

# Hungarian family proves geniuses can be made

Do you have any special talents?

## Vocabulary

1. prodigies      2. achieve      3. geniuses      4. grandmaster      5. experiment      6. globally

## True Story

Laszlo Polgar, a researcher from Hungary, believed that \_\_\_\_\_ are made, not born. He wanted to prove this by raising his children to be chess \_\_\_\_\_. He married Klara, a teacher, who agreed with his plan. They had three daughters: Susan, Sofia, and Judit.

Laszlo filled their home with chess books and pictures, and the girls practiced chess every day. Susan, the oldest, became a \_\_\_\_\_ by age 15. Sofia also earned the title, and Judit went on to become the world's top-ranked female player, a position she held for over 25 years. Judit also became the only woman to break into the top 10 players \_\_\_\_\_.

Laszlo said, "A genius is not born, but is educated and trained." His \_\_\_\_\_ showed that with hard work and practice, anyone can \_\_\_\_\_ greatness.

## Quiz

1. What did Laszlo Polgar believe about geniuses?
2. Who agreed with Laszlo's plan?
3. How long was Judit the best female chess player?

## True or False

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| 1. Laszlo Polgar was a hungry researcher.                     | True   False |
| 2. Susan became a grandmother at age 15.                      | True   False |
| 3. Laszlo believed that anyone can be trained to be a genius. | True   False |

## Conversation

- A: Have you heard about the Polgar sisters and chess?  
 B: Yeah, their dad trained them to become grandmasters!  
 A: Maybe we should train our kids to be geniuses too.  
 B: It won't be easy. We'd need to be as dedicated as Laszlo and Klara.  
 A: You're right. What if we focus on coding or music instead?  
 B: Yeah, okay. Maybe little Timmy can be the next Bill Gates!

## Discussion

1. Have you ever played chess? What did you think of it?
2. Do you think anyone can become a genius with practice?
3. Would you like your children to be champions? Tell me more.