

Zadanie 1.

At such a young age, not only does actor **Maxim Knight** know what he wants to do when he grows up, but he does work with an amazing group of actors every day. I had the chance to speak with this successful young actor.

Q: Maxim, how did you start your career as an actor? Was it difficult?

Maxim: Actually, it was simple and easy. One day, when I was little, my mom noticed that I liked to pretend to be someone else and act in front of other people. She said about that to my dad. So, he decided to put me in a class that had this program where agents and casting directors would come over and audition me. Then I got a lot of calls from agents and they offered me a job in a TV production. Thanks to parents, I am an actor now.

Q: Tell us about your character on *Falling Skies*.

Maxim: My character is Matt and he represents hope in the show and what people are fighting for. My character wants to help those who fight with creatures from outer space, but he's just a little kid. He lost his mom and he wants to get revenge on the aliens so he fights against them.

Q: Do your friends treat you any differently now that you are on a popular TV show?

Maxim: It's hard to say, really. The friends I have, have always been my friends. They're not nicer to me, they're just my friends and I like to hang out with them. Nothing has really changed, except for the fact that I have some new friends – other actors from “Falling skies”.

Q: Do you see yourself acting in 10 years?

Maxim: It really depends on what life brings. If I could choose, I would want to devote myself to writing. But in a perfect world, I would like to write movies and act in them – that is my dream.

Q: Would you like to say anything to the fans?

Maxim: If you have a dream; it doesn't matter where you're born or raised – follow your dream and enjoy doing that.

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Zadanie 2.

Many teenagers wonder what to do to make some money. We asked some teenagers for ideas about that. Here's what they said.

Speaker 1

If you're good at sports, participate in sports tournaments. If you like tennis, then go down to your local tennis club and enter a tournament. You get money every round you progress. Snooker or pool is also a good idea. If you want to have some extra fun, enter a tennis doubles tournament with a friend or a family member.

Speaker 2

Talk to your parents and ask them to give you some money but promise to do some extra housework. Ask your parents if you can clean the house each week instead of them or your housekeeper. If they can save some money that way, they could give it to you. So, for example, by throwing the rubbish away you can get money!

Speaker 3

If you don't know where to look for some ideas to earn money, you can also search the Internet for websites where you can watch "free" step-by-step videos about how to make money. They have some wonderful ideas. In that way you can find out which of them you can use and how much money you can get.

Speaker 4

There are many things we just throw away and they can pay you quite a sum. Well it's not too hard to collect paper that can be sold for recycling. Some recyclers pay money for glass bottles or aluminium cans. So, it's something you should definitely try. If you want to earn more, you can ask your family to help you with collecting these recyclable materials.

Speaker 5

If you can make popular videos you can earn some money with Youtube. You don't have to be talented at that – it is enough if your videos are popular and you may even become a Youtube partner! However, to do this legally, the person receiving this money must be at least 18 years of age – so you can always ask an adult family member to accept the money.

Zadanie 3.

This story happened a few years ago. Before I begin, I have to explain that I am a great basketball fan, which is quite surprising for a girl.

There was going to be a final basketball game soon. That's why my brothers, Marcus and Adam and I were trying to get the tickets. First, a friend told us there was a lottery in one of the sports magazines and so we applied for that. Unfortunately, we weren't lucky. Our father promised to buy the tickets for all of us. One day dad returned from work and announced that the tickets had all been sold out. Imagine our reaction to the news. But with a smile he said that he had got the tickets from his boss who couldn't go to the game. The only problem was there were only two tickets and four of us who wanted to see the game.

Dad decided that I was to stay at home since I was a girl. My elder brother was happy because he seemed sure to get the tickets. My mum objected. She said that the fact that I was a girl didn't mean that I should stay at home. So, dad said that Adam, my younger brother was too young to go. It became clear that dad chose the oldest one to watch the game with him. Adam started begging dad to let him go. At that point we realized that we had a problem and dad made a decision that he would give the ticket to the one of us who deserved it the most.

Then the big day came. Early morning we went downstairs to have breakfast. There we met our parents who were on their way to the town to buy some books in a bookshop. They were also to get the groceries for the weekend. Before leaving home they asked us to do the housework together. Mom also told us not to play basketball outside.

Of course, when I told my brothers to clean up the house, they laughed. They said they had other important things to do, for example, to have a game of basketball outside. So, they went outside and played and I started doing the housework wondering whom dad will give the tickets to. So I washed up the dishes after breakfast and decided to take the rubbish out. When I was replacing the lid on the rubbish bin a flash of white caught my attention. It was an envelope taped to the inside of the lid and someone had written the word "Congratulations" on it. Guess what was inside – the ticket to the game!