

Mog is 12 years old and has decided to enter a maths competition. Can he handle the pressure and become a champion?

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do the exercises. Remember you can read the transcript at any time.

Preparation

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–h next to the numbers 1–8.

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| 1..... a report | a. very demanding and forcing other people to do what you want |
| 2..... your strongest point | b. a document which shows a student's exam results for different subjects |
| 3..... pushy | c. your best ability |
| 4..... to ace something | d. to move at the same speed as another person or thing |
| 5..... to set the bar high | e. the ability to do a certain action |
| 6..... a skill | f. to do very well in a test and receive a good result |
| 7..... Blimey! | g. to establish a high standard so other people have to work hard to be equal to you |
| 8..... to keep up with somebody or something | h. an informal British English expression which somebody says if they are surprised or amazed |

1. Check your understanding: true or false

Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

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| 1. Mog wants to win the maths competition because he knows that it will make his parents happy. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 2. Mog's mother says that her son's personal goals are important for her too. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 3. Mog says that maths is his best school subject. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 4. Mog's mother is not very surprised about how quickly he learns. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 5. Mog had excellent results in the written part of the maths competition. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 6. The examiner is surprised by Mog's results in the competition. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |

2. Check your understanding: gap fill

Write Mog's answers to fill the gaps.

1. What comes next? 1, 3, 5, 15, 17, _____.
2. 3,235 minus 558 equals _____.
3. 4,890 plus 922 equals _____.
4. Multiply 11 by 4, subtract 16 and finally multiply by 3: _____.
5. 28 plus 41 plus 97 plus 24 plus 54 plus 18 equals _____.

Discussion

Do you enjoy studying maths? Do you think Mog is a genius?