

Rubik's Cube

Gap fill

Listen to the story and fill in the blanks.

Everyone _____ the Rubik's Cube. It's the game with six _____ and small moving _____. But, did you know it started as a _____ to teach students?

The history of the Rubik's Cube begins in _____ in Hungary.

A 29-year old _____ made the cube. He used it to help students _____ shapes. His name was Erno Rubik.

After _____ many times, each side of his cube had a _____ of colours. Erno tried to turn the blocks and _____ the colours. It wasn't easy. His students tried, too. Everyone _____ playing with it. That's when Erno had _____ . It was a fun game. Maybe he could _____ it.

Selling was not _____. Hungary at this time was _____ of the Soviet Union. People were not free to _____ the country or start a _____. He needed help.

A few years later, a businessman saw a cube inside a _____ shop. He liked it. He met Erno and they made a _____. The man would find a _____ to sell it. In 1979, he showed the cube to Tom Kremer. Tom worked in the _____ business and thought the cube had great _____ .

Tom _____ it to a game company. They _____ one million cubes. By 2009, _____ million cubes had been _____ .

The story of the cube _____ us about business. Sometimes we have a _____ idea, but we don't know it. It's _____ to keep an open mind because our first idea may not _____ be right.

Synonym match

Match the words or phrases.

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| 1. turning | a. open |
| 2. shape | b. learn |
| 3. understand | c. twisting |
| 4. start | d. acquired |
| 5. purchased | e. form |

True or false

Choose the correct answer.

1. A teacher invented the cube. T or F
2. Erno Rubik needed help to sell the toy. T or F
3. Rubik showed the toy to a game company. T or F
4. Tom Kremer owned a game company. T or F
5. By 2009, the toy was a big success. T or F

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Anagrams

Move letters. Make a new word.

SKOCLB

SAESHP

HTGIR

CATTRNCO

YEDNEJO

LINAPTEOT

ESL discussion questions

Talk about the story

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1. What kind of story is this?
 2. What problem led to the idea of a cube?
 3. Summarize the evolution of the Rubik's cube.
 4. It took a long time to produce and sell the cube. Why?
 5. Why, do you think, the Rubik's cube is so popular?
 6. Do you like games? What's your favourite?
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Writing practice

Put the words in the correct order.

1. used / it / understand / He / to / shapes / students / help

2. about / us / of / story / business / The / teaches / the / cube

3. to / find / sell / would / a / The / company / it / man

4. blocks / the / match / and / the / Erno / to / turn / colours / tried

5. It's / the / blocks / and / with / game / small / moving / sides / six
