

How To Help Your Child Succeed At Non-verbal Reasoning

◆ Make Test Preparation a Family Priority

From interviews we carried out, it quickly became clear that families of children who succeed in their tests had made test preparation a family priority.



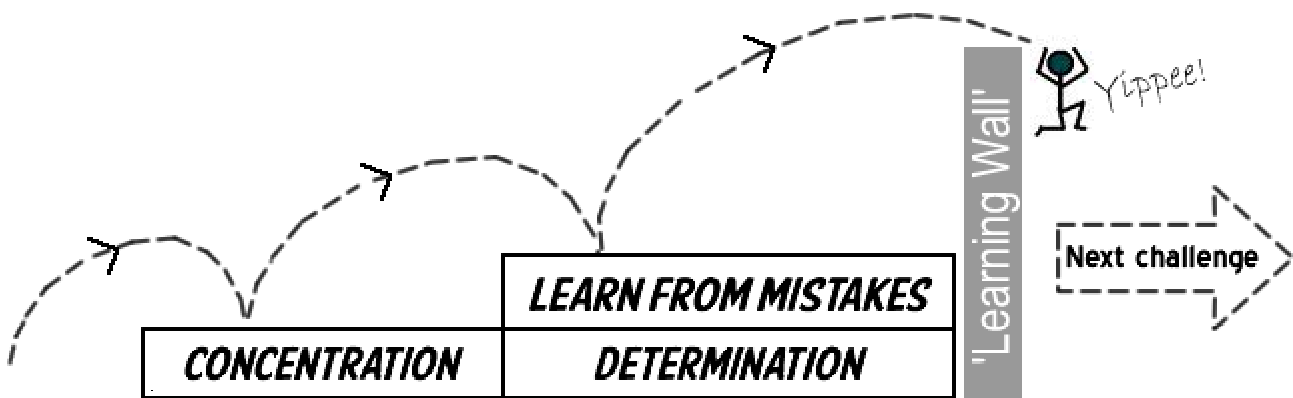
This was confirmed by an experienced 11+ tutor who told us “... **too many parents fail to set aside enough time for their child to practice. This really harms their child’s chances of passing. As the test approaches, the sudden rush to prepare puts the child under huge stress making it even harder to improve test scores.**”

Now is a good time to read the checklist on page 45 for the things you should be considering.

◆ ‘Learning Walls’ and How to Overcome Them

We’ve all experienced difficulty learning something new. All too often it’s these difficulties (or ‘learning walls’ as we call them), which prevent us mastering a new skill. Just like a real wall, hitting a ‘learning wall’ is painful! With every failed attempt to overcome it, our determination is under attack.

The key to success is accepting that *‘learning walls’ are a normal part of learning anything that’s reasonably complicated. It takes determination, concentration and learning from mistakes to overcome ‘learning walls’ and go on to succeed.*



Explain these ideas to your child. It will help to relate it to something they (or you) have already achieved, such as learning to ride a bike.



Sadly parents often underestimate the power of play as a way of providing excellent practice for learning and overcoming ‘learning walls’. Through playing games with your child you can nurture determination, concentration and the ability to learn from mistakes.