

# The Queen Of Limbo

Shemika Campbell - World Record Holder



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2. *She must be flexible so every day she has to \_\_\_\_\_.*
3. *Shemika has to \_\_\_\_\_ while doing the limbo.*
4. *The \_\_\_\_\_ she feels while doing the limbo is what drew her to it.*
5. *Limbo is a big part of \_\_\_\_\_.*

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1. Everyone in her **family** have been limbo dancers.
2. She must be flexible so every day she has to **stretch**.
3. Shemika has to **hold her breath** while doing the limbo.
4. The **pain** she feels while doing the limbo is what drew her to it.
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# A Limbo Queen

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I set the record for the lowest limbo of 8.5 inches in 2010. I'm very proud of that.



My name is Shemika Campbell, and I am a world class limbo dancer.

I'm originally from Trinidad and Tobago, which is also where limbo dance originated. It was a dance at **wakes** that symbolized entering from one life to another.

Now today, it's literally everywhere. I got into the art of limbo at the age of 14. My grandmother was a limbo dancer, my mother was a limbo dancer and it's only right that I'm a limbo dancer. I had to carry on that **legacy**, not only for my family, but also for my culture, as well.

Physically, I am very **flexible**. I do my daily stretches. I can't really feel normal stretches, so I have to like create my own, to where I really feel the stretch in my legs. I get a little crazy sometimes, for sure.

Ladies and gentlemen, the limbo queen, Shemika Campbell.

[Shemika] In order to make it under 8.5 inches, I have to hold my breath in order to **contort** my body to make it under the bar. At the same time I have to think about my arms, I have to think about my positioning. I move side to side just to show that I'm still **suspended**. I start to move actually physically under the bar and that's pretty much when I'm able to let the air out. And that's when I will get up.

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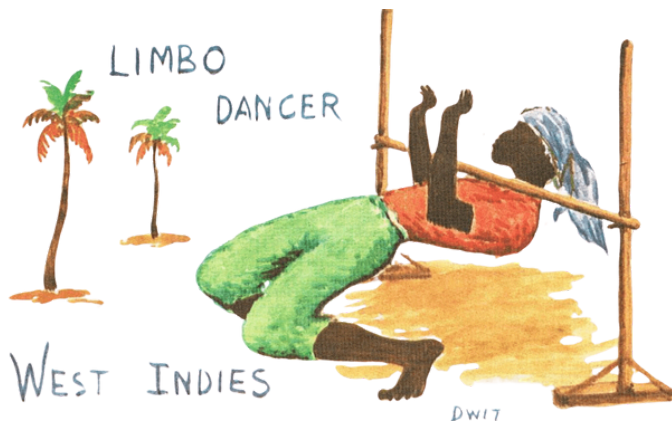
The pain that I feel during practicing and pushing myself that comes with it, that's one of the things that really drew me to limbo.

It was something that I couldn't do easily. I love the challenge. Me making it under this bar perfectly every time, it means the absolute world.

I pretty much limbo any and everywhere. I've been on “America's Got Talent” twice. I've been on “The Ellen Degeneres show.” I've been on “The Late Late Show with James Corden.” When I see peoples' **reactions** and how appreciative they are of my ability to do this is just amazing. Alright.

Put it there, put it there. I really do appreciate you representing the city.  
- I absolutely love limbo.

I love everything about it. People think that limbo is just for fun. For Trinidadians like myself, it's really a big part of our culture. I feel like that's where my job comes in, to really show you this is more than just a fun little **activity**.



Trinidad &  
Tobago



Name:

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ability to bend, like your body

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a gathering after someone dies

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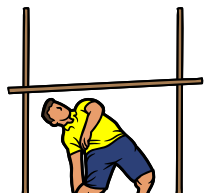
to change so it is different than normal

6

a special history

7

to act because of something else



# Guess The

## WORLD RECORDS

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Closest person wins!

1. Most eggs cracked with 1 hand in 1 minute

2. Longest lasting group hug.

**hours**

3. Most t-shirts worn at one time.

4. Furthest distance run in 24 hours.

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6. Fastest sailing around the world solo.

**days**

7. Most days without any sleep.

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8. Fastest land speed in a car.

**kph**

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**kg**

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| 3. Fastest speed on a bicycle                         | <input type="text"/> |                  |
| 4. Most coins stacked into a tower in 1 minute        | <input type="text"/> |                  |
| 5. Most Guinness World Records set                    | <input type="text"/> |                  |
| 6. Highest ever high jump                             | <input type="text"/> | <b>meters</b>    |
| 7. Longest time lost, adrift at sea alone             | <input type="text"/> | <b>days</b>      |
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| 9. Longest paper airplane flight                      | <input type="text"/> | <b>meters</b>    |
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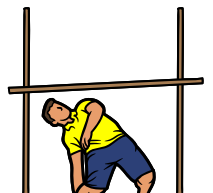
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| 2. Longest lasting group hug.                 | <div>30</div>        | hours |
| 3. Most t-shirts worn at one time.            | <div>260</div>       |       |
| 4. Furthest distance run in 24 hours.         | <div>303.3</div>     | km    |
| 5. Most bananas peeled and eaten in 1 minute. | <div>8</div>         |       |
| 6. Fastest sailing around the world solo.     | <div>42</div>        | days  |
| 7. Most days without any sleep.               | <div>11</div>        | days  |
| 8. Fastest land speed in a car.               | <div>1,227.985</div> | kph   |
| 9. Oldest a person has ever lived.            | <div>122</div>       | years |
| 10. Most push-ups done in 24 hours.           | <div>46,001</div>    |       |
| 11. Most weight ever lifted over the head.    | <div>263.5</div>     | kg    |
| 12. Most languages a person speaks fluently.  | <div>59</div>        |       |

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|---|------------------|-----------|
| 1. Youngest ever Nobel Prize winner                   | <div>17</div>    | years old |
| 2. Longest time holding breath under water            | <div>24</div>    | minutes   |
| 3. Fastest speed on a bicycle                         | <div>183.9</div> | mph       |
| 4. Most coins stacked into a tower in 1 minute        | <div>69</div>    |           |
| 5. Most Guinness World Records set                    | <div>600</div>   |           |
| 6. Highest ever high jump                             | <div>2.45</div>  | meters    |
| 7. Longest time lost, adrift at sea alone             | <div>133</div>   | days      |
| 8. Longest time spinning a basketball with one finger | <div>11.4</div>  | minutes   |
| 9. Longest paper airplane flight                      | <div>69.14</div> | meters    |
| 10. Largest litter of puppies given birth to          | <div>24</div>    |           |
| 11. Most hot dogs eaten in 3 minutes                  | <div>9</div>     |           |
| 12. The longest coin spin                             | <div>25.71</div> | seconds   |

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