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## STUDY GUIDE: WORLD RECORDS

### LIVING ORGANISMS:

Largest Marine Mammal: Blue Whale  
Largest Land Mammal: African Bush Elephant  
Tallest Mammal: Giraffe  
Largest Reptile: Saltwater Crocodile  
Longest Snake: Reticulated Python  
Heaviest Snake: Reticulated Python  
Heaviest Snake: Anaconda  
Largest Fish: Whale Shark  
Largest Bird: Ostrich  
Fastest Marine Mammal: Blue Whale  
Fastest Land Mammal: Cheetah  
Fastest Fish: Sailfish  
Fastest Bird: Peregrine Falcon  
Fastest Insect: Dragonfly  
Smallest Mammal: Pygmy Shrew  
Smallest Fish: Dwarf Goby  
Smallest Bird: Male Bee Hummingbird  
Smallest Snakes: Thread Snake and Brahminy Blind Snake  
Smallest Lizard: Jaragua Lizard  
Smallest Insect : Fairy Fly  
Smallest Frog: Brazilian Frog

### **ANIMALS HAVING THE LONGEST AVERAGE LIFE SPANS:**

1. Box turtle: 100 years
2. Human: 75 years
3. Asian elephant: 40 years
4. Grizzly bear: 25 years
5. Horse: 20 years

### **BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES**

1. Taipei 101, Taipei (1,670 ft.)
2. Petronas Towers 1 and 2, Kuala Lumpur (1,483 ft.)
3. Sears Tower, Chicago, Illinois (1,450 ft.)
4. Jin Mao Building, Shanghai, China (1,380)
5. Two International Finance Center, Hong Kong

### **TOP 10 ENERGY PRODUCING COUNTRIES:**

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| 1. United States | 6. Great Britain |
| 2. Russia        | 7. Iran          |
| 3. China         | 8. Norway        |
| 4. Saudi Arabia  | 9. India         |
| 5. Canada        | 10. Mexico       |

### **TOP 10 ENERGY CONSUMING COUNTRIES:**

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| 1. United States | 6. Canada        |
| 2. China         | 7. India         |
| 3. Russia        | 8. France        |
| 4. Japan         | 9. Great Britain |
| 5. Germany       | 10. Brazil       |

### **BODIES OF WATER:**

1. Pacific Ocean: 64,186,300 sq. miles, 12,925 feet deep.
2. Atlantic Ocean: 33,420,000 sq. miles, 11,730 feet deep.
3. Indian Ocean: 28,350,500 sq. miles, 12,598 feet deep.
4. Arctic Ocean: 5,105,700 sq. miles, 3,407 feet deep.

Longest River: the Nile, Egypt and Sudan

Highest Waterfall: Angel Falls, Venezuela

Deepest lake: Lake Baykal, Asia

Biggest Lake: Caspian Sea, Europe and Asia

Deepest part of any ocean: Marianas Trench- in the Pacific Ocean, west of the Philippines.

Saltiest Sea: Dead Sea

**OTHER GEOGRAPHICAL WONDERS:**

Biggest Desert: Sahara, Africa

Largest Island: Greenland

Tallest Mountain: Mt. Everest, Tibet and Nepal

**MOST POPULOUS COUNTRIES, 2004, FROM LARGEST TO SMALLEST:**

1. China
2. India
3. United States
4. Indonesia
5. Brazil

**LEAST POPULOUR COUNTRIES, 2004, FROM SMALLEST TO LARGEST:**

1. Vatican City
2. Tubalu
3. Nauru
4. Palau
5. San Marino

**MOST POPULOUS CITIES IN THE WORLD, 2004, FROM MOST HEAVILY POPULATED TO LEAST POPULATED:**

1. Shanghai, China
2. Bombay, India
3. Karachi, Pakistan
4. Buenos Aires, Argentina
5. Delhi, India
6. Manila, Philippines
7. Moscow, Russia
8. Soul, Korea
9. Sao Paulo, Brazil
10. Istanbul, Turkey

### **LARGEST CITIES IN THE U.S. ACCORDING TO POPULATION (2004 Census)**

1. New York City, NY
2. Los Angeles, CA
3. Chicago, IL
4. Houston, TX
5. Philadelphia, PA
6. Phoenix, AZ
7. San Diego, CA
8. San Antonio, TX
9. Dallas, TX
10. San Jose, CA

### **MOST POPULOUS U.S. STATES:**

1. California
2. Texas
3. New York
4. Florida
5. Illinois

### **COUNTRIES FROM WHICH THE MOST IMMIGRANTS COME:**

1. Mexico
2. China
3. Philippines
4. India
5. Vietnam

### **STATES IN WHICH THE MOST IMMIGRANTS SETTLE:**

1. California
2. New York
3. Florida
4. Texas
5. New Jersey
6. Illinois

### **U.S. STATE RECORD BREAKERS: GEOGRAPHY**

Largest state: Alaska

Smallest State: Rhode Island

Longest river system: Mississippi-Missouri-Red Rock  
Deepest lake: Crater Lake, Oregon  
Highest U.S. mountain: Mt. McKinley, Alaska  
Lowest U.S. elevation: Death Valley, CA  
Tallest building: Sears Tower, Chicago  
Longest bridge: Verrazano, Narrows Bridge, NY  
Highest bridge: Royal Gorge, CO  
First National Park: Yellowstone (Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho)  
Largest National Park: Wrangell, St. Elias, AL  
Coldest state: Alaska  
Largest land gorge in the world: Grand Canyon, AZ  
Only diamond mine in the U.S.: Arkansas  
World's largest flat-topped mountain: Grand Mesa, CO  
Oldest permanent European settlement in the U.S.: St. Augustine, FL  
Most heavily wooded state: Georgia  
Largest active volcano in the United States: Mauna Loa, HI  
Home of the world's first skyscraper: Chicago, IL  
Largest cave system in the world: Mammoth Caves, KY  
The busiest port in the United States: New Orleans, LA  
Highest tides in the United States: Maine  
Narrowest state in the United States: Maryland (only 1 mile wide at one point)  
Largest Great Lake located entirely within the United States: Lake Michigan  
Largest shopping mall in the United States: Mall of America, MN  
The tallest free-standing structure in the United States: Gateway Arch, MO  
Driest state (least precipitation): Nevada  
Windiest spot on Earth: Mount Washington, NH  
Oldest state capital city in the U.S.: Santa Fe, NM  
Site of the first airplane ride: Kitty Hawk, NC  
Country music capital of the world: Nashville, TN  
Largest of the contiguous states: Texas  
Largest lake, outside of the Great Lakes, in America: Great Salt Lake, UT  
World's largest concrete dam: Grand Coulee, Columbia River, WA

### **U.S. STATE AGRICULTURAL AND MINING LEADERS:**

Citrus fruits: Florida  
Potatoes: Idaho  
Soybeans: Illinois  
Wheat: Kansas and North Dakota  
Timber: Oregon  
Beef cattle: Texas  
Dairy cattle: California  
Sheep: Texas  
Maple syrup and granite: Vermont  
Apples: Washington

Corn: Iowa  
Rice: Arkansas  
Cranberries: Massachusetts  
Biggest Mining State: Alaska

### **SOLAR SYSTEM:**

Largest planet: Jupiter  
Smallest Planet: Pluto  
Planet closest to the sun: Mercury  
Planet closest to Earth: Venus  
Fastest moving planet: Mercury  
Slowest planet: Pluto  
Hottest planet: Venus  
Coldest planet: Pluto  
Planet with the tallest mountain: Mars  
Densest planet: Earth  
Least dense planet: Saturn  
Brightest planet: Venus  
The Red Planet: mars  
Highest peak in the solar system: Olympus Mons (Mars)  
Largest moon in the solar system: Ganymede (Jupiter)  
Planet with the most moons: Saturn

### **OTHER SPACE FACTS:**

First human to orbit Earth: Yuri Gagarin  
First American in Space: Alan B. Shepard Jr.  
First American to orbit Earth: John H. Glenn  
First woman in Space: Valentina V. Tereshkova  
First person to walk on the moon: Neil Armstrong

### **AMUSEMENT PARKS RECORD BREAKERS:**

World's largest amusement park: Walt Disney World, Lake Buena Vista, Florida

Amusement park with the world's most roller coasters: Six Flags Magic Mountain, Valencia, CA

#### **World's Fastest Roller Coasters:**

Dodonpa: Gotemba City, Japan  
Superman: The Escape, Valencia, CA

Steel Dragon 2000: Mie, Japan  
Millennium Force: Sandusky, OH  
Goliath: Valencia, California – tied with Titan: Arlington, TX

**World's Longest roller Coasters:**

Steel Dragon 2002: Mie, Japan  
The Ultimate: North Yorkshire, England  
The Beast: Cincinnati, OH  
Son of Beast: Cincinnati, OH  
Millennium Force: Sandusky, OH

**World's Tallest Roller Coasters**

Superman: The Escape, Valencia, CA  
Tower of Terror: Gold Coast, Australia  
Steel Dragon 2000: Mie, Japan  
Fujiyama: Yamanashi, Japan  
Millennium Force: Sandusky, OH