

## Guinness World Records



**Guinness World Records** is all about the biggest, the best, the tallest and the shortest.

### Fact File

Guinness World Records is a book which was first published in 1955. A new edition has appeared every year since then.



It lists extremes of the natural world and many human 'achievements'.

Find out more at, [www.guinnessworldrecords.com/](http://www.guinnessworldrecords.com/)

### The Strangest Records

**Craig Glenday** the editor of **Guinness World Records** was interviewed for **Radio Children**. He talks about the kind of records he is looking for. He mentions some very strange records.

Look at the list below, tick the records he **doesn't** talk about.

<u>Records</u>	
- the smelliest socks	
- the biggest collection of airline sick bags	
- the most expensive bar of soap	
- the most tattooed man	
- the best collection of fridge magnets	
- the thickest milk shake	
- the hairiest dog	
- the most brussels sprouts eaten in three minutes	

### The editor's job

At the beginning of the interview Craig Glenday talks about his job. Listen and complete the extracts below. When listening it can be useful to try and focus on particular items. Here you can see the kind of word missing in brackets at the end of each extract.

1. Every year my job is to find the \_\_\_\_\_, most \_\_\_\_\_, the most \_\_\_\_\_, and the most \_\_\_\_\_, world records for our book. (*adjectives*)

2. Tell us as much as you can about your idea. \_\_\_\_\_ will you do it? \_\_\_\_\_ will you do it? \_\_\_\_\_ will you do it? And \_\_\_\_\_ you plan to, in very much detail, the process you hope to go through. (*question words*)

3. We get about \_\_\_\_\_ claims in every week, so last year we had about \_\_\_\_\_ people apply to break a record last year, and we say no to about \_\_\_\_\_ per cent of these people because their ideas are too stupid or too dangerous or just not very impressive. (*numbers*)

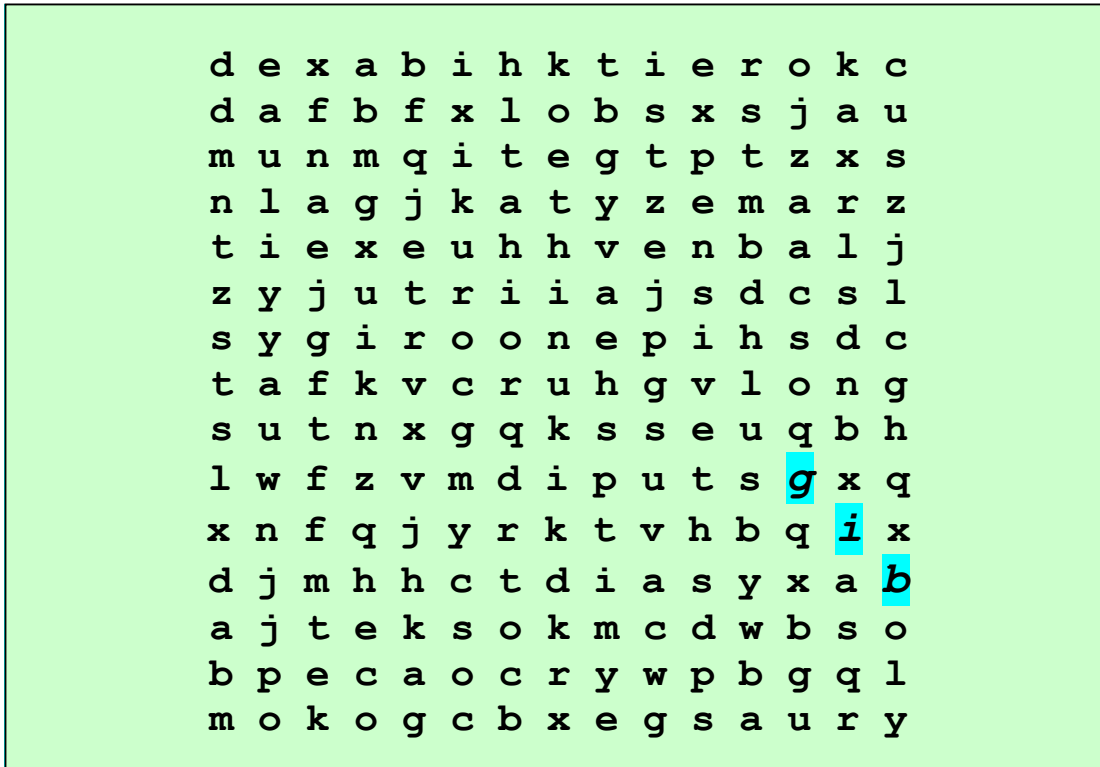



## World Record Wordsearch



Here are 11 of the adjectives Craig uses to talk about different records, but remember in the interview he uses the **-est/most** (*superlative*) form.

Find the words and write them in the boxes below the puzzle. Be careful, Craig doesn't always choose the right form, and remember to check the spelling.



<p><b>-est</b> <i>big &gt; biggest</i></p>  <p>*Be careful with spelling</p>	<p>the most .....</p>	<p>?</p>
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Craig says that GWR is all about words ending in 'est'. This is also called the 'superlative'. What other ways are there to form superlatives in English?

**Your own World of Records**

What 'records' can you find or set among your friends and classmates?

Who's the tallest? / Who sleeps the most?

Who can remember the most English words in a minute?

Answers and notes

**The Strangest Records**

Craig doesn't mention.

- the smelliest socks.
- the thickest milk shake.
- the hairiest dog.

**The editor's job**

- Every year my job is to find the best, most amazing, the most fun, and the most stupid, world records for our book.

-Tell us as much as you can about your idea. How will you do it? Where will you do it? When will you do it? And how you plan to, in very much detail, the process you hope to go through.

- We get about a thousand claims in every week, so last year we had about sixty-five thousand people apply to break a record last year, and we say no to about ninety-eight per cent of these people because their ideas are too stupid or too dangerous or just not very impressive.

**World Record Wordsearch**

The words are hidden in the puzzle are.

**beautiful big cruel dangerous expensive**  
**fat good heavy long tall thin**

<p><b>-est</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>big &gt; biggest</i></p> <p>tall &gt; tallest cruel &gt; cruellest fat &gt; fattest heavy &gt; heaviest long &gt; longest thin &gt; thinnest</p>	<p><b>the most .....</b></p> <p>beautiful dangerous expensive</p>	<p><b>?</b></p> <p>good &gt; best</p>
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"April is the cruellest month, ..." - *T.S. Eliot*

- Other ways to form the superlative include *'the most' ...*, and irregular forms such as *best* and *worst*.