

"James is Trying His Best"

James is sitting in his room. He is feeling nervous because tomorrow is the big math test. He is not very good at math, but he is trying to learn. Right now, he is doing his math homework, but it is very difficult. His mom is explaining the problems, but James doesn't understand everything.

James is dreaming about passing the test. He knows he deserves a good grade because he is working hard. He is not crying, but he is feeling very frustrated. His dad is feeding the dog, and James is watching him while thinking about the test.

The next day, James is sitting in class. He is holding his pencil and drawing little shapes on his paper while waiting for the test to start. His friends are talking, but James is staying quiet. The teacher is handing out the tests. James is taking a deep breath and starting to write.

During the test, James is finding some answers, but other questions are very hard. He is trying not to panic. He is not escaping; he is facing his fear. He knows he is not perfect, but he is doing his best.





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After the test, James is talking to his friend Theresa. "How was the test?" she asks.

"I think I did okay," James says. "I was not perfect, but I was trying my best."

Theresa smiles. "That's what matters."

Later, James is sitting with his parents. His mom is cooking dinner, and his dad is drinking coffee. James is feeling calm now. He knows he is not the best at math, but he is proud because he did not give up. He is learning that trying is more important than being perfect.

Reading Comprehension Exercise

Answer the questions based on the story:

- Why is James feeling nervous at the beginning of the story?
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- What is James' dad doing while James is thinking about the test?
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- What is James dreaming about?
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- How is James feeling during the test?
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- What does James learn at the end of the story?
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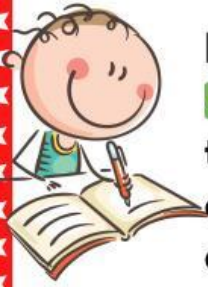


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First order the words to form an affirmative sentence at the  sign, then at the  sign turn it into a negative sentence, then at the  sign change it into an affirmative question and finally at the  sign change it into a negative question.

- Words: is / it / costing / too much
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- Words: the cat / creeping / is / slowly
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- Words: the baby / crying / is / loudly
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• Words: she / cutting / is / the paper

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- ☐
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• Words: they / dancing / are / at the party

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- ☐
- ☐
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• Words: finishing /They /their /are /work.

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- ☐
- ☐
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• Words: employee./The /is /the/ boss /firing

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English Exercise – Verb Conjugation

☞ Instructions: Complete the following table by conjugating the verbs in the correct form for I and He in Present, Present Continuous and Past.

Verb	Present I, YOU, WE, THEY	Present HE, SHE IT	Present Continuous I, YOU, WE, THEY	Present Continuous HE, SHE IT	Past I, YOU, WE, THEY
Cost	I cost	He costs	I am costing	He is costing	COST
Dust					
Eat					
Enjoy					
Escape					
Explain					
Fall					
Feed					
Feel					
Fight					
Fill					
Find					



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