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The Tsar Bell, Moscow, photographed in the 1860s.

Empress Anna Ioannovna commissioned the casting of the world's largest bell 283 years ago today, on July 26, 1730. The Tsar Bell, which stands at a height of 6.14 meters and weighs 200 tons, was damaged during a fire in 1737 and is now located on a pedestal between the Ivan the Great Bell Tower and the Kremlin Wall.

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