

ENGLISH HIGH FLIER 2011

7 grudnia 2011

JUNIOR – klasa I liceum (i równorzędne)

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IQ Is Not Fixed in the Teenage Brain, based on Science Magazine

A new study 1) what parents have long suspected: Adolescence can do a number on kids' brains. Researchers have found that IQ can 2) or fall during the teen years and that the brain's structure reflects this uptick or decline. The result offers the first direct 3) that intelligence can change after early childhood and provides new hope for boosting the brain's abilities.

4) researchers debate what IQ tests actually measure, they agree that scores can predict our ability to learn and perform certain tasks, and to some degree 5) our later academic achievement and job performance. Scores have long been thought to stay relatively stable 6) our lives; the few studies that have shown some variation in IQ could not rule out measurement errors or differences in testing environment as the cause.

So neuroscientist Cathy Price of University College London and 7) looked beyond the scores. They tested 33 teenagers in 2004 and again in 2008. Each time, the teens took IQ tests that measured their verbal and nonverbal abilities. The test results 8) dramatic changes: between their first testing and their second, the teens' IQ scores rose or fell by as many as 20 points (on a scale for which the average is 100). Some teens improved or declined in just their verbal or nonverbal skills or improved in one area and declined in the other.

(<http://news.sciencemag.org/sciencenow/2011/10/iq-is-not-fixed-in-the-teenage-b.html?ref=hp>)

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| 1. A) tells | B) supports | C) confirms | D) proves |
| 2. A) increase | B) stabilize | C) decrease | D) rise |
| 3. A) proof | B) argument | C) evidence | D) item |
| 4. A) Nevertheless | B) In spite of | C) Although | D) Despite |
| 5. A) foresee | B) forecast | C) forfeit | D) fulfill |
| 6. A) whilst | B) in | C) while | D) throughout |
| 7. A) colleagues | B) associates | C) friends | D) mates |
| 8. A) uncovered | B) revealed | C) discovered | D) unveiled |
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9. Which of the nouns is/are uncountable?

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| A) address | B) advice | C) equipment | D) furniture |
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10. He me to go there under any circumstances.

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| A) forbid | B) forbade | C) forbidden | D) forbide |
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11. Stop You're making me sleepy.
A) sneezing B) snoring C) yawning D) hiccoughing
12. going to the cinema today?
A) Why don't we B) How about C) Let's D) Why not
13. My computer broke down, so I it fixed and now it is working again.
A) wanted B) had C) needed D) got
14. We made it, nobody helped us.
A) ourselves B) on our own C) ourselvs D) on us own
15. How is your new roommate? Do you get with each other?
A) along B) on well C) by D) out
16. The company a new product.
A) is introducing B) is to introduce C) is going to introduce D) will have introduced
17. She told me that she
A) loved me B) has loved me C) have loved me D) had loved me
18. What can you find on a plane?
A) an aisle seat B) baggage reclaim C) check in D) crew
19. When we were young we go to the zoo every year.
A) might have B) use to C) would D) used to
20. Stop at me, you are making me feel uncomfortable.
A) staring B) gaping C) gazing D) looking
21. Kate was running late, we decided to discuss the project at the end of the meeting.
A) Because B) Due to C) As a result D) Since
22. Can you tell me?
A) where nearest post office is B) where is the nearest post office
C) where was the nearest post office D) where the nearest post office is
23. As a punishment for all he has done Mark was sentenced 15 years in prison.
A) for B) to C) with D) on
24. - Do you have any brothers or sisters?
- No, I don't have any
A) offspring B) siblings C) children D) only children
25. Which of the following is/are both verbs and nouns?
A) bear B) performance C) suit D) row
26. Michael is so He never gives money to charity.
A) stingy B) mean C) tight-fisted D) skimpy
27. The 1 dollar note has the portrait of on it.
A) Abraham Lincoln B) Benjamin Franklin C) George Washington D) Theodore Roosevelt
28. Which of these people are patron saints of the countries constituting the United Kingdom?
A) St George B) St Mark C) St Andrew D) St David

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Space Weather Forecasters Get Serious, based on Science Magazine

It took a while, but space physicists who predict 1) balls of solar debris smashing into Earth have finally caught up with their brethren who forecast terrestrial weather. Rather than simply 2) rules of thumb, space weather forecasters have begun running a computer model that actually simulates the development of conditions between the Sun and Earth. They're following the lead of atmospheric weather forecasters, who 3) computer models since the 1960s. Warnings of when solar storms will strike Earth are already much improved.

The better the warning of major solar storms, the better earthlings can prepare for the 4), which can include electrically fried satellites, degraded GPS navigation, and widespread blackouts. The 5) is a magnetic bubble of tens of millions of tons of protons and the like blown off the sun at several million kilometers per hour. It might seem easy enough to 6) something that big, but observation platforms between the sun and Earth are few and far between. And the choppy sea of magnetic fields and charged particles that the ejected bubbles plow through can slow and deflect the bubbles.

7) the typical behavior of previous bubbles, called coronal mass ejections (CMEs), forecasters at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Space Weather Prediction Center (SWPC) in Boulder, Colorado, had been predicting the arrival of CMEs at Earth with 8) of plus or minus 15 hours. They would usually say which day a storm might strike but not much more.

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| 1. A) immense | B) huge | C) extreme | D) tiny |
| 2. A) following | B) believing | C) relying on | D) relying |
| 3. A) used | B) had used | C) had been using | D) have been using |
| 4. A) involvement | B) score | C) consequences | D) repercussions |
| 5. A) culpable | B) culprit | C) responsible | D) guilty |
| 6. A) overlook | B) keep track of | C) monitor | D) follow |
| 7. A) Referring on | B) Drawing to | C) Drawing on | D) Referring to |
| 8. A) an exact | B) an accuracy | C) a precise | D) a sensitivity |
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| 9. Jackie would never do anything stupid. She is very | A) sensitive | B) down-to-earth | C) obstinate | D) sensible |
| 10. What's wrong with this window, it | A) doesn't open | B) can't open | C) is not able to open | D) won't open |
| 11. These tasks were not obligatory so you have done them. | A) shouldn't | B) needn't | C) mustn't | D) couldn't |

12. I don't remember my dog. I hope I gave it some food before leaving for work.
A) to feed B) feed C) fed D) feeding
13. Open the window, ?
A) mind you B) would you C) will you D) shall you
14. - I bought a car from Tom and I paid only 10 000 pounds.
- I know it's a nice car, but you paid way too much for it.
A) You paid through the nose! B) You bought a real pig in a poke!
C) It was a real bargain! D) He ripped you off!
15. When it is hot people
A) sweat B) perspire C) tremble D) shiver
16. I didn't want to do it, but I was help her.
A) forced to B) made C) made to D) asked
17. A cat doesn't have
A) whiskers B) paws C) scales D) hoofs
18. I think we need to our meeting with the client. I won't be able to make it on time.
A) put away B) postpone C) put off D) put out
19. Ms Wellington is the only person I look up to.
A) who B) whom C) that D) -
20. Everybody knew Matthew's love of fast cars.
A) that B) about C) - D) of
21. What can our teeth do with food?
A) chew B) munch C) dice D) bite
22. Which words contain the long /u:/ sound?
A) would B) juice C) good D) spoon
23. They suggested her that she her job.
A) should change B) change C) had changed D) will change
24. Finish the proverb: "To many cooks spoil the "
A) both B) broth C) bath D) borth
25. Which is not American English?
A) a candy B) a pavement C) an elevator D) the underground
26. Which British king or kings abdicated?
A) Richard III B) Henry VI C) George VI D) Edward VIII
27. A popular name for Australia is
A) 'Below the Equator' B) 'Down Under' C) 'Upside Down' D) 'Inside Out'
28. The Congress of the USA consists of....
A) 50 Governors B) 100 Senators C) 435 Representatives D) 100 Electors