

Myths - Compiled Results

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This list is a compilation of the results of all the myths that have been tested on "MythBusters." For further information on individual topics, please click the title to go to the Episode Descriptions.

Our own Wolfhound provided definitions:

Busted: It didn't happen; they can't make it happen according to the myth's directives.

Plausible: They could replicate the myth's directives; they could not find evidence that it happened.

Confirmed: They did replicate the Myth according to the myth's directives and showed that it did happen.

Title Air Date Myth Outcome 360 Swing 13-Jul-05 A person can make a 360 degree loop on a chain swing set
Busted 360 Swing 13-Jul-05 A person can make a 360 degree loop on a rigid-arm swing set Confirmed AC vs. Windows Down 10-Nov-04 Driving with the air conditioning on is more fuel efficient than leaving the windows down
Busted AC vs. Windows Down 12-Oct-05 It is more fuel efficient to drive with your windows down than with the AC on
Busted Ancient Death Ray 29-Sep-04 Archimedes ignited Roman vessels with a working death ray Busted Appliances in the Bath 20-Oct-04 A person can die by dropping an electrical appliance into their bath water Confirmed Archimedes' Death Ray 25-Jan-06 Archimedes built a working death ray to ignite Roman vessels Busted Baghdad Battery 23-Mar-05 An ancient, working battery was found near Baghdad Plausible Barrel of Bricks 10-Oct-03 A bricklayer could be injured by a barrel full of bricks dropped from the top of a building Busted Beat the Breath Test 7-Nov-03 A person can beat the breathalyzer Busted Beat the Radar Detector 13-Oct-04 A person can beat police radar by waving a set of keys Busted Beat the Radar Detector 13-Oct-04 A person can beat police radar by hanging a disco ball from the rearview mirror Busted Beat the Radar Detector 13-Oct-04 A person can beat police radar by hanging CDs from the rearview mirror Busted Beat the Radar Detector 13-Oct-04 A person can beat police radar by covering the hubcaps in foil Busted Beat the Radar Detector 13-Oct-04 A person can beat police radar by covering the whole car in foil Busted Beat the Radar Detector 13-Oct-04 A person can jam police radar by placing LEDs on the front license plate Busted Beat the Radar Detector 13-Oct-04 A person can jam police radar with a Magnetron Busted Beat the Radar Detector 13-Oct-04 A person can beat police radar by shooting chaff behind the car Busted Beat the Radar Detector 13-Oct-04 A person can beat police radar by using spinning mirrors Busted Beat the Radar Detector 13-Oct-04 A person can beat police radar by painting the car black Busted Biscuit Bazooka 23-Jan-03 A can of biscuit dough exploded in a hot car and hit the driver's head Plausible Biscuit Bazooka 12-Oct-05 Black cars heat up faster than white cars Confirmed Biscuit Bullet 8-Jun-04 A can of biscuit dough exploded in a hot car and hit the driver's head Busted Blown Away 16-Feb-05 A person can be propelled backward when hit by a bullet Busted Blown Away 12-Oct-05 A person can be propelled backward when hit by a bullet Busted Boom-Lift Catapult 10-Nov-04 A boom lift can catapult a person over a house Busted Border Slingshot 27-Jul-05 A giant slingshot can launch an immigrant over the US border Busted Bottle Rocket Blast-Off 9-Nov-05 15 water bottle rockets can launch a person 40 meters Busted Breaking Glass 18-May-05 A person can shatter glass by singing Confirmed Breakstep Bridge 25-Jan-04 Harmonic oscillation from marching soldiers will destroy a bridge Busted Brown Note 16-Feb-05 The infrasonic brown note causes a person to loose control of their bowels Busted Bullet Sparks 11-May-05 A bullet sparks when it hits Confirmed Bulletproof Water 13-Jul-05 Water can protect a person from bullets Confirmed Bulletproof Water 26-Apr-06 Firing a gun underwater is possible Confirmed Buried Alive 24-Oct-03 A person can survive while buried alive Busted 15-Feb-04 Jimmy Hoffa is buried under Giants Stadium Busted Car Capers - Exploding Gas Tank 12-Oct-05 A car will explode when shot through the gas tank with tracer rounds Confirmed Car Capers - Bleach in the Oil 27-Jul-04 Adding bleach to engine oil can destroy an engine Confirmed Car Capers - Penny in the Carburetor 27-Jul-04 A piece of metal in the carburetor can destroy an engine Busted Car Capers - Roadside Rescues 27-Jul-04 Cola can be a substitute radiator coolant Plausible Car Capers - Roadside Rescues 27-Jul-04 A cracked egg can plug a leaking radiator Plausible Car Capers - Shooting Cars 27-Jul-04 A car will explode when shot through the gas tank Busted Car Capers - Shooting Cars 27-Jul-04 A car door will stop bullets Busted Car Capers - Tailpipe Terror 27-Jul-04 Plugging the tailpipe of a car can prevent it from starting Busted Car Capers - Unauthorized Additives 27-Jul-04 Adding household products to gasoline can destroy an engine Busted Car Capers - Unauthorized Additives 27-Jul-04 Adding mothballs to a gas tank increases the horsepower Plausible Carried Away 3-Nov-04 Party balloons can lift a child Busted Catching a Bullet in Your Teeth 1-Feb-06 A person can catch a bullet in their teeth Busted CD-Rom Shattering 3-Oct-03 CDs shatter inside high speed CD-ROM drives Busted Ceiling Fan Decapitation 5-Dec-04 A ceiling fan can decapitate a person Busted Cell Phone Destruction 3-Oct-03 Using a cell phone while pumping gas causes an explosion Busted Cell Phone Destruction 8-Jun-04 Using a cell phone while pumping gas causes an explosion Busted Cell Phones on a Plane 15-Mar-06 Using a cell phone while on an aircraft can interfere with the avionics Busted Cell Phones vs. Drunk Driving 22-Jun-05 While driving, talking on a cell phone is as dangerous as being drunk Confirmed Cement Removal 23-Feb-05 Cement inside a cement truck can be removed with explosives Busted Chicken Gun 18-Jan-04 A frozen chicken will penetrate aircraft windshields more easily than a thawed chicken Busted Chicken Gun 8-Jun-04 A frozen chicken will penetrate aircraft windshields more easily than a thawed chicken Plausible Chinese

Invasion Alarm 19-Oct-05 People could detect a tunneling army using a drum inside a shaft Plausible Chinese
 Water Torture 16-Feb-05 Dripping water on a person's head is an effective means of torture Confirmed Cigarette
 Ignites Gasoline 11-May-05 A cigarette can light a pool of gas on fire Plausible Cola Myths 24-Oct-03 Cola
 removes bloodstains Confirmed Cola Myths 24-Oct-03 Cola removes rust Busted Cola Myths 24-Oct-03
 Cola polishes chrome Confirmed Cola Myths 24-Oct-03 Cola can dissolve a tooth overnight Busted Cola
 Myths 24-Oct-03 Cola can dissolve a steak Busted Cola Myths 24-Oct-03 Cola cleans pennies Confirmed
 Cola Myths 24-Oct-03 Cola cleans battery terminals Plausible Cola Myths 24-Oct-03 Cola removes stains on
 laundry Busted Cola Myths 24-Oct-03 Cola degreases engines Busted Cola Myths 24-Oct-03 Cola kills
 sperm Busted Compact Compact 2-Nov-05 During a collision, 2 semi-trucks welded a compact car between
 them Busted Confederate Rocket 26-Oct-05 A rocket was launched 100 miles during the American Civil War
 Busted Cooling a Six pack 23-Mar-05 Burying a six pack of beer in sand and lighting gas will quickly cool the beer
 Busted Daddy Long-legs 15-Feb-04 A Daddy long-leg spider is unable to pierce human skin Busted Daddy
 Long-legs 15-Feb-04 A Daddy long-leg spider has the most potent venom of any spider Busted Deadly
 Microwaves 17-Oct-03 Overuse of a tanning booth can damage your internal organs Busted Deadly Microwaves
 17-Oct-03 Microwaving metal objects can blow up a microwave Busted Deadly Microwaves 17-Oct-03 A glass of
 water will explode after being superheated by a microwave and taken out of the microwave Confirmed Drive Shaft
 Pole Vault 2-Mar-05 A car with a broken driveshaft can jump if it hits a pothole Busted Duck Quack Echo 12-Dec-
 03 The sound of a duck's quack does not echo Busted Eel skin Wallet 10-Oct-03 An eel skin wallet can erase the
 information on credit cards Busted Elevator of Death 6-Oct-04 A person can survive a freefalling elevator by
 jumping Busted Escape From Alcatraz 12-Dec-03 Prisoners at Alcatraz Island Penitentiary escaped Plausible
 Escape Slide Parachute 10-Aug-05 A person can jump from an airplane and use an inflatable life raft to land Busted
 Escape Slide Parachute 10-Aug-05 A person can jump from an airplane and use an escape slide to land Busted
 Escape Slide Parachute 10-Aug-05 A stewardess can survive a plane crash by strapping into the rear facing seat
 Plausible Exploding a Scuba Tank 17-Jul-05 An exploding scuba tank will kill a shark Busted Exploding Hair
 Cream 10-Aug-05 A pilot was decapitated in the cockpit when his hair gel exploded Busted Exploding House 16-
 Nov-04 A house can explode from overuse of bug bombs Confirmed Exploding Implants 8-Jun-04 Silicone breast
 implants can explode at high altitudes Busted Exploding Jawbreaker 27-Oct-04 A jawbreaker can explode when
 bitten after being heated Confirmed Exploding Pants 17-May-06 Farmer's trousers can spontaneously combust
 Confirmed Exploding Port-a-Potty 2-Mar-05 Lighting a cigarette in a methane gas filled Port-a-Potty can cause an
 explosion Busted Exploding Tattoo 20-Oct-04 Tattoos explode when exposed to an MRI Busted Exploding
 Toilet 23-Sep-03 Lighting gasoline poured inside a toilet can cause an explosion Busted Explosive Decompression
 22-Feb-04 A bullet fired through the fuselage of a pressurized airplane causes explosive decompression Busted
 Explosive Decompression 12-Oct-05 A bullet fired through the fuselage of a pressurized airplane causes explosive
 decompression Busted Facts About Flatulence 8-Mar-06 Beans and carbonated drinks cause more flatulence
 Confirmed Facts About Flatulence 8-Mar-06 A person can suffocate from flatulence Busted Facts About
 Flatulence 8-Mar-06 A lit match will remove flatulence odor Busted Falling Lawyer 23-Jan-03 A person fell to
 their death after running through a window on the 24th floor Confirmed Finger in a Barrel 16-Nov-05 Blocking a
 shotgun barrel with a finger will injure the shooter Busted Fire Without Matches 18-Jan-06 The friction of 2 sticks
 will start a fire Confirmed Fire Without Matches 18-Jan-06 Shooting a piece of cloth with a musket bullet will start a
 fire Confirmed Fire Without Matches 18-Jan-06 A chocolate polished bottom of a soda pop can will start a fire
 Confirmed Fire Without Matches 18-Jan-06 Steel wool and a battery will start a fire Confirmed Fire Without
 Matches 18-Jan-06 Ice will focus sunlight to start a fire Confirmed Fireplace Cooldown 22-Dec-04 Lighting a fire
 makes the rest of the house cooler Confirmed Five-second Rule 19-Oct-05 If picked up within 5 seconds, food
 dropped on the floor is still clean Busted Five-second Rule 19-Oct-05 A toilet seat is the cleanest place in a house
 Confirmed Five-second Rule 19-Oct-05 A dog has a cleaner mouth than a human Plausible Franklin's Kite 8-
 Mar-06 Ben Franklin safely flew a kite in a storm Busted Free Energy 5-Dec-04 Free energy devices create free
 energy Busted Frog Giggin' 22-Feb-04 When used as a fuse, a bullet heats up, discharges, and injures the driver
 Busted Frozen Turkey Explosion 22-Dec-04 A frozen turkey will explode if dropped in frying oil Busted Gold
 Finger 7-Mar-03 A person covered in gold paint can die of skin asphyxiation Inconclusive Gold Finger 8-Jun-04
 A person covered in gold paint can die of skin asphyxiation Busted Goldfish Memory 25-Jan-04 A goldfish has a
 memory of three seconds Busted Hammer Drop 24-Oct-03 A person can survive a high fall into water by throwing
 a hammer in first Busted Helium Football 1-Feb-06 A helium filled football will fly farther than an air filled football
 Busted Helium Raft 15-Mar-06 A person can fly on a life raft filled with helium Busted Ice Bullet 23-Sep-03 A
 bullet made of ice can kill Busted Ice Bullet 23-Sep-03 A bullet made of meat can kill Busted Ice Bullet 23-
 Sep-03 A bullet made of gelatin can kill Busted Ice Bullet 23-Sep-03 A poison capsule fired from an umbrella can
 kill Confirmed Ice Bullet 8-Jun-04 A bullet made of ice can kill Busted Is Yawning Contagious? 9-Mar-05
 Yawning is contagious Confirmed JATO Car 23-Jan-03 A person attached a JATO unit to their Impala and
 reached speeds above 300 mph Busted Jet Engine Vacuum 18-May-05 Using gas, a shop vacuum can act as a
 jet engine Busted Jet Pack 8-Jun-05 A person can build a jet pack from plans found on the internet Busted
 Jet Taxi 15-Feb-04 The jet wash of an airliner can flip a taxi Confirmed Killer Brace Position 22-Jun-05 The
 brace position is designed to kill people instead of save people Busted Killer Deck of Cards 27-Oct-04 A thrown
 playing card can kill Busted Killer Icicle 22-Dec-04 A falling icicle can kill Confirmed Killer Quicksand 20-Oct-
 04 Killer quicksand exists Busted Killer Tissue Box 3-Aug-05 During a crash, a tissue box stored on the
 backboard of a car can kill Busted Killer Washing Machine 18-Jan-04 A normal washing machine will spin with a
 person standing in it Busted Killer Washing Machine 18-Jan-04 Dog urine reacts violently with bleach Busted

Lawn Chair Balloon 7-Mar-03 Larry Walters flew in a lawn chair with weather balloons attached Confirmed
 Levitation Machine 6-Oct-04 A person can build a hovercraft from household appliances Plausible Lightning
 Strikes Tongue Piercing 7-Nov-03 Body piercings attract lightning Busted Mind Control 10-May-06 A person can
 control minds with a psyonic helmet Busted Mind Control 10-May-06 A person can control minds with pulsed air
 Busted Mind Control 10-May-06 A person can control minds with a spinning magnet Plausible Mind Control
 10-May-06 A person can control minds with subliminal messages Busted Mind Control 10-May-06 A person can
 control minds with remote hypnosis Plausible Ming Dynasty Astronaut 5-Dec-04 A Chinese astrologer flew into
 space on a rocket powered throne Busted Needle in a Haystack 16-Nov-04 A person cannot find a needle in a
 haystack Busted Octopus Egg Pregnancy 18-Jan-04 An octopus egg can grow inside a human stomach Busted
 Painting With Explosives 10-May-06 A room can be painted by detonating dynamite in a gallon of pain Busted
 Paper Crossbow 11-Jan-06 A deadly crossbow can be made from items found in a jail cell Plausible Peeing on
 the Third Rail 8-Jun-04 Urinating on the third rail of a train track can cause electrocution Busted Peeing on the
 Third Rail 10-Oct-03 Urinating on the third rail of a train track can cause electrocution Busted Peeing on the Third
 Rail 10-Oct-03 Urinating on an electric fence can cause electrocution Confirmed Penny Drop 17-Oct-03 A
 penny dropped from a skyscraper can kill a pedestrian below Busted Penny Drop 17-Oct-03 A penny dropped
 from a skyscraper can embed in the sidewalk Busted Phone in a Thunderstorm 30-Mar-05 A person can be
 electrocuted while talking on the phone during a storm Confirmed Phone in a Thunderstorm 30-Mar-05 A person
 can be electrocuted while using the shower during a storm Plausible Ping-Pong Rescue 3-Nov-04 Ping-pong balls
 can raise a sunken ship Plausible Plate Glass Miracle 11-May-05 A person can survive being thrown through a
 plate-glass window Busted Plywood Builder 12-Oct-05 A person can survive a fall off a building by holding a large
 sheet of plywood Busted Plywood Parachute 13-Oct-04 A person can survive a fall off a building by holding a large
 sheet of plywood Busted Pop Rocks and Soda Can Kill 23-Jan-03 A teenager consumed Pop Rocks and soda
 and died Busted Poppy Seed Drug Test 7-Mar-03 A person will test positive for opiates after eating poppy seeds
 Confirmed Pyramid Power 8-Jun-05 Pyramid power keeps razor blades sharp Busted Pyramid Power 8-Jun-05
 Pyramid power prevents food from spoiling Busted Pyramid Power 8-Jun-05 Pyramid power prevents the
 decay of a flower Busted Quick Freeze Pee 22-Dec-04 Urine can freeze before hitting the ground Busted
 Raccoon Rocket 5-Dec-03 A person was launched while removing a raccoon from a culvert Busted Radio Tooth
 Fillings 17-Oct-03 Radio signals can be picked up through a tooth filling Busted Rear axle 22-Feb-04 If attached
 to a street light by a cable, the rear axle of a car can be ripped off Busted Rolling Stone Gathers No Moss 18-May-
 05 A rolling stone gathers no moss Confirmed Rowing Water Skier 25-Jan-04 A person can water ski behind a
 rowing eight Confirmed Salami Rocket 26-Apr-06 A person can make a hybrid rocket with salami Confirmed
 Salsa Escape 23-Feb-05 A prisoner used salsa to dissolve cell bars and escape Plausible Salsa Escape 23-Feb-
 05 A person can bend prison cell bars with a urine soaked silk shirt Busted Scuba Diver 27-Jul-04 A firefighting
 helicopter can accidentally drop a SCUBA diver in a forest fire Busted Seasickness - Kill or Cure? 16-Nov-05 A
 tongue spray can stop seasickness Busted Seasickness - Kill or Cure? 16-Nov-05 A ginger pill can stop
 seasickness Plausible Seasickness - Kill or Cure? 16-Nov-05 Magnetized arm bands can stop seasickness
 Busted Seasickness - Kill or Cure? 16-Nov-05 An electro-shock wrist band can stop seasickness Busted Shark
 Strength 17-Jul-05 A shark can destroy a shark cage Confirmed Shark Strength 17-Jul-05 A shark can pull
 barrels underwater Busted Shark Strength 17-Jul-05 A shark can pull a boat backwards Busted Shark
 Strength 17-Jul-05 A shark can breach a boat Plausible Shark Strength 17-Jul-05 A person can drive a shark
 away by punching it Plausible Shoulder Door Break In 11-May-05 A person can break through a door Plausible
 Shredded Plane 18-Jan-06 A person shredded a plane with a chainsaw Busted Shredded Plane 18-Jan-06
 The propeller of a taxing plane shredded another plane Confirmed Silicone Breasts 3-Oct-03 Breast implants
 explode at high altitudes Busted Silver Spoon 22-Dec-04 A silver spoon put in an open bottle of champagne
 keeps it bubbly Busted Sinking Titanic 25-Jan-04 The suction of a sinking ship pulls a person under water
 Busted Skunk Cleaning 29-Sep-04 Tomato juice removes skunk smell Plausible Skunk Cleaning 29-Sep-04
 Commercial cleaners remove skunk smell Plausible Skunk Cleaning 29-Sep-04 Beer removes skunk smell
 Busted Skunk Cleaning 29-Sep-04 A douche removes skunk smell Busted Skunk Cleaning 29-Sep-04 A
 mixture of soap, hydrogen peroxide, and baking soda removes skunk smell Plausible Snowman Melt 22-Dec-04
 A clothed snowman will melt slower than a naked snowman Confirmed Son of a Gun 30-Mar-05 A woman
 became pregnant when a bullet entered her after passing through a Civil War soldier's groin Busted Splitting an
 Arrow 3-Aug-05 An archer can split an arrow perfectly down the middle with another arrow Busted Splitting an
 Arrow 26-Apr-06 An archer can split an arrow perfectly down the middle with another arrow Busted Static Cannon
 27-Oct-04 A person was killed by static charge from sandblasting a PVC pipe Busted Steel Toe Amputation 9-
 Nov-05 Steel toed boots are more dangerous than regular boots Busted Stinky Car 5-Dec-03 The smell of a
 decomposed body cannot be removed completely Plausible Stinky Car 5-Dec-03 A car cannot be sold after
 removing a decomposed body Busted Stud Finder 12-Dec-03 A stud finder can detect microchips embedded in
 flesh Confirmed Stud Finder 12-Dec-03 The Red Cross secretly implants mind controlling microchips while they
 draw blood Busted Tailgate Up vs. Tailgate Down 16-Nov-05 Driving with the truck tailgate up is more fuel efficient
 than driving with it down Busted Talking to Plants 16-Nov-04 Talking to plants helps them grow Plausible The
 Great Gas Conspiracy 17-May-06 Carburetor magnets improve fuel efficiency Busted The Great Gas Conspiracy
 17-May-06 Acetone improves fuel efficiency Busted The Great Gas Conspiracy 17-May-06 The miracle
 carburetor improves fuel efficiency Busted The Great Gas Conspiracy 17-May-06 A hydrogen fuel cell improves
 fuel efficiency Busted The Great Gas Conspiracy 17-May-06 Replacing gas with cooking oil improves fuel
 efficiency Busted The Mad Trombonist 25-Jan-04 A trombonist launched his mute with a firecracker; the mute

knocked the conductor down Busted Tin Man Paint Allergy 11-May-05 An actor in The Wizard of Oz had a bad reaction to the silver paint Busted Toast - Butter Side Up or Down? 9-Mar-05 Toast lands buttered side down when dropped Busted Toothbrush Surprise 25-Jan-04 Fecal bacteria grows in toothbrush bristles Confirmed Toy Car Race 9-Mar-05 A toy car will beat a Dodge Viper in a downhill race Busted Trailer Troubles 30-Mar-05 A person can use a boat in the water with the trailer attached Confirmed Tree Cannon 7-Nov-03 A Medieval town built a tree cannon which exploded Busted Vacuum Toilet 23-Jan-03 The suction from an airliner toilet left a large woman stuck Busted Vodka Myths 2-Nov-05 Vodka will treat foot odor Confirmed Vodka Myths 2-Nov-05 Vodka acts as mouthwash Confirmed Vodka Myths 11-Jan-06 The smell of cigarettes can be removed from clothes with vodka Plausible Vodka Myths 11-Jan-06 Vodka effectively kills bees Busted What Is Bulletproof? 29-Sep-04 A book will stop a bullet Busted What Is Bulletproof? 29-Sep-04 A deck of playing cards will stop a bullet Busted What Is Bulletproof? 29-Sep-04 A Zippo lighter will stop a bullet Busted What Is Bulletproof? 29-Sep-04 A quarter-inch polycarbonate panel will stop a bullet Busted What Is Bulletproof? 29-Sep-04 An inch thick polycarbonate panel will stop a bullet Plausible Who Gets Wetter? 23-Sep-03 Running in the rain keeps you dryer than walking in the rain Busted Who Gets Wetter? 12-Oct-05 Running in the rain keeps you dryer than walking in the rain Confirmed