# Lesson 71: A car called Bluebird

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What mistake was made?

The great racing driver, Sir Malcolm Campbell, was the first man to drive at over 300 miles per hour.

He set up a new world record in September 1935 at Bonneville Salt Flats, Utah.

Bluebird, the car he was driving, had been specially built for him.

It was over 30 feet in length and had a 2,500-horsepower engine.

Although Campbell reached a speed of over 304 miles per hour, he had great difficulty in controlling the car because a tire burst during the first run.

After his attempt, Campbell was disappointed to learn that his average speed had been 299 miles per hour.

However, a few days later, he was told that a mistake had been made.

His average speed had been 301 miles per hour.

Since that time, racing drivers have reached speeds over 600 miles an hour.

Following in his father's footsteps many years later, Sir Malcolm's son, Donald, also set up a world record.

Like his father, he was driving a car called Bluebird.

Sir Malcolm Campbell set up a land-speed record in 1935 driving a car called Bluebird, which had been specially built for him.

His average speed was incorrectly declared to be 299 miles per hour, but this mistake was corrected later.

He had averaged 301 miles an hour.

Years later, his son, Donald, also broke a record, and his car was also called Bluebird.

Hurry up, or you will miss the train.

I'm expecting to receive a letter soon.

You should raise that picture a few inches.

I love lying in bed.

He always beats me at chess.

Are you quite ready?

I dislike getting up early, but I am used to it now.

People often come into our garden and pick flowers.

Whenever I buy anything new, my father always asks me the price.

That house cost a fortune to build.

I value your advice a great deal.

The oil level in the engine must be checked.

I could not accept his offer.

Who is going to dress up as Father Christmas?

How many hours a day do you practice?

We were amused by his stories.

She hung the clothes on the line.

The train arrived late as usual.

He has been working too hard.

He was nearly run over by a car.

I told him about it in order to help you.

I opened the door quietly so as not to disturb him.

He left the letter on the table in order that I should see it.

Learn no more.

He told me a secret, and I have to keep it.

Why don't you tell him the truth?

If you didn't want it, why didn't you say so?

He knelt down and said a prayer.

I can't prevent him from telling lies.

There was some doubt whether Sir Malcolm had maintained an average speed of 301 miles per hour.

More than one racing driver has driven faster than 300 miles per hour since Sir Malcolm set up his record.

He was the first man to drive at over 300 miles an hour.

No one had done this before.

How long was it? 30 feet.

It was difficult for him to control the car.

How fast did he drive? At 301 miles an hour.

Donald Campbell was driving a car called Bluebird.

He set up a new world record.

He created a new record.

It was over 30 feet in length.

That's how long it was.

It reached a speed of over 301 miles per hour.

That's how fast it went.

He was disappointed to learn this

. He felt sorry.

They had made a mistake.

They had been wrong.

Following in his father's footsteps many years later , Sir's son, Donald, also set up a world record.