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4-year-old girl with Einstein IQ

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1204/120415-intelligence.html>

A four-year-old English girl has passed an intelligence test with a score similar to Einstein's. Heidi Hankins took the test to join the intelligent people's club, called Mensa, which has members in more than one hundred countries around the globe. Only two per cent of the population is intelligent enough to join Mensa. Heidi's score on the test was 159; Einstein recorded a score of 160. The average adult would score around 100 and someone who is gifted and very intelligent could get 130.

Heidi's father is a university lecturer and her mother is an artist. They realized their daughter was special from an early age. When she was two, she taught herself to read using the family computer. She could also count to 40 and do simple maths. Mr Hankins said: "I got her the complete set of the Oxford Reading Tree books when she was two, and she read through the whole set of 30 in about an hour. It's what you would expect a seven-year-old to do." He added that she's just a typical girl who likes dolls and Lego.

PHRASE MATCH

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1204/120415-intelligence.html>

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. passed an intelligence | a. score around 100 |
| 2. a score similar | b. very intelligent |
| 3. around | c. to Einstein's |
| 4. intelligent enough | d. the globe |
| 5. The average adult would | e. test |
| 6. gifted and | f. to join Mensa |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. a university | a. herself to read |
| 2. They realized their daughter | b. girl |
| 3. she taught | c. 7-year-old to do |
| 4. count to 40 and | d. lecturer |
| 5. what you would expect a | e. was special |
| 6. she's just a typical | f. do simple maths |

LISTENING GAP FILL

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1204/120415-intelligence.html>

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Heidi's father is a _____ and her mother is an artist. They realized their daughter was special _____ age. When she was two, she _____ read using the family computer. She could also count to 40 and do simple maths. Mr Hankins said: "I got her _____ of the Oxford Reading Tree books when she was two, and she read through _____ of 30 in about an hour. It's what you would expect a seven-year-old to do." He added that she's _____ girl who likes dolls and Lego.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

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A four-year-old English girl has (1) _____ an intelligence test with a score similar to Einstein's. Heidi Hankins took the test to (2) _____ the intelligent people's club, called Mensa, which has members in more than one hundred countries (3) _____ the globe. Only two per cent of the population is intelligent (4) _____ to join Mensa. Heidi's score on the test was 159; Einstein recorded a score (5) _____ 160. The average adult would score around 100 and someone who is gifted and very intelligent could (6) _____ 130.

Heidi's father is a university (7) _____ and her mother is an artist. They realized their daughter was special from an early age. When she was two, she taught (8) _____ to read using the family computer. She could also count (9) _____ 40 and do simple maths. Mr Hankins said: "I got her the complete (10) _____ of the Oxford Reading Tree books when she was two, and she read through the (11) _____ set of 30 in about an hour. It's what you would expect a seven-year-old to do." He (12) _____ that she's just a typical girl who likes dolls and Lego.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | |
|-----|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1. | (a) past | (b) pasted | (c) passed |
| 2. | (a) join | (b) joint | (c) joined |
| 3. | (a) above | (b) around | (c) via |
| 4. | (a) through | (b) any | (c) enough |
| 5. | (a) for | (b) of | (c) by |
| 6. | (a) get | (b) increase | (c) write |
| 7. | (a) lecturer | (b) lecture | (c) lectured |
| 8. | (a) her | (b) she | (c) herself |
| 9. | (a) to | (b) up | (c) on |
| 10. | (a) sit | (b) set | (c) sat |
| 11. | (a) hole | (b) who | (c) whole |
| 12. | (a) plus | (b) added | (c) joined |

SPELLING

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Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. pdsase an intelligence test
2. a score mriasil to Einstein's
3. rsmemeb in more than 100 countries
4. around the obgle
5. intelligent nugohe to join Mensa
6. The raegvea adult

Paragraph 2

7. a university uecreltr
8. They adzleeir their daughter was special
9. she taught lshefre to read
10. do smleip maths
11. I got her the mcetelop set
12. she's just a cphtaiy girl

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () Heidi's father is a university lecturer and her mother is an artist. They realized
- () maths. Mr Hankins said: "I got her the complete set of the Oxford Reading Tree books when she
- () their daughter was special from an early age. When she was two, she taught
- () the globe. Only two per cent of the population is intelligent enough
- () herself to read using the family computer. She could also count to 40 and do simple
- () to join Mensa. Heidi's score on the test was 159; Einstein recorded a score
- () Mensa, which has members in more than one hundred countries around
- () was two, and she read through the whole set of 30 in about an hour. It's what you would
- () expect a seven-year-old to do." He added that she's just a typical girl who likes dolls and Lego.
- () of 160. The average adult would score around 100 and someone who is gifted and very intelligent could get 130.
- () similar to Einstein's. Heidi Hankins took the test to join the intelligent people's club, called
- (**1**) A four-year-old English girl has passed an intelligence test with a score

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With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. A passed has test girl intelligence English 4-year-old an.

2. More around than the one globe hundred countries.

3. of is Only cent population per the intelligent two.

4. 100 around score would adult average The.

5. intelligent very and gifted is who Someone.

6. is university father a lecturer Heidi's.

7. their was realized daughter special They.

8. two , she taught herself to read When she was.

9. to do She count and maths also 40 simple could.

10. She's who just likes a dolls typical girl.

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTELLIGENCE: Search the Internet and find more information about Mensa. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about intelligence. Include an imaginary interview with a super-intelligent person. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to an intelligence expert. Ask him/her three questions about intelligence. Give him/her three of your opinions on it. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.