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Level 5 – 1st July, 2021

Man breaks M&M stacking world record

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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There is a world record for almost everything these days. Who knew there was one for making the tallest pile of M&Ms? Well, there is, and it has been broken. A civil engineer attempted the balancing challenge while trying to stop the boredom of being cooped up during a COVID lockdown. He used all his engineering skills, with a touch of physics know-how, to pile the multi-coloured chocolates five M&Ms high. Many people might think that is a beatable record. Mr Cutbill thinks otherwise and challenged anybody to try and better his balancing feat.

Mr Cutbill spoke about why he broke the M&M record. He said: "I've had a lifelong ambition to break a Guinness World Records title. I've bought the book every year and have always dreamed of one day reading my name in it." He got the idea while he was eating his favourite chocolaty sweet during lockdown. He was curious to know how many M&Ms he could put on top of each other. He said: "It takes time, but if you stick at it, you will find a way to do it." He added: "This has inspired me. I want to let my creative juices flow and see what else I may be good at."

Sources: <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/world/2021/06/28/man-breaks-guinness-world-record-tallest-stack-m-ms/5371006001/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. making the tallest | a. a beatable record |
| 2. civil | b. being cooped up |
| 3. stop the boredom of | c. balancing feat |
| 4. He used all his engineering | d. pile of M&Ms |
| 5. pile the multi-coloured chocolates | e. skills |
| 6. people might think that is | f. otherwise |
| 7. Mr Cutbill thinks | g. engineer |
| 8. try and better his | h. five M&Ms high |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Mr Cutbill spoke about why he | a. a way to do it |
| 2. I've had a lifelong | b. of each other |
| 3. eating his favourite chocolaty | c. may be good at |
| 4. He was curious | d. sweet |
| 5. put on top | e. juices flow |
| 6. if you stick at it, you will find | f. to know |
| 7. I want to let my creative | g. broke the M&M record |
| 8. see what else I | h. ambition |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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There is a world (1) _____ everything these days. Who knew there was one for making (2) _____ of M&Ms? Well, there is, and it has been broken. A civil engineer attempted the balancing challenge while trying to (3) _____ of being cooped up during a COVID lockdown. He used all his engineering skills, with a (4) _____ know-how, to pile the multi-coloured chocolates five M&Ms high. Many people might think that is (5) _____. Mr Cutbill thinks otherwise and challenged anybody to try and (6) _____ feat.

Mr Cutbill spoke about why he broke the M&M record. He said: "I've had (7) _____ to break a Guinness World Records title. I've bought the book every year and have (8) _____ one day reading my name in it." He got the idea while he was eating his favourite (9) _____ lockdown. He was curious to know how many M&Ms he could put on top (10) _____. He said: "It takes time, but if you (11) _____, you will find a way to do it." He added: "This has inspired me. I want to let my (12) _____ and see what else I may be good at."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WORLD RECORDS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about world records in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

