

Great Jumps!

FACT FILE

The current world record for the men's long jump is 8.95m and is held by American Mike Powell. Australia's Emma George holds the world pole vault record at 4.55m and Tim Forsyth from Australia has jumped 2.36m in the men's high jump. The world record for this event is currently 2.45m and is held by Javier Sotomayor from Cuba.

Activity

Use the grid below to create a bar graph to plot the world records listed in Table 1. Make sure you distinguish between the men's and the women's records in each event. Label your graph clearly.

Event	Men WR	Women WR
High Jump	2.45m	2.09m
Pole Vault	6.14m	4.55m
Long Jump	8.95m	7.52m

Table 1

Challenge!

Measure and mark these records in the gymnasium or on a court at school. How many of your jumps would it take to match the world long jump record?

