

Success and Failure

Beginner (A1)

10 questions

- 01 What do you often have to do twice?
- 02 What is your most recent success?
- 03 What is easy to start but hard to finish?
- 04 How many mistakes are OK on a test for you?
- 05 What big thing do you want to do in the next five years?
- 06 How important is success to you?
- 07 Do you feel successful now? Why?
- 08 Are you afraid of failure? Why?
- 09 Who do you tell about a big success?
- 10 How long do you feel happy after a big success?

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Elementary (A2)

23 questions

- 11 Describe a successful person.
- 12 Talk about a time you failed at something you tried. Don't talk about anything that will make you uncomfortable or embarrassed.
- 13 What do you say when someone asks about a plan that did not work out?
- 14 Tell me about a time someone said 'Well done' and you didn't expect it.
- 15 Who do you talk to about your goals?
- 16 Is it better to start working young or spend more years studying?
- 17 What would you like to be the first person in your family to do?
- 18 Is getting married an important goal for you? Why?
- 19 Which big goal for your future have you changed?
- 20 Who do you know who went back to school as an adult? What did they want to achieve?
- 21 What did you learn outside school that helped you reach a goal in life?
- 22 What goal took you years to reach?
- 23 Tell me about an important chance you heard about too late.
- 24 What do you think people your age want most from life?
- 25 What did school teach you about success?
- 26 Who has helped you get closer to a big goal in life?
- 27 Is having your own home an important goal for you? Why?
- 28 What makes it hard for young people to reach their goals in life?
- 29 How do you celebrate a big success?
- 30 After a failure, do you want to be with people or be alone?
- 31 Are you proud of your effort, even when you fail?
- 32 After a failure, do you try again quickly or wait?
- 33 What do you do when someone says you cannot reach a goal in life?

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Intermediate (B1)

20 questions

- 34 Is your idea of success the same as your parents' idea of success?
- 35 Can money buy happiness?
- 36 How much pressure do your parents put on you to be successful?
- 37 How much pressure will you put on your children to be successful?
- 38 Have there been any failures that made your life better?
- 39 When is the right time to give up and stop trying?
- 40 Can you think of any famous people who failed spectacularly at something?
- 41 Describe something that went well in practice and badly when it mattered.
- 42 What used to feel like a big achievement but now feels ordinary to you?
- 43 What did someone achieve that made you see them differently?
- 44 What did you once want to be known for? How do you feel about that now?
- 45 What kind of success would you prefer to keep private, and why?
- 46 Tell me about a plan that went exactly as expected but was still disappointing.
- 47 When has someone been more upset about your result than you were?
- 48 How do you react when people keep bringing up something you did well years ago?
- 49 Tell me about a chance to change your life that you turned down.
- 50 Have you ever been offered an opportunity you did not feel ready for? What happened?
- 51 Have you ever gone back to a life goal you had put aside for years? What brought you back?
- 52 When have you had to choose between two good opportunities for your future?
- 53 How much does knowing the right people matter when you want to get ahead in life?

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Upper Intermediate (B2)

14 questions

- 54 Do you think people focus too much on appearing to be successful?
- 55 How useful is money as a measure of success?
- 56 Can you think of any famous quotes or idioms about success or failure? How true do you think they are?
- 57 How much should one poor performance change your opinion of someone who usually does well?
- 58 How can being successful at a young age make it difficult to try something different later?
- 59 A person succeeds in one field and starts giving advice about everything. When would you listen?
- 60 What makes a story about someone's failure sound honest to you?
- 61 Why might someone feel embarrassed about a success they did nothing wrong to achieve?
- 62 How does a person's age affect the way people judge their achievements?
- 63 How much freedom do people your age have to start over after a failure in life?
- 64 Someone does well at work but rarely sees their family. How successful would you say their life is?
- 65 What achievements get too little respect compared with a successful career?
- 66 Should a person who gets a job through family connections have to prove more than other people?
- 67 How might your ambitions change if the people around you had much more money than you?

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Advanced (C1)

2 questions

- 68 How should a public figure's apology change if their mistake helped them become successful?
- 69 Is it fair to call someone 'self-made' if their family could afford to let them fail?