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Watch the 2 minute video of the upcoming movie *The Hobbit: The Unexpected Journey*. The tagline for the movie, tells us that great legends begin in small places. Can you think of a real person in history, alive or dead, that has grown from a small beginning to a great legend? Discuss how that person became a legend and what makes their story an important one.



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b1SJ7yaa7cI&feature=youtu.be&safe=active>



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Overcoming Stereotypes

These trained sharks are showing that they can be more than their "ocean bully" stereotype.

What is a stereotype that people think about you? Explain how there is more to you than that stereotype.



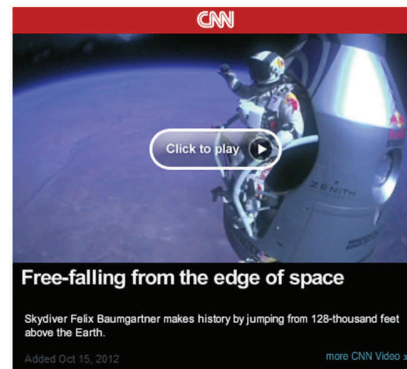
<http://dsc.discovery.com/tv-shows/shark-week/videos/training-a-shark.htm>



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Felix Baumgartner recently made headlines by jumping from over 128,000 feet above the earth. After two test jumps, of 15 and 18 miles high, Felix took the ultimate plunge over the desert near Roswell, New Mexico. With a thumbs-up before the jump and a victory pose after he landed, Baumgartner became the first man to break the sound barrier wearing only a protective suit.



<http://cnn.com/video/data/2.0/video/us/2012/10/15/natpkg-felix-baumgartner-skydive.cnn.html>

Felix reached speeds of over 700 miles per hour. His speed surpassed the sound barrier. Using what you know about the sound barrier, what do you think happens when someone or something moves faster than the speed of sound? How do you think that Felix felt before, during, and after the jump?



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Cornell's basketball coach values the advice of this young autistic man. This shows that everyone's opinion can be valuable as long as you have faith and confidence in yourself.

What would you consider your "area of expertise"? (This can include sports, music, hobbies, video games or anything else you are good at or knowledgeable about).



<http://abcnews.go.com/WNT/video/autistic-basketball-phenom-inspires-team-10212552>

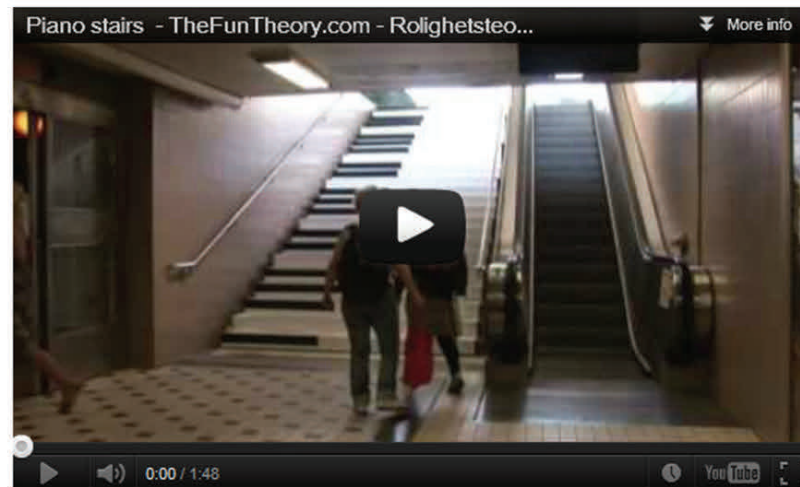


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The Fun Theory

Choose a task that is usually boring and explain how you would make it fun. Is there something that be done in your classroom to make something more fun? Do you think it is easier to learn something when you find it fun?



<http://www.thefuntheory.com/piano-staircase>