

Rubik's cube world record



- 1 With just one correct answer out of 43 quintillion possibilities, it is not surprising that most people spend days, if not months, trying to solve the Rubik's Cube. However, don't tell that to speedcuber Atharva R Bhat. The eight-year-old from Bangalore, India, just reached a new Guinness World Record by solving three of the 3x3 rotating puzzles at the same time in an amazing one minute and 29.97 seconds.
- 2 Atharva, who has always loved puzzles, became inspired to take up speedcubing in 2017 after meeting Krishnam Raju Gadiraju, a multiple speedcubing record-holder at the World Cube Association competition in Bangalore. "My dream to be like him started there," he says. He began training in earnest in early 2020. In addition to spending many hours solving the 3x3 cubes, he also spent time meditating and visualizing the world record attempt and winning the title.
- 3 Atharva says, "The training was never difficult because I enjoyed solving the puzzles with both hands and feet. I believe loving what you do makes training easier. My parents were always supportive. My sister and grandparents would cheer me at my practice, and I enjoyed it." The eight-year-old hopes his success will inspire other kids to take up cubing. Meanwhile, he is already working toward reaching his next goal – completing the same challenge in less than a minute.

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- 1p **18** Wat wordt er over Atharva verteld in alinea 1?
- A Hij had drie pogingen nodig om een record te halen.
 - B Hij kon als snelste drie puzzels tegelijk oplossen.
 - C Hij was de jongste kubus-speler op drie toernooien.
- 1p **19** Wat wordt er over Atharva verteld in alinea 2?
- A Hij droomde dat hij zijn idool ontmoette.
 - B Hij oefende van het begin af aan veel.
 - C Hij zag zijn overwinning voor zich.
- 2p **20** Geef van elke bewering aan of die juist of onjuist is volgens alinea 3.
Omcirkel 'juist' of 'onjuist' in de uitwerkbijlage.
- 1 Atharva oefent met zijn handen en voeten.
 - 2 Atharva krijgt steun van zijn familie.
 - 3 Atharva geeft les aan andere kinderen.
 - 4 Atharva wil zijn eigen record verbreken.