

Around the World in 80 Days

Mark Beaumont - Around the World in 80 Days

Last year, Mark Beaumont, an athlete, tried to make history by cycling around the world in just 80 days. This challenge was made famous by a book called, 'Around the World in 80 days', by Jules Verne. The main character, Phileas Fogg, tries to travel around the world using hot-air balloons, trains and boats but Mark Beaumont cycled the whole way. Mark had cycled around the world before but this time, he had a record to break!



Mark covered an amazing 18,000 miles in order to complete the challenge. He rode for around 16 hours every day, for 11 weeks! He did little else other than ride, eat and rest. He travelled through 14 different countries, across Europe, Asia, Australia and North America.

Preparing for the challenge was very difficult and took lots of time and money.

Most importantly, Mark needed to be fit enough to complete the challenge and have just the right equipment. To test both his equipment and his fitness, Mark cycled around the coast of Britain. This challenge began in London and covered 4,200 miles in just under three weeks.

Incredibly, Mark broke the existing world record and cycled the route in 79 days! This was 44 days less than his previous attempt.



Questions

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Phileas Fogg

Jules Verne

Mark Beaumont

2. How long did Mark ride for each day? Tick **one**.

16 hours

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14 hours

3. Tick **two** continents that Mark visited.

Africa

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South America

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Equipment means the things somebody needs, like a helmet, food, water, maps that he will need to take with him. (or similar answers)

6. If you could set Mark's next challenge, what do you think it should be?

Varied answers applicable but must relate to topic / previous challenges.