

# Are There Math People?

In 2011 Jennifer went to her nephew Sean's 8th birthday party. Sean ran to hug Jennifer. The two tumbled to the ground, and Jennifer broke her wrist. Jennifer sued her 8-year-old nephew for \$127,000. Should she win?

## Issues vs. Interest



Issues are the most obvious problems. They are the problems on the surface.



Interests are what is really going on. What is causing the issues?

What is the issue?	What is the interest?

Share with your adults what happened.

Thinking about issues and interests can help solve a lot of problems. A common problem in schools is when somebody says, "I'm not a math person."

What is the issue?	What is the interest?

What is one small change we could make to improve our math mindsets?

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### Discussion Questions

- What can make someone think that they're "not a math person"?
- How can saying "I'm not a math person" shape a person's confidence in their math abilities?
- How can we turn challenging situations into opportunities for growth and learning?
- What strategies can someone use to overcome challenges or difficulties in math?
- How does consistent practice and effort contribute to becoming better at math? Can you think of other areas in life where practice and effort are important?