

## Story about Bobby Jones

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The sun was setting when 22-year-old Bobby Jones was eating dinner with his family. As soon as he started eating, a blue screen that said "Mathematics". Bobby was so surprised, that he spit his milk all over the table and everyone's food. Everyone started yelling at Bobby and complaining about him ruining dinner. Bobby could only apologize and hurried to his room to figure out what was happening. At first, he tried to rub his eyes to see if it would go away, but it wouldn't. He then tried tapping the "screen" even though it appeared to be in thin air, and another message popped up. This one said "Solve Math Equations for Money". Bobby immediately perked up at the thought of money. Even though he hated math, he knew he needed to practice a lot and if he could make some money doing it, it was a win-win! Bobby tried tapping the "screen" again and it showed a prompt saying "Questions Progressively Get Harder". The first question started with " $5+5=?$ ". Bobby looked around for an answer choice but didn't find one, so he tried saying "10?". As soon as the words left his mouth, he found a 1-dollar bill on the ground next to him. He went and grabbed it and it was real! "I'm gonna be rich!" Bobby thought. Little did Bobby know, but the equations would get much MUCH harder. Bobby did find the blue screen annoying so he tried jabbing at it, pushing it, and all sorts of things but it stayed there. Eventually, he tried swiping and the blue screen vanished and Bobby panicked! Bobby started saying random words to try and get the blue screen to come back, but no matter what he did, the blue screen refused to come back. Bobby got tired of it and decided to head to sleep.

Later the next day when he was walking home, the blue screen popped up again! Bobby was overjoyed because he had already spent all his money at school on cookies (very relatable). Bobby immediately set out to complete as many questions as he could to become as rich as possible! Lots of questions were simple such as addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. After solving equations for 2 hours, the blue screen disappeared again! Bobby was extremely frustrated since he had only made 100 dollars.

Days passed and the blue screen never came back. Bobby was extremely disappointed in himself for being so greedy and thinking of the system as a way to make money. Next time, Bobby won't be greedy and will only take what he needs.