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Over 2 years ago I posted a blog asking “Who are these people who always get 100% in Spark Trivia?”

Monday, November 24, 2014

I was lucky to see a “passing” grade. On the scoreboard you would have to scroll 50 to 80 pages to find my name.

I persisted for quite a long time. I know I could have googled the information before answering a question, but it was a personal choice to see what I knew on my own. I drifted away and gave it up for a few years.

Then in September a spark friend invited me back.

I'm a much better student now with my monthly score hovering around 90%

However, just like a high school or college student whose GPA continues to reflect a slow start, my all time score is stuck at 'C' level.

My data driven mind has just computed that I need to get the next 23 questions right to raise my all time score 1 percentage point (75% to 76%).

Strangely, I don't mind. My improvement shows that I've learned a lot just being connected to Spark People. It also validates the power of persistence.

Persistence in following the plan, continuing to try and just plain hanging in there.

Weight loss, maintenance, exercise streaks, nutrition goals, learning new information – whatever your goals – just hang in there.

Note: Here's my original blog from October 14, 2012

www.sparkpeople.com/mypublic_journal_individual.asp?blog_id=5098299

and thanks to SunnyWBL for the invitation that got me back on track.

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SWEDE_SU

i'll admit it - i'm a googler! but googling is a large part of my job as a translator; you don't have to know everything, you just have to know how to find the information. i learn each time i look things up, and as questions repeat, i know them better now. what i hate is suddenly i see i have missed a day, and there goes my perfect score. oh well oh well!

2383 days ago



WATERMELLEN

Hilarious!! I am so petulant about not being able to score Trivia A student consistently -- or anything remotely close to consistently -- and I keep on trying. Oh well oh well. I justify the "American bias" of some of the questions (American candy calorie counts, Girl Scout cookies we don't get here in Canada) etc. etc. But doing Trivia has taught me a lot and kept me humble too!!

2390 days ago



CD14815535

Argh, the trivia. I'm the Queen of it, just not the stuff SP finds for me to answer! I have not done it in a while, but will take a crack at it again today. I do learn things from it, lol.

2390 days ago



MISCHAKEO

Your persistence is paying off! Well done. I am glad you found support.

2390 days ago



GARDENCHRIS

i too felt the same thing! now I hover between 75-80.... keep learning

2390 days ago



MARYJEANSL

I like doing the trivia, but I get frustrated sometimes because some of the questions are badly worded, or sometimes the answer is, and then there are two questions I know of, for which the "correct" answer is flat-out wrong, according to the explanation given. One of those questions I answered correctly at least three or four times (the same questions are used over and over and over), and every time it was marked wrong, so I made a mental note to never, never, never answer that question but to refresh the page when it comes up.

That said, it is a satisfying feeling to get three questions in a row right, and so I keep playing.

2391 days ago



1STBUCKETITEM



I've been lamenting about the same kind of scores from myself. It occurred to me that either there are a lot of nurses, science teachers or whomever that are really intelligent, or that some people may have looked up the answers before answering. But, I want to know how "dumb" I must be... after all you can learn from your mistakes because the right answer then



becomes embedded in your recall for the next time the question pops up.

2391 days ago



ONEKIDSMOM

I play the trivia so rarely that a very few right questions has a big impact... as do a very few

wrong ones. I obviously do not take it seriously! But it's fun every so often.

2391 days ago



Good for you,



TRAVELGRRL

Ha! I'm a solid "C" student as well! I too try to make my best guess and don't care to google answers to score perfectly.

2391 days ago



WALLAHALLA

It took me awhile, but I started recognizing info from the spark articles I had read, and the quizzes. Now I do pretty good most of the time. I have also discovered several questions were different spark articles give conflicting information. Makes it harder to know which answer they want.

2391 days ago



SUBMOM2

This is funny because I quit playing trivia, too! I should be a good sport and get back to it, but



I'm also trying to minimize my computer time. Decisions, decisions...

2391 days ago





PHEBESS

LOL - I wonder about the people who are still at 100% this late in the month. I'm lucky if I end the month with 90% or so - I'm usually in the 80s. (But sometimes the computer cheats and loses my right answers, and I have to start over. Grrrrrrrr!)
2391 days ago




POINDEXTRA

So where is this SparkTrivia? I'm not familiar with it, but it sounds fun (and enlightening).
2391 days ago



CD4114015

GREAT blog!  I always wondered that too. I have on one Trivia day gotten 3/9!!!! I agree we could Google it but what fun is that? I'm not PROUD but I AM honest!

Thanks for this...I AM going to check your earlier blog too!



2391 days ago



GINIEMIE

I've been trying to work at bringing my monthly scores to above 70. A day of 100% like today, makes me feel somewhat competent about my knowledge then another question another day throws me for a loop. I've been trying to log in DAILY, do Trivia DAILY, eat a minimum of Freggies DAILY and log all my foods DAILY, I've been at it for over 40 days. I kind of fell away too then I saw someone I know's name on the leaders list...so I am back to trivia. Wow, I wouldn't have thought about googling the answers -really. I want to know what I know, not what I can look up.

Have a blessed week and a Happy Thanksgiving.



2391 days ago



WILSONWR

I remember that blog! Like you, I do much better now than when I began, but it does take forever to move a single point because of my previous poor scores. Oh well, at least I'm learning new things!
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