

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the short film and do the exercises to check your understanding.

Usain Bolt of Jamaica holds the world record in the 100 metres for men, but how fast could he run wearing a horse costume? Watch this short film and see a group of young people trying to set a new record in this strange event.

Preparation: matching

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–i next to the numbers 1–9.

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| 1..... | to shake | a. | to do something faster, longer, better, etc. than anybody else has done before |
| 2..... | to swap | b. | A humorous character played by two actors in one horse costume. One actor is the head and front legs and the other is the back legs. |
| 3..... | a pantomime horse | c. | a colloquial way of saying 'pounds' the unit of currency in the UK |
| 4..... | to warm up | d. | to vibrate or tremble, to move quickly from side to side or up and down |
| 5..... | to break a record | e. | a failure |
| 6..... | a flop | f. | to exchange |
| 7..... | a quid | g. | a pain you get in your side when you exercise hard |
| 8..... | a stitch | h. | a book that is published every year which contains a list of all world records |
| 9..... | Guinness Book of Records | i. | to prepare for physical exercise by exercising gently before you start |

1. Check your understanding: true or false

Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

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| 1. | There are six young people in the group. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 2. | The young people manage to get a horse costume for free. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 3. | All the young people feel positive about breaking the record before they start training. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 4. | One of the boys predicts that they will break the record. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 5. | The first group that run very nearly break the record. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 6. | The third group of young people break the record. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |

7. The young people are confident that Guinness will confirm the record. *True* *False*
8. Guinness confirm the new world record by sending a letter. *True* *False*

2. Preparation: matching

Watch the film again and say who the information refers to. Write a–f next to the numbers 1–6.

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| 1..... | Flo | a. | breaks the world record running with Kathleen |
| 2..... | Nafi | b. | manages to get a horse costume for 35 pounds |
| 3..... | Kathleen | c. | says she can't run |
| 4..... | Hannah | d. | buys some apples |
| 5..... | Kane | e. | says 'I think we could probably break it.' |
| 6..... | Christina | f. | says 'they'd better put it in the book.' |

Discussion

Did you like the film?

What do you think would be the hardest part about breaking the pantomime horse record?

Vocabulary Box

Write any new words you have learnt in this lesson.