that most men wear their socks more than one day, thus increasing the bad smell of the sweaty feet beyond comprehension. It is also not done to be totally naked except for your socks, unless you wear them a way a certain famous rock band used to wear them.

But socks have a more mysterious touch to them as well. Children in strollers like to take them off so that their parents need to go searching for them all over the park. And socks wear out on the most inconvenient places. Holes in socks have a tendency to always catch other people's attention, unless that hole is in the most awkward place for a hole be...right there for your toe to stuck through.

More remarkable still is the fact that socks have a tendency not to stay in pairs. Plus they don't seem to wear out at the same pace. Though there are no statistics to prove whether left or right foot socks wear out faster, it is generally recognised that it's usually only one sock that causes the pair to be disposed of.

Even more interesting would be some other statistics. Any idea how many socks get eaten by washing machines every year? Of course that is the 3D rational explanation. In fact, washing machines, when spinning at the right pace, create an interdimensional portal. It wouldn't be wise for us humans to try accessing these portals. Apart from the fact that we probably wouldn't survive being tumble-dried, these portals are sort of like a one-way-street. Ever recovered a missing sock from your washing machine? I know I haven't.