

GRAMMAR: SUPERLATIVES

- What can you say about this man in the picture?
Where do you think he lives?
How old do you think he is?
What job do you think he has?
What are the advantages of being so tall?
What are the disadvantages of being so tall?



Read about him

The tallest man living is Sultan Kösen (Turkey, b.10 December 1982) who measured 251 cm (8 ft 3 in) in Ankara, Turkey, on 08 February 2011. The part-time farmer was the first man over 8 ft (2.43 m) to be measured by Guinness World Record in over 20 years. Indeed, GWR only knows of 10 cases in history of humans reaching 8 ft or more.

Sultan also has the widest hands and largest feet on a living person. Speaking at the time of his entry into the Guinness World Records family he said: 'I never imagined I would be in the book, I dreamed about it, but it was still a huge surprise'. Sultan is one of five siblings, with three brothers and one sister,. The rest of his family, including his mum and dad, are all 'normal' sized.

Because of his extreme height he was never able to finish school but works occasionally as a farmer to support his family. He describes one of the advantages of being tall is to be able to help out his mum with jobs such as changing a light bulb and hanging curtains. Disadvantages to his height he lists include not being able to find clothes or shoes that fit or finding it extremely hard to fit into a regular size car. Like every young man in their twenties, Sultan enjoys listening to music, playing computer games and watching movies.

Adapted from the Guinness World Records

<http://www.guinnessworldrecords.com/world-records/size/tallest-man-living>

VOCABULARY

English

part-time (adj)
to measure
to reach
over 20 years
indeed,
wide
huge
sibling
size
normal sized
height (noun!)
to be able to do sthg (=can)
to support somebody
light bulb
curtain
to hang
advantage
disadvantage
to fit

Français

à temps partiel
mesurer
atteindre
pendant 20 ans
encore (pour renforcer ce qui est dit)
large
énorme
frère et soeur
la taille
de taille normale
l'hauteur
être capable de faire qch (=pouvoir)
soutenir, aider qn
une ampoule
le rideau
accrocher, pendre
l'avantage
l'inconvénient
qui a la bonne taille

SPEAKING

Watch the film at <http://teensenglish.edublogs.org/2013/01/16/the-tallest-man/>

Describe in details to your partner what Sultan Kösen, the tallest man in the world is doing.

She will take notes, and after that you change roles.

WRITING

You are a journalist at the TeensVoice magazine. You will have to write an article about the tallest man in the world. You will meet him next week for an interview. Prepare a list of questions you will ask from him.

LEARNING

You must learn all the words from this article. There will be a vocabulary test!

How to learn the words: 1) copy them in your dictionary 2) copy the phrase from the text where you can find this word 3) memorize it in this phrase