

B1+ Unit 1 Reading

Special people

Tom Sietas



Judit Polgár



1. Read the text on p. 7 in your Student's books, decide whether the statements are True or False. Write the number(s) of the line(s) where you found the answer.

1 For what Tom does, it is important to be big and strong.	T / F _____
2 Tom can swim underwater for over twenty minutes without breathing.	T / F _____
3 Tom always knew about his natural talent for staying underwater.	T / F _____
4 Mental qualities are also important to be good at static apnea.	T / F _____
5 László Polgár had a theory and he proved that it was true.	T / F _____
6 Judit's chess ability was easy to see right from the beginning.	T / F _____
7 From the start, she played for hours and hours every day.	T / F _____
8 After her experience, Judi doesn't want to teach her children chess.	T / F _____

2. Explain the following words from the text in English

hold your breath

lungs

highly dangerous

to prove

gradually



Critical thinking

'Geniuses are born, not made.' Does the writer of the text appear to agree with this statement?
Why/why not? Do you agree with it?

What about you?

How good are you at water sports and/or chess?

What special talents and abilities do you have, or would like to have?