

# record

## 1 Verb + record (highest / best)

Use the correct form of these verbs:

break                      hold                      reach  
knock                      set                      stand

1. The footballer Rivaldo ..... a new record for the amount of money paid for a footballer when he joined the Barcelona team.
2. Unemployment has ..... an all-time record of 4 million.
3. Maurice Green ..... the world record for the 100 metres and for a time was the fastest man on earth.
4. The movie *Titanic* ..... all box-office records, making more money than any other film before.
5. Everyone knew she was going to beat the world marathon record, but she actually ..... over two minutes off it!
6. The world long jump record ..... for over 20 years until Bob Beamon smashed it with one enormous leap at the Mexico City Olympics.

## 2 Noun + noun collocations

Use these nouns to complete the sentences:

turnout                      time                      number                      low

1. There's been a record ..... of applications for the job.
2. I left an hour earlier than usual and I got to work in record .....
3. The euro was down again. In fact it hit a record ..... against the pound at the close of trading yesterday.
4. There's a record ..... for this year's London marathon. More than 50,000 want to run the race.  
audience                      profits                      temperatures                      levels
5. Drug use amongst young people has risen to record .....
6. This year's Glastonbury rock festival attracted a record ..... with 40,000 fans flocking to hear their favourite bands.
7. The company has made record ..... this year.
8. We've seen record ..... this summer – the highest since records began.

## 3 Adjective + record (written account)

Use the following adjectives in these sentences:

accurate                      confidential                      dental                      official

1. Many of the bodies recovered from the crash could only be identified by their ..... records.
2. .... records must be kept in case the tax authorities arrive to inspect us.
3. Your medical records are strictly ..... Only you and your doctor have access to them.
4. All births, deaths and marriages are entered in the ..... records. Most of these records have been computerised in recent years.

## 4 Adjective + record (the past)

Complete the sentences with these words:

clean                      criminal                      past  
poor                      safety                      track

1. The country has been criticised for its very ..... record on human rights.
2. I have no doubts about investing in this company. They have a proven ..... record.
3. He has a ..... record as long as your arm, so he's well-known to the police!
4. I'd never fly with an airline that has a bad ..... record, would you?
5. The defendant got off relatively lightly because the judge took his ..... record into account when passing sentence.
6. I can't see him getting the job. His ..... record will weigh heavily against him.

### Notes

1. To get to the truth is to 'set the record straight':  
*I'm determined to set the record straight this time!*
2. If something is 'in the records', it is in the archives:  
*If you search the records, you'll find he was married.*
3. Record also has another meaning:  
*Some people still prefer vinyl records to CDs.*
4. If you speak 'off the record', it is not official:  
*Off the record, he has no hope of getting this job.*
5. If something is 'on record', it is on file:  
*The PM is on the record as saying he is pro-Europe.*