

Teddy Mars Almost a World Record Breaker

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Math Connections:

There are endless possibilities in The Guinness Book of World Records to teach and explore math concepts. From speed, weight, height, or sheer numbers, the book is a treasure trove of opportunity.

Here are a few ideas to get you started:

- Measure what in your room is as long as Lee Redmond's nails (28 feet 4.5 inches)
- Compare old and new records and discover the differences.
- Figure out how long 429 feet---the record for farthest tightrope walk (unsupported)---is at your school.
- Make the box, measuring 26 x 27 x 22 inches. This is how big the box was that three contortionists spent the longest time inside (6 minutes 13.52 second).