

So, here we are for the Wildlife Olympics. It's humans verses wildlife for the medals.

<u>Sprints</u>: Human – 10.4 metres per second.

Dromedary Camel - 9.8 metres per second

Cheetah - 29 metres per second.

Pronghorn Antelope - 24.6 metres per second

Racehorse - 19.4 mps

Greyhound - 19.1 mps

- 1. Will we get a medal?
- 2. Which animals will get gold, silver and bronze?
- 3. Draw a block graph to show how the competitors performed.





Here are the training figures for our human athlete. Draw a line graph to show the progress the athlete is making.

Event	Time	Progress
1	11.90	
2	9.90	
3	9.80	
4	9.80	
5	9.75	







Flying speed: (We can't fly, so we don't even qualify for this event!)

Peregrine falcon – 259 km/h

Spur-winged goose - 142 km/h

Spine-tailed swift – 171 km/h

Frigate bird - 153 km/h

Red-breasted merganser – 129 km/h

- 1. What is the range of speeds between these Olympic finalists?
- 2. What is the mean of the speeds? (Round it to whole numbers.)
- 3. What is the median of the speeds?
- 4. Who gets a) gold b) silver c) bronze?

Marathon: Not so much the speed, but the distance and endurance.

Human marathon – 26 miles non-stop in the Olympic marathon.

Arctic Tern – 30,000 miles from Arctic to Antarctic every year.

Camel – 479 miles in 18 hours, non-stop!

Salmon – 2000 miles from ocean to rivers.

European eels – 3,700 miles from Sargasso Sea to our rivers.

Grey Whale – 10,000 miles from warm calving grounds to cold feeding grounds each year.

- 1. Who gets the gold, silver and bronze?
- 2. How far are we from a bronze medal?









<u>Diving</u>: Free-diving is a form of underwater diving that does not involve the use of scuba gear or other external breathing devices, but relies on a diver's ability to hold his or her breath until resurfacing.

Humans: 273 metres – (Goran Čolak 2011-10-16 Lignano, Italy. Dynamic Apnea With Fins Men.)

Sperm Whale – 1609 metres

Bottle-nosed Whale – 1524 metres

Emperor Penguin - 539 metres

Puffins - 49 metres

Long-tailed ducks - 40 metres



Long Jumping:

Human - 8.91 metres

Kangaroo: 9.14 m.

White-tailed deer – 9.00 m.

Tiger – 10 m.

Cricket Frog - 1.52 m. (But remember that this measurement is more than 60 times its bodylength. A 6ft man would need to leap 109.72 metres to equal that!)

High Jump:

Humans - 2.45 metres

Red Kangaroo - 3.048 m.

White-tailed deer - 2.59 m.

Tiger – 5 m.





- 1. What position do we lie in? Do we get a medal?
 - 2. How much deeper can a sperm whale dive than we can?
 - 3. What is the range of dives?
 - 4. What is the mean dive?



Springbok – 3 m.

Snakehead Fish – 4 m.

Spittlebug - 1828.8 m. (If it was scaled up to the size of a kangaroo or person!)

- 1. Should we get a medal in the long jump?
- 2. Which animal is *really* the long jump champion of the world?
- 3. Which animal wins the high jump gold medal?
- 4. How much farther can a kangaroo long-jump than a man?
- 5. How much higher than a man can a kangaroo jump?
- 6. In what position are we in the high jump?

Weight-lifting:

Humans: Snatch - 214kg. /Clean and Jerk - 263 kg.

African Elephant - 1000kg. (with its trunk.)

Rhinoceros Beetle – 1700g. (But this little beetle can carry 850 times its own body weight. The elephant can only carry 1/4 of its body weight, so it isn't even close in this contest!)

- 1. The average weight of a person in Europe is 71 kg. To lift 850 times his own weight, how much would a weightlifter have to lift above his/her head?
- 2. Talking of weight Look at the table below of average weights of people from around the world.

Region	Average Weight	% Overweight
Africa	61kg.	29
Asia	58kg.	24
Europe	71kg.	56
S. America	68kg.	58
N. America	81kg.	74
Oceania	74kg.	63
World Ave.	62kg.	35

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Body_weight

- 3. Draw a vertical block graph to show the average weight of people for each continent.
- 4. Draw a horizontal bar graph to show the % overweight for each continent.
- 5. What does that tell us about our lifestyle? (Will this make you more determined to get fitter and stronger?)
- 6. What do you think of our abilities compared to the rest of the animal kingdom?
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