

# The Spreadsheet Champion

How often do you use a computer? (*Every day, once a week, ...*)

## Vocabulary

1. spreadsheets      2. focused      3. competed      4. proving      5. pressure      6. competition

## True Story

Diarmuid Early, an Irishman, entered a bright arena in Las Vegas, but he was not there for a ball game. Instead, he \_\_\_\_\_ in the 2025 Excel World Championships. Known as the "LeBron James of \_\_\_\_\_," Diarmuid faced players from around the world. The \_\_\_\_\_ was fast and difficult, with players removed every few minutes if they were too slow, so the \_\_\_\_\_ was high.

In the final, Diarmuid had to do virtual origami, folding shapes by following strict rules. He stayed calm and worked quickly. "I just \_\_\_\_\_ on the task," he said. Diarmuid won the title and prize money, \_\_\_\_\_ that office skills can be an exciting sport for young people today.

## Quiz

1. Where did Diarmuid Early compete?
2. What was Diarmuid known as?
3. What happened to players if they were too slow?
4. What did Diarmuid have to do in the final?

## True or False

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| 1. Diarmuid competed in a ball game.              | True   False |
| 2. The competition was fast and dangerous.        | True   False |
| 3. Diarmuid proved office skills can be exciting. | True   False |

## Conversation

A: Diarmuid, how did you stay so calm during the final?

B: I just focused on the task, nothing else.

A: That's impressive! Was it really tough?

B: Oh, absolutely! The pressure was on.

A: Well, you made it look easy. What's next?

B: Maybe I'll try origami for real!

## Discussion

1. Have you ever used Excel before?
2. Do you think office skills can be exciting?
3. Do you work better under pressure?
4. What computer or technology problems have you experienced?
5. Do you know any other unusual competitions?