Math Is a Language

Jack Po (CTYOnline Math Instructor): Mathematics is a language that we use constantly, but I think it’s something that we frequently forget about. It’s how we get from place to place; it’s how we get something to eat; look up or look down and there’s just another place you’re talking math.

I’m training to be an academic physician – MD [and] PhD students – at Columbia. Teaching with CTYOnline, I think one of the most important things I can do is to help kids who love mathematics to know there’s another way they can connect. In math, you’re already talking a language where someone from London or Singapore can already use. So then it’s natural to make the leap into other disciplines where mathematics already intersects. My job is to give the student that freedom to make that leap.