

Discussion Questions

- Do you know other stories about people who became memes?
- Would you like to be a meme? How would you feel if you became a meme?

Vocabulary

- Pay attention to the words in bold below as they are mentioned in the video. Try to match the words and phrases in bold with their meanings.
- A. It was so heart-warming to see Sam's mother say how happy she was when the Success Kid meme **took off**.
- B. Just another case of 'someone's famous for being famous'. Are you serious, people? It's not as though this kid **pulled off** something great by himself. Let's get real.
- C. When his mother said he managed to survive **against the odds**, it brought tears to my eyes. This fact makes this story so special!
- D. The kid got famous thanks to his mum. But can we call it success? Hardly. You can't count on something like chance if you want to **get ahead** in life.
- E. It's a nice story but it's all just **sheer** luck. Some people spend years trying to achieve success and still fail.
- F. I can't tell you how much I love this meme! I had it on my phone display during my high school exams. I still believe it was something that helped me **ace** each one of them in the end.
- G. I guess when Sam's mum saw his picture as a meme she somehow hoped that it would bring her son fame and he'd **never look back**. But honestly, what was she thinking when she shared his picture in the first place? Looks like most people don't realize how dangerous it can be.

MEANINGS

- 1) achieve success, often in your career or in life
- 2) become increasingly successful
- 3) despite the problems that make your success unlikely
- 4) do very well
- 5) manage to do something difficult
- 6) pure chance
- 7) suddenly start to be successful or popular