

Open for Business

Read the short story. Then answer each question.

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Zion really wanted to open his own business. He loved watching shows on TV about people who invented great things and helped other people love their inventions, too. He tried to learn about how people started their own businesses and how they got their great ideas, but a lot of it was too hard for him to understand yet. His mom suggested that he look around the community for a business leader who might be able to help him understand, so that he could start his own business one day.

One day, he and his mom were out getting ice cream, and the shop owner, Mr. Warner, was the one serving them. Zion's mom asked if he had a few minutes to talk, and Mr. Warner sat down with them.

"Mr. Warner, Zion really wants to open his own business one day. Do you think you could help him understand how to run a business?" Zion's mom asked.

"I can try," replied Mr. Warner, "but a lot of it is hard to understand. There is a lot of math, and plenty of things you just have to learn through trial and error."

"A lot of math?" asked Zion. "Why do you need to know math to run a business?"

