



A farmer in Israel grew the world's heaviest strawberry. The strawberry was 18 centimeters long, and it weighed 289 grams, which was about five times more than a normal strawberry.

Cold weather was the reason why the strawberry grew so big. It didn't **ripen** quickly, and it kept growing bigger and bigger. The man saw how big the strawberry was, and he thought that it could be a new world record. When he **harvested** the fruit, he put it in the freezer, and he waited for a message from the Guinness World Records. When he knew that he won, he took the fruit out of the freezer, and he showed it to everyone.

The **previous** world record strawberry grew in Japan in 2015, and it weighed 250 grams.

**Difficult words:** **ripen** (when fruit becomes ready to eat), **harvest** (to pick the fruit when it is ready to eat), **previous** (the one before the last).

**Discussion Questions****Topic Talk**

1. Define the following words: *ripen*, *harvest* and *previous*
2. How heavy was the world's heaviest strawberry?
3. Where was the world's heaviest strawberry grown?
4. How did the strawberry grow so big?
5. What did the farmer do after he saw how big the strawberry had grown?
6. Who held the previous world record strawberry in the Guinness World Records?

**Express Your Thoughts**

1. What is the average weight of strawberries in your country?
2. Have you seen unusually big strawberries? *If yes*, how big are they and how do they taste like?
3. Does your country hold any Guinness World Records? What are they?