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# HIGH-FLYERS

## VOCABULARY

Exceptional jobs and qualities



- 1 Complete the puzzle with words for jobs and qualities. Use the clues. What's the secret word in grey?



- 1 He works for a company or organisation, like a bank.
- 2 If you have this, you don't stop until you get what you want.
- 3 This person has ideas to make something completely new.
- 4 A runner, swimmer, high-jumper, etc.
- 5 This doctor can perform operations.
- 6 This person writes music.
- 7 You need this to make something new and imaginative.
- 8 This person does experiments in a lab.
- 9 This person might produce books or songs.
- 10 With this, you can learn, understand and form opinions.
- 11 You can do an activity or job well if you have this.
- 12 A natural ability to do something well.
- 13 You have this if you are strong, physically or mentally.



- 2 Complete the sentences with words for qualities from Exercise 1.

- 1 It takes a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ skill to operate on a person's heart.
- 2 She won the prize for \_\_\_\_\_ for her original ideas. She's got a great imagination.
- 3 Maya always shows great \_\_\_\_\_ and never stops trying to do her best.
- 4 The \_\_\_\_\_ of a chimpanzee is similar to a human's: chimpanzees are very clever!
- 5 Hercules was famous for his \_\_\_\_\_. He could lift very heavy objects.



- 3 Complete the sentences with words for jobs from Exercise 1 and the names in the box.

Adele Isaac-Newton Marie Curie  
Suzanne Collins Tim Berners-Lee Usain Bolt

- 1 Isaac Newton was a mathematician at Cambridge University in the 1600s.
- 2 The \_\_\_\_\_ of the World Wide Web is called \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the song *Hello* from 2015.
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ was a \_\_\_\_\_ who won two Nobel Prizes for important work on radioactivity.
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ is a Jamaican \_\_\_\_\_ who was an Olympic champion in three different Olympic Games.
- 6 *The Hunger Games* series of novels is by a \_\_\_\_\_ called \_\_\_\_\_.



### Explore it!

Guess the correct answer.

Ashrita Furman has the world record for world records. He has over 100 / 200 / 300.

Find an interesting fact about a world record. Then send a question in an email to a classmate or ask them it in the next class.



## READING

### Online comments



- 1 Read the online comments. Who has got something in common with their hero? \_\_\_\_\_

HOME

PROFILE

BLOG

PHOTOS

### FROM EARLY CHALLENGES TO ADULT SUCCESS!

Many of you liked our article last week about young adults who faced difficult times when they were kids but never stopped trying. Comments have flown in from all over the world!

An astrophysicist when he was still a teenager, Jake Barnett has made the biggest impression on me. Doctors said he had autism when he was two, and that he might never speak. But he did, and he has shown an amazing talent for maths. Now in his 20s, Jake has an incredible memory and remembers every maths problem he has ever solved!



*Hooper 30 m ago*



His name is Aaron 'Wheelz' Fotheringham and he's an amazing athlete. Now an adult, he needed a wheelchair when he was eight. He wanted to do tricks like his friends on skateboards and BMXs, so he took skateboard and BMX tricks and invented his own wheelchair tricks. You need strength and determination to become an extreme sportsperson when you can't use your legs. I use a wheelchair, and Aaron's had a big effect on me.

*cre8tiv 35 m ago*

Bethany Hamilton was 13 and already a great surfer when a shark attacked her and bit off her left arm. Three weeks after the accident, she got back into the water and continued surfing with only one arm! She made a book deal at 14, and a movie, *Soul Surfer*, followed. Now, as an adult, Bethany works hard helping others to face their challenges.



*daisymay 45 m ago*



- 2 Read the comments again and check the meaning of these words in a dictionary. Then complete the sentences.

autism   extreme   face  
tricks   wheelchair

- 1 A child with autism might not have good communication or social skills.
- 2 My brother used a \_\_\_\_\_ for a while after he broke both his legs.
- 3 We have to \_\_\_\_\_ our problems if we want to solve them.
- 4 Rock climbing is exciting and dangerous – it's one of the oldest \_\_\_\_\_ sports.
- 5 We've learned to do some great new \_\_\_\_\_ on our skateboards.



- 3 Read the comments again. Are the sentences *T* (true), *F* (false) or *DS* (doesn't say)?

- 1 Jake has an unusual talent for remembering numbers. T
- 2 He's doing research in astrophysics. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Aaron invented new skateboard and BMX tricks. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 A lot of people watch Aaron's wheelchair tricks online. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Bethany started surfing again three weeks after the shark attack. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 First there was a film about her, and after that she wrote a book. \_\_\_\_\_

- 4 Answer the questions with your own ideas.

- 1 Which person in the comments has faced the biggest challenge? Why?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Have you faced a big challenge? What was it?  
\_\_\_\_\_