

# The Other Book of World Records

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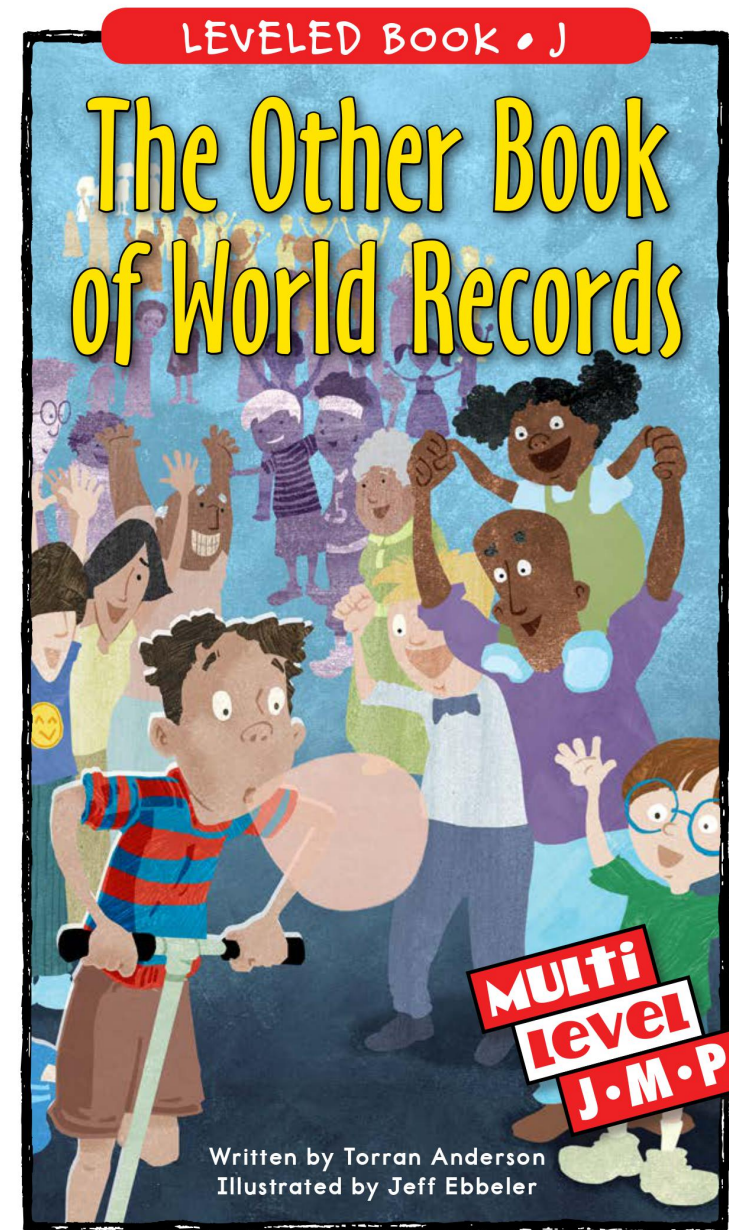
What do you think Ben will do to set his own world record? Add a new page to the story that shows what happens next with Ben.

### Social Studies

Choose five records from *Guinness World Records*. For each one, label on a map the country and city where the record was set. Compare your map with a partner's.



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## Focus Question

How did Shorty get into "The Other Book of World Records"?

## Words to Know

announced	pogo stick
making	records
maze	wobbled

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## Correlation

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"Today you're getting into 'The Other Book of World **Records**,'" Ruby told her brother. "What's that?" Shorty asked.



Ruby held up a pad of paper. "It's the record book I'm working on—the *other* book," she said. "Just stand on one leg and say the ABCs," Ruby said.



Shorty did just that.  
“A-B-C-D-E-,” he began.



A kid named Ben called over  
from the basketball court.  
“What’s going on here?” he asked.  
“He’s setting a record,” Ruby said.  
Ben laughed.  
“Anyone could do what he’s doing,”  
Ben said.



Ruby tossed a piece of gum  
to her brother.  
“Not while chewing gum,” she said.  
Shorty popped the gum  
in his mouth.  
He blew a bubble.  
“Aw, that’s nothing—let me get my  
**pogo stick**,” Ben said.



Ben dashed into the nearest  
apartment building and came back  
with his pogo stick.  
“Try jumping on this with one leg,”  
he said.  
Shorty picked up the pogo stick.  
Soon he was bouncing on one leg.  
Everyone from the playground  
came to watch.  
“Aw, that’s not so hard,” Ben said.



“Let’s see him jump through a human **maze**,” Ben said.  
“A what?” Ruby asked.  
“A maze made out of people,” Ben said.  
Shorty bounced up and down on the pogo stick.  
“Can I switch legs?” he asked.  
Ben and Ruby both shook their heads.

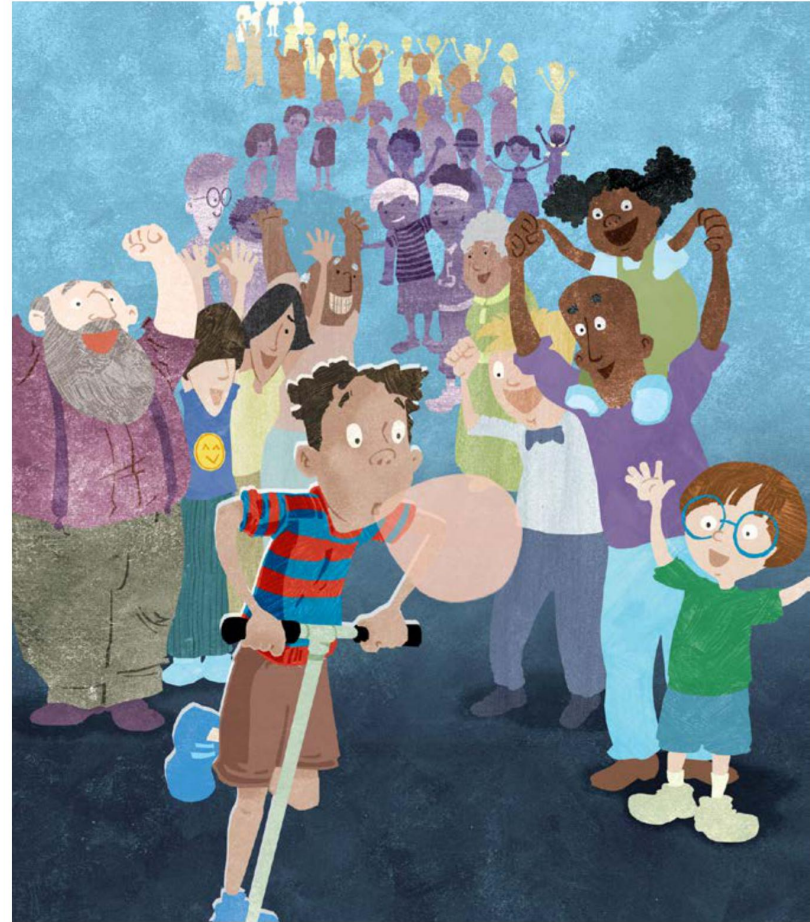
“Call everybody you know!” Ruby yelled.  
“My brother is going to set a new world record,” she **announced**.  
“Inside a human maze!” she added.  
“Tell them to come quick!” Shorty yelled.







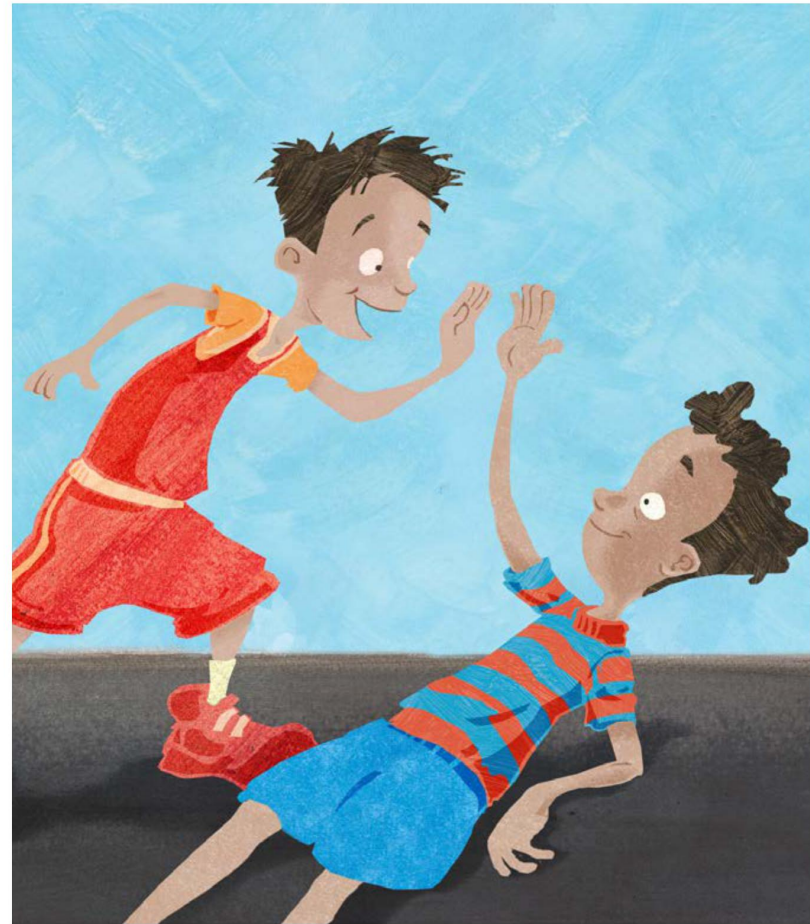
More people showed up.  
Ben lined them all up to form  
the maze.



Shorty was sweating now.  
Still jumping, he started to move  
through the human maze.  
People cheered him on as he blew  
his biggest bubble.



Shorty turned a corner  
in the maze.  
The pogo stick **wobbled**, but Shorty  
did not fall off.  
At the end of the maze, he leaped  
off the pogo stick.  
Shorty collapsed on the ground.  
“A new world record!” Ruby yelled.



Everyone cheered.  
“Not bad, Shorty,” Ben said.  
“Thanks,” Shorty said.  
“Now it’s your turn to set a record,”  
Shorty added.



Ben looked shocked.

“Me?” he gasped.

Ruby winked at Shorty.

Then Ruby yelled, “Step right up  
to watch a new world record  
in the **making!**”



## Glossary

- announced** (v.) told something to a group (p. 10)
- making** (n.) the act of forming or coming into being (p. 15)
- maze** (n.) a set of confusing pathways designed as a puzzle (p. 9)
- pogo stick** (n.) a pole with handles at the top, a spring at the bottom, and two footrests on which a person stands to bounce up and down (p. 7)
- records** (n.) events or achievements that have never been exceeded (p. 3)
- wobbled** (v.) moved from side to side in an unsteady way (p. 13)