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Guinness World Records

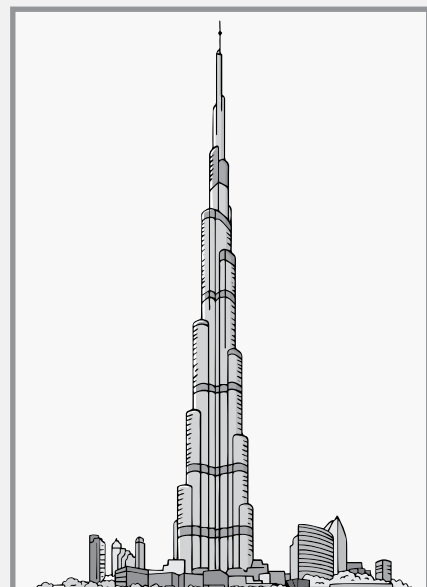
Guinness

Guinness World Records – *The Guinness World Records* is a reference book that lists world records achieved by people and those found in nature. In the early 1950s, the managing director of the Guinness Brewery (established by Arthur Guinness in 1759), Sir Hugh Beaver, found himself involved, on more than one occasion, in arguments about trivial facts. It occurred to him that pub patrons everywhere were disputing facts on a variety of topics and that a book that could offer definitive answers to such arguments would be a useful reference. He also realized that such a book would be a great promotional idea, so he planned to publish it and make it available to pub licensees everywhere.

In 1954, Beaver approached the McWhirter brothers, who owned a fact-finding company in London, to gather facts for what became *The Guinness Book of Records*. It took over a year of painstaking research to compile and verify the information and in 1955, the first copy, a 198-page edition, was published. It became an instant bestseller and the No. 1 selling book in Britain that year. *The Guinness World Records*, as it is known today, is now sold in more than 100 countries in over 40 languages with sales of over 140 million copies.

Some world records include:

- Jyoti Kisanji Amge is the shortest living woman in the world, standing at 62.8 cm.
- The largest pizza was made in Italy with a total surface area of 1261.65 m².
- The oldest human to ever live was Jeanne Louise Calment of France, who was 122 years and 164 days old when she died in 1997.
- The bulldog ant in Australia is the world's most dangerous ant. It has killed at least three people since 1936 with its venomous bite.
- The Burj Khalifa in Dubai is the tallest building in the world at 828 m tall.



The Burj Khalifa has been the tallest building since 2008.

A. Circle the answers.

1. Who created *The Guinness World Records*?

Arthur Guinness

Jyoti Kisanji Amge

Sir Hugh Beaver

3. When was the first *The Guinness Book of Records* published?

in 1759

in 1936

in 1955

2. Who were disputing facts on random topics?

pub patrons

pub owners

pub licensees

4. Where can you find the bulldog ant?

in London

in Italy

in Australia

B. Answer the questions.

1. What is the purpose of the caption?



A caption is a brief title or explanation of a picture or an illustration.

2. Why did Sir Hugh Beaver think that a reference book was a good idea?

3. What happened when *The Guinness Book of Records* was published in 1955?

4. Is the bulldog ant an achievement of humans or nature?

5. What record does the Burj Khalifa make?

C. Label the encyclopedia entry. Then answer the questions.

telescope

1.

2.

telescope – A telescope is an instrument used to observe objects from far away. It is typically used by astronomers and scientists to observe and study objects in space.

The first telescope was invented in 1608 by a Dutch lensmaker named Hans Lippershey. In 1609, Galileo Galilei improved upon the original telescope and built his own, and subsequently discovered the four largest moons of Jupiter (Io, Europa, Ganymede, and Callisto).

These days, there are many types of telescopes: radio telescope, X-ray telescope, refracting telescope, and reflecting telescope.

Parts of an Encyclopedia Entry

caption	explanation
heading	diagram
entry	label

3.

4.

A refracting telescope

5.

6.

7. How does the diagram help readers learn more about the telescope?

8. What other images could have been used in this encyclopedia entry?

9. Research the telescope and write an additional piece of information to include in the entry.

D. Write your own encyclopedia entry.



Your entry can be about anything. Make sure to include a heading, an entry, a brief explanation, and some type of visual aid, like a chart, graph, diagram, or picture.

SAMPLE

Words that I Have Learned
