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American sprinter 'breaks' Usain Bolt's world record, only to find out he hadn't!



For a split second, it looked like Noah Lyle had shattered Usain Bolt's 200 m world record. But, as Lyles very quickly found out, things weren't quite as they seemed!

While competing in the Inspiration Games, the 22-year-old clocked a rapid time of 18.9 seconds in the 200 m event.

With Jamaican megastar Bolt's own time standing at an impressive 19·19 seconds, American sprinter Lyle had effectively broken the world record - leaving race commentators in disbelief.

(a) How much quicker is this time in seconds? (No calculators allowed!)

The American's joy was very short-lived as event organisers quickly realised he'd been given the wrong starting lane - meaning he'd completed 15 m LESS than what he was supposed to!

- (b) How far had Noah actually ran? (Again, no calculators allowed!)
- (c) Assuming he ran at this rate for the remaining distance, approximately how long would it have taken Noah to run the full 200 metres? Round your answer to 2 decimal places!

 (Calculators allowed for this part!)

Vintage Super Mario Bros. game sold at auction for \$114 000!

A vintage Super Mario Bros. video game has sold for \$114,000 at auction. The unopened copy of the 1985 classic broke the previous record set by another copy of the same game, which was sold for \$100 150 last year.

It's plastic packaging with a cardboard tag underneath the plastic indicated that it was one of the first batches produced by Nintendo.

How much did the game sell for in pounds and pence?



Current Exchange
Rate: £1 = \$1.30

Man eats 75 hot dogs in 10 minutes to scoop world record

Joey Chestnut has won the world record title for eating hot dogs, chomping through 75 in just 10 minutes.



Incredible work!

The Nathan's Hotdog Eating Contest takes place every year in Coney Island, New York.

On average, how long did it take Joey to eat one hotdog? Give your answer in SECONDS!

Woman complains to Sainsbury's after weighing 500g of mince on scales

A shopper has shared a photo of a 500 grams packet of minced beef she bought in Sainsbury's, after weighing it and realising she had been short changed.

The packet of mince that she'd purchased from the British supermarket chain actually contained

4.4% less than this amount!

- (a) How much mince was missing from the packet?
- (b) What should the reading say on the kitchen scales in the picture?

