



Dave Schulte is a professional yo-yo performer. He spins about 13,000 yo-yo tricks each year. He performs about 130 shows annually. He teaches children around the world how to yo-yo.

Dave started to yo-yo when he was in college.

"I was feeling worried during a week of tests. My neighbour stopped by and said, "Hey, this will

help." I picked up his yo-yo for relief. But then I really wanted to learn more about it. It was challenging!"

After college, Dave taught secondary school students. But he couldn't get the yo-yo off his mind and out of his hands. Therefore, he left teaching to yo-yo full time. Soon, he discovered that he still had a passion for teaching. So Dave became a yo-yo teacher! He teaches how to yo-yo, of course. But he also teaches the basic rules of physics and why things spin. Dave says the main skill needed to become good at yo-yoing is hand-eye coordination. "Juggling and sports such as baseball and table tennis are great activities to work on that."

When Dave first started to yo-yo, he learned hundreds of new tricks each year. "I was yo-yoing eight hours a day." The first trick Dave remembers really working at was called the Star. It took him two or three days to learn it. Now, he says, "I learn about one new trick a month. But they're super-duper tough tricks."



Who's coming up with all the new tricks? "Kids from ages 10 to 16 who are getting into the yo-yo," says Dave, grinning. "One of my biggest challenges is keeping up with the new 'school tricks'. School tricks are developed almost daily by creative kids who have time to work with the yo-yo."

1. Answer the following questions:

1. How many yo - yo does Dave spin a year?

2. Why did he leave teaching to yo - yo full time?

3. What does he teach yo - yo?

4. How often did he yo - yo when he started it?

5. How are the tricks that Dave learns about now?

6. What is one of the most challenging trick to him now?

2. True (T) or False (F) statements

	TRUE	FALSE
1. Dave doesn't yo - yo professionally.		
2. Dave started to yo - yo when he was in college.		
3. His neighbour gave Dave a yo – yo because it was challenging.		
4. He worked at a primary school after college.		
5. Dave thinks that hand-eye coordination is the most important skill to be good at yo-yo.		
6. Dave learned a hundred of new tricks each year when he started yo – yo.		
7. He spent 2 or 3 days learning the 1 st trick.		
8. Dave learns about one new trick per month		
9. Kids from ages 10 to 16 getting into the yo-yo are coming up with all the new tricks.		
10. Creative kids develop school tricks weekly.		