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## **Moore MS 6th grader earns perfect score on WordMasters**

A 6th grade Gwinnett County student from **Moore Middle** recently learned that she earned a perfect score in the first of three meets for this year's WordMasters Challenge, a national vocabulary competition. Competing in the difficult Blue Division of the WordMasters Challenge, **sixth grader Amy Truong earned a perfect score of 20**. Nationally, only 8 sixth graders achieved a perfect score out of the 150,000 student participants from throughout the nation.

The WordMasters Challenge is an exercise in critical thinking that first encourages students to become familiar with a set of interesting new words considerably more difficult than grade level. The competition then challenges them to use those words to complete analogies, expressing various kinds of logical relationships. The challenge helps students learn to think both analytically and metaphorically. Though most vocabulary-boosting and analogy-solving activities have been created for high school students, the WordMasters materials have been specifically designed for younger students, in grades three through eight. They are particularly well-suited for able and interested children who rise to the challenge of learning new words and enjoy the logical puzzles posed by analogies.

Amy will participate in two more WordMasters meets during the coming months. The 6th grader was coached in preparation for the WordMasters Challenge by language arts and gifted Moore Middle teacher **Laura Moon**.

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