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Describe a prize you would like to win

You should say:

- What it is
- How you heard about it
- What you would do to win it
- And explain why you would like to win it

To be perfectly honest, I'm not an ambitious person and I have absolutely no desire to win anything so what I am going to talk about is what I consider to be the ultimate prize in sport and that is the World Cup. I hope it's ok to talk about this hypothetical situation.

Obviously, I'm not a professional footballer and I'm guessing it is too late to start training to be one now so this prize is out of my reach, but if I were a pro footballer, then this would be my goal. In order to win it, I would undoubtedly need to train every day and dedicate my life to the sport. To play at the highest level, I would need to make a lot of sacrifices such as nights out, binging on fast food or convenience food and suchlike. Having a healthy and nutritious diet must be a priority. Although I tend to eat healthily, I absolutely love pizza so it would be hard for me to give up my favourite food. Mind you, if I wanted to be successful, I would have to make this sacrifice.

I've been a football fan for as long as I can remember and one of my earliest memories is watching the World Cup. Sadly, in my lifetime, my country has never won the trophy; however, they won it in 1966 before I was born so it shows it can be done. In order to get picked for the national team, I would have to have a lot of talent, but also dedication. The best players are not always the most skilful, but they are usually the most dedicated to the sport.

If I trained day in day out and got a contract with a top team in the Premier League, then I would stand a good chance of being picked for the national team. The national team is a squad of the best players in England. Getting chosen for the squad would be hard enough, but then I would need to get picked for the team. If I were lucky enough, then I would be able to represent my country and win the most coveted trophy in the world – the World Cup.

PART 3

Should parents push their children to win prizes?

To be perfectly honest, I don't know. **I'm in two minds.**

My heart says no, kids should never be pushed, but...

...my head says that youngsters need to be taught **to have a winning mentality**, as the world is an incredibly competitive place and they need to know how to win.



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