

(3) The Other Book of World Record

"Today you're getting into 'The Other Book of World Records'," Ruby told her brother.

"What's that?" Jason asked. Ruby held up a pad of paper. "It's the record book I'm working on. The *other* book," she said.

"But I don't have my pogo stick," Jason said.

"You don't need it," Ruby said. "Stand on one leg and recite the ABCs."

Jason stood on one leg and began the alphabet: "A-B-C-D-E-" The kids on the basketball court stopped their game to stare at Jason. A kid named Ben came over.

"ABCs, huh?" he said. "What are you in—kindergarten?"

"He's setting a record, and he needs to concentrate," Ruby said.

"What's your job?" Ben asked.

"I'm the officiator," Ruby said. "The witness, to prove he really did it."

"Did what?" Ben asked. "Anyone could do what he's doing."

"Oh, yeah?" Ruby said. "Well, my brother is going to do it while chewing bubble gum." Ruby pulled out a piece of gum and tossed it to her brother. Jason popped the gum in his mouth and continued reciting the alphabet:

"F-G-H-I-J-K-L-M-N-O-P-"

"Aw, that's nothing," Ben said. "You got to blow bubbles instead. And if you want to set a real record, let me get my pogo stick." Ben dashed into the nearest apartment building. Jason winked at Ruby—Ben didn't know that Jason was a pogo stick master. Ben came back with his pogo stick. "Try jumping on one leg," he said.

Jason picked up the pogo stick and began bouncing. Once he got going, he started jumping on one leg. Everyone from the playground came to see what was happening.

"That's not so hard," Ben said. "Let's see him jump through a human maze."

"There's no such thing as a human maze," Ruby said.

"Sure there is," Ben said. "It's a maze made out of people."

Jason bounced on the pogo stick. "Can I switch legs?" he asked. Ben and Ruby both shook their heads.

"Call everybody you know," Ruby announced. "My brother is going to set a new world record inside a human maze."

"Tell them to come quick!" Jason yelled.

Some people pulled out their phones and started calling their friends. Others ran into the building to invite their families. Ben raced to the tennis courts and recruited more kids for the maze.

"Hurry up!" Jason screamed. "I'm getting tired."

Jason was sweating on the pogo stick. Still jumping, he started to move through the human maze. People cheered him on as he blew his biggest bubble, bouncing all the while. Jason turned a corner in the maze. The pogo stick wobbled, but Jason did not fall off. At the end of the maze, he leapt off the pogo stick and collapsed on the ground.

"A new world record!" Ruby yelled.

Everyone cheered and rushed over to Jason. He reached up his hand to give high fives to everybody.

"Not bad, Jason," Ben said.

"Thanks," Jason said to Ben. "Now it's your turn. Your turn to get into 'The Other Book of World Records'."

Ben looked shocked. "Me?" he gasped. "No! I don't—"

Ruby winked at Jason. "Step right up!" she yelled. "We've got a new world record in the making!"