World Records

**Vocabulary:**

record (v)  uk /rɪˈkɔːd/ us  /-ˈkɔːrd/ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Cliff Richard has recorded more [number](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/number) one [hit](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/hit) [songs](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/song) than any other British [pop](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/pop_2) [star](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/star_1).
2. We recorded [their](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/their) [wedding](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/wedding) on [video](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/video).
3. I [tried](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/tried) to [phone](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/phone) her, but all I got was a recorded [message](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/message) saying that she was away for the [weekend](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/weekend).
4. The [microphone](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/microphone) is used for recording [sounds](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/sound) that are [inaudible](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/inaudible) to the [human](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/human) [ear](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/ear).

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1. She records everything that [happens](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/happen) to her in her [diary](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/diary).
2. Unemployment is [likely](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/likely) to [reach](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/reach) the [highest](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/high) [total](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/total) that has [ever](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/ever) been recorded.
3. The [thermometer](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/thermometer) recorded a [temperature](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/temperature) of 30 [degrees](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/degree_1) [Celsius](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/celsius).
4. The [rings](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/ring) in the [trunk](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/trunk) of the [tree](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/tree) record the [amount](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/amount) by which it [grew](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/grew) each [year](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/year_1).

record (n) uk /ˈrek.ɔːd/ us /-ɚd/ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. The [weather](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/weather) [centre](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/centre) [keeps](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/keeps) a record of the [weather](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/weather).
2. A person's [medical](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/medical) records are [confidential](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/confidential).
3. He is well [known](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/known) to the [police](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/police) and has a [long](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/long_2) [criminal](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/criminal) record (= a [list](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/list) [kept](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/kept) by the [police](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/police) of his [previous](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/previous) crimes).
4. And, just for the record, we were never any more than good [friends](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/friend_1).

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1. Would you like to [listen](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/listen) to some records?
2. The Beatles' first [hit](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/hit) record was "Love Me Do".

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1. He [ran](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/ran) the 100 [metres](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/metre) in 9.79 [seconds](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/second_1) and [broke](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/broke)/[smashed](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/smashed) the [world](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/world) record.
2. She set/[established](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/established) a new [European](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/european) record in the high [jump](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/jump).
3. It was her first [crack](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/crack) at [beating](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/beating) the record.
4. He [failed](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/failed) in his [attempt](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/attempt) to [break](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/break) the record.

record (adj) uk /ˈrek.ɔːd/ us /-ɚd/ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. The [long](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/long_2) [hot](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/hot) [summer](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/summer) has [led](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/led_1) to a record [harvest](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/harvest) this [year](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/year_1).
2. Inflation has [reached](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/reach) record [levels](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/level).
3. We [finished](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/finished) the [work](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/work_1) in record [time](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/time_1) (= [faster](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/fast) than had [ever](http://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/british/ever) been done before).

**Discussion:**

1. Have you ever recorded anything?
2. Have you ever broken a record? Your personal one?
3. Which adjectives **best** describe people who break records? *competitive, shy, different, confident, ambitious, adventurous, weird, unique, ordinary, selfish, smart, modest,* *big-headed*
4. Where can you find all records recorded?
5. Have you ever seen a copy of it?
6. Can you think of different categories of records?
7. Have you heard of anybody breaking a record recently?

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**Pictures:**  Guess what records they are.

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1. Which of these records can you imagine breaking?
2. What are some advantages and disadvantages of the records in the photos?
3. Can you imagine the life of these people?

**Video: Top 100 Guinness World Records**

**Unit conversion:**

**Length: 1 in – 2.54 cm 1 ft. – 0.305m**

**Weight: 1 lb – 0.454 kg 1 stone – 6.35 kg**

**Speed: 1 mph – 1.6 kmph 50mph - 80.467 kmph**





