

POWER6WP56

Five sentences have been removed from the text. For each gap choose the correct sentence. There are 3 extra sentences.

The Memory Competition

It was a cold and grey morning when our teacher Mr Holmes announced that our school would compete in the Junior Memory Championship. (1) 'Do you know, Clara I've got a great memory', said my friend Emily. 'I know all the times tables up to 14 times 14.'

'That's nothing', said Kyle. 'I always get 10 out of 10 in my spelling tests, don't I, Clara?'

'I know you both have a good memory', I said. 'Quiet now', said Mrs Frank, our class teacher. 'I'll set you some challenge and the two best students can go to the competition.'

We spent the rest of the term doing memory tests. I learned the names of trees, the dates of kings and queens and lots and lots of phone numbers. (2)

'I imagine numbers as pictures. So for me, the number five is a hand, because we have four fingers and a thumb on a hand,' explained Kyle.

'That sounds very complicated,' I said. 'I like to sing the numbers when I walk to school.'

'I suppose we all learn in different ways. I use pictures, you use songs.'

(3) 'Clara and Mario have got the highest marks, so they're going to the competition. Good luck!' The day of the competition was here.

There were children from many different schools there. We all went into a big room with our teachers and listened carefully to the instructions. Then we were ready for our first test. We had to remember 35 words, and in the correct order.

(4) 'Tony the Crocodile wears pyjamas when he plays board games in rockets to space with his vegetarian friends ...'

It was my turn. 'Crocodile, pyjamas, board games, rocket, space, vegetarian ...'

I got all 35 words right.

There were lots more tests I had to do. For example, I had to try and remember the names and faces of 40 people. I also had to remember a long list of numbers.

(5) There were hundreds!

Unfortunately, I didn't win, but Mario and I both had a great time. When I saw Mr Holmes, he said 'Well done Clara! But you don't have an excuse for forgetting your homework now!'

Be careful to read all the options

- A Everyone found it very difficult.
- B I invented a silly song and sang it silently in my head.
- C Mario and I wrote an essay about the competition.
- D For each challenge, we had limited amounts of time to memorise everything.

- E We were all very excited when we heard this.
- F Emily and I talked about how we memorised these things.
- G I found drawing pictures for all the words was quite helpful.
- H Then Mr Holmes made the announcement we were all waiting for.