

1. FIND THE MEANING

- You are going to read the text *Ig Nobel Prize: Laugh First, Think Later*. Look at the pictures, the title and the headings of the text. What is the text about?
- Read the explanation.

EXPLANATION

When you read a text, you often see words that you don't know. What can you do then? You can take the following steps:

- Read** the sentence **again**. Read the sentence **before and after** the word too. Maybe you can find the meaning of the word.
- Look at the **word itself**. Maybe you already know part(s) of the word. Or it looks like a word you know in another language.
- Look it up in a **dictionary**.



- Now, read the text together with a classmate. The words below, are words from the text. Mark these words in the text.
- What do the words mean? Use the steps from the explanation, and write down the **meaning** of the word.
Which step from the explanation did you use? Step 1, 2 or 3? Write it down below **Step**.

Words from text	Meaning	Step
the scientist (lines 1, 2, 8)		
shouting, to shout (line 1)		
the discovery (line 3)		
famous (line 6)		
the ceremony (lines 6, 12)		
weird (line 8)		
the research (lines 8, 22)		

the trophy (line 9)		
the bill (line 9)		
to yell (line 15)		
to be bored (line 15)		
the audience (line 17)		
to fold (line 17)		
medicine (line 20)		
the roller coaster (line 21)		
kidney stones (line 21)		
the award (line 24)		

5. Are there any other words that you don't know? Write them down too.

2. ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

What is the text about? Work with a classmate and answer the questions. Write some key words down, to remember your answers.

1. **What** is the Ig Nobel Prize?
2. **Who** won the Ig Nobel Prize this year?
3. **Why** is the Ig Nobel Prize special?
4. **Where** was the prize ceremony?



3. LARGE NUMBERS IN ENGLISH

The Ig Nobel prize winners won 10 trillion Zimbabwe dollars.

In English, large numbers are always written with a comma. See for example: 2,000 = two thousand.

Also, the words in English for large numbers are sometimes different. Like *billion* and *trillion*.

Below, you'll find some large numbers on the right. On the left, you see names for large numbers. Combine the right name with the right number!

one hundred	1,000,000,000
one thousand	1,000,000,000,000
ten thousand	100
one million	1,000
one billion	1,000,000
one trillion	10,000

4. HOW TO FOLD A PAPER PLANE

Your teacher will give you a blank sheet of paper.

He or she will tell you how to fold a paper plane.

Listen carefully to the instructions and follow them.

Could you manage to fold the paper plane the right way?

