

Lesson 2

WORLD RECORDS

A LEAD-IN ►►

In pairs discuss and write down the answers to the following:

1. Who is the tallest pupil in your class?
2. Who's got the longest hair? Compare your answers with those of the pupil next to you.

B READING



Read the following from the Guinness Book of Records website

1. The Tallest Woman in the World

Yao Defen is the tallest woman in the world. She is 2,36 metres tall and is 34 years old (in 2008). By the age of 11 she was already 1,85 m. tall. She works as a performer in a circus, together with her father and brother.



2. Biggest aircraft pulled

David Huxley pulled a Boeing 747-400, weighing 187 tonnes (184 tons), a distance of 91 m (298.5 ft) in 1 minute and 27.7 seconds on October 15, 1997 at Sydney, Australia. David has now retired from the strongman circuit. He currently owns and runs an event management and public relations company called Tartan Warriors, based in Sydney, Australia.



3. The Largest Palace in the World.

The Istana Nurul Iman is the largest residence in the world. It belongs to the Sultan of Brunei. It is 200.000m² and it has 1788 rooms and 257 bathrooms.



4. Heaviest Car Balanced on the Head

England's John Evans balanced a 159.6 kg (352 lb) Mini on his head for 33 seconds at The London Studios, UK on May 24, 1999. John's a gigantic guy. He's 2 meters tall and weighs 155.7 kg (343 lb) and has a 60.9cm (24-inch) neck.



5. The Longest Venomous Snake in the World

The King Cobra is the longest and one of the most dangerous snakes in the world. It lives in Southeast Asia and it can reach a length of 5.70 m. A very small amount of its poison can kill an elephant or twenty people. Like all snakes it swallows its preys whole.



(www.guinnessworldrecords.com) and fill in the correct answers in the quiz:

QUIZ

- The tallest woman in the world lives in
a. China b. America c. Africa
- She is cm tall.
a. 2.31 b. 2.63 c. 2.36
- David Huxley pulled the plane in the world.
a. lightest b. oldest c. heaviest
- The largest palace in the world has rooms.
a. 1,877 b. 1,788 c. 1,988
- John Evans balanced a on his head.
a. motorbike b. Mini c. bus
- The longest venomous snake in the world lives in southeast
a. Africa b. Australia c. Asia



Learning strategies

TO BE BETTER AT LISTENING

- I try to get the general idea
- I try not to understand every word
- I learn by listening to my teacher

C SPEAKING



In pairs, ask and answer the following questions. Then make 2-3 questions of your own about world records and ask each other.

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1. Who is the tallest woman in the world? • 2. Who can pull the heaviest plane in the world?
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D INTERNET RESEARCH



Check the internet address "<http://www.guinnessworldrecords.com>" and find the two most interesting records for you. Write them here and tell your partner why they are so interesting. Then discuss in small groups and see which is the most popular record.

	Record 1	Record 2
Person		
What he/she did		
When		

E LISTENING



Mark is looking to buy a new laptop so he can work on the Internet more quickly. He's in a computer shop and the shop assistant is explaining the differences between the 3 models, the WP, the Contact and the Dory. You are with Mark. Listen to the conversation and fill in as much as you can of the chart with the information provided- use comparatives and superlatives. Which one would you buy for yourself and why?

6 Unit

LAPTOPS	WP	CONTACT	DORY
1. Cost			
2. Drive			
3. Weight			
4. Screen definition			
5. Extras			



Study the following examples to see how we compare people, things or situations to the rest of the world.

The King cobra is one of **the longest** and one of **the most dangerous** snakes in the world.

Xi Shun is **the tallest** man in the world.

Do you know who **the richest** man in the world is?

Jim is a **good** pupil. Helen is a **better** pupil than Jim.

Sophie is **the best** pupil in class.

This food tastes **bad**. This one tastes **worse** than the first one. This food here tastes **the worst** of all.

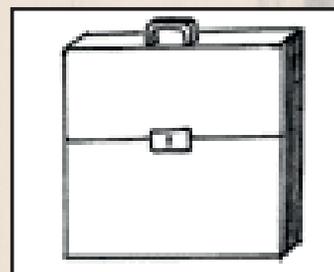
There are **a lot** of people in Africa. There are **more** people living in Asia than in Africa. China is **the most** populated country in the world.



The red bag is **the smallest** of all



The blue bag is **bigger than** the red one and **smaller than** the white one.



The white bag is **the biggest** of all.

F SPEAKING



Look at the example and tell your class about the following rivers and mountains. Use the adjectives long-short, high-low:

The Thames



(346 km)

The Amazon



(6.516 km)

The Nile



(6.695 km)

Mt. Taygetos



(2407 m)

Mt. Parnassos



(2457 m)

Mt. Olympus

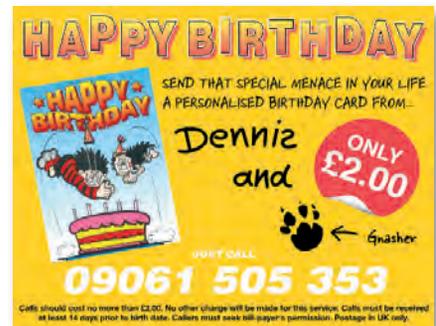


(2918 m)

G WRITING



Discuss this advertisement in class. Now create your own advertisement for toys, books, etc. by using the following steps: 1. Choose a theme. 2. Collect information. 3. Find a photo. 4. Write a slogan and some key points, using the language you learned in this lesson. See the Appendix page 144 for notes on how to write a good advertisement. 5. Lay out all the above on a piece of cardboard in the following way (but bigger) and stick up on the classroom wall.



Photo

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.

If you find this task too difficult, go to Appendix, page 144, Activity A.