

**Alex and Jason come home with the same math homework.**

**Alex complains to his mom, "It's just not fair. Mr. Jenson gives us too much homework. I don't know how to do this. He never explains anything. You need to help me. It's going to take too long!"**

**"How did he explain this homework?" asks mom.**

**"I don't remember. You need to help me," says Alex**

**Mom opens the book and points out the answers. She gets the task over quickly and then lectures, "You'd better start paying attention in class!"**

**Jason makes the same complaint to his mom.**

**"How did your teacher explain this homework?" asks mom.**

**"I don't remember. You need to help me," says Jason.**

**"How sad," answers Mom. "I'll be happy to help when you work harder on your schoolwork than me, and I know that you are listening in class." With that, she tells Jason to open his book and try to remember how the teacher told him to do the work. "You can watch your program when it's finished," she tells Jason.**

**Which mom did the best job of parenting?**

**Which kid is more likely to start listening better in class?**

**I bet you know the answer.**

**Thanks for reading.**

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