

STORIES OF SUCCESSFUL PEOPLE

When Thomas Edison invented the light bulb, he tried over 2000 experiments before he got it to work. A young reporter asked him how it (39)_____ to fail so many times. He said, «I never failed once. I invented the light bulb. It just happened to be a 2000-step process.»

Wilma Rudolph was the 20th of 22 children. When she was 4 years old, she contracted double pneumonia and scarlet fever, which left her with a paralysed left leg. At the age of 9, she removed the metal leg brace she had been dependent on and began to walk (40)_____ it. By 13 she had developed a rhythmic walk, which doctors said was a miracle. That same year she decided to become a runner. She entered a race and came in the last. For the next few years every race she entered, she came in the last. Everyone told her to quit, but she kept on (41)_____. One day she actually won a race. And then another. From then on she won every race she entered. Eventually this little girl, who was told she would never walk again, went on to win three Olympic gold medals.

In 1962, four nervous young musicians played their first record audition for the executives of the Decca recording company. The executives were not impressed. While turning (42)_____

this group of musicians, one executive said, «We don't like their sound. Groups of guitars are on the way out.» The group (43)_____ *The Beatles*.

In 1944, Emmeline Snively, director of the Blue Book modelling agency, said to modelling hopeful Norma Jean Baker, «You'd (44)_____ learn secretarial work or get married.» She went on and became Marilyn Monroe.

In 1954, Jimmy Denny, manager of the Grand Ole Opry, fired a singer after one performance. He said to him, «You are going nowhere, son. You ought (45)_____ back to driving a truck.» He went on to become the most popular singer in America named Elvis Presley.

When Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone in 1876, it was not constantly ringing with calls from potential supporters. After making a demonstration call, President Rutherford Hayes said, «That's an amazing invention, but (46)_____ would ever want to use one of them?»

In the 1940s, (47)_____ young inventor named Chester Carlson took his idea to 20 corporations, including some of the biggest in the country. They all turned him down. In 1947 — after seven long years of rejections! — he finally got a tiny company in Rochester, New York, the Haloid company, to purchase the rights to his invention — an electrostatic paper-copying process. Haloid became Xerox Corporation we know today.

So, only through experiences of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, vision cleared, ambition inspired and success achieved. You gain strength, experience and confidence by every experience where you really stop (48)_____ fear in the face... You must do the thing you cannot do. A winner is not one who never fails, but one who never quits.

	A	B	C	D
39	feel	fell	felt	fallen
40	with	without	within	in
41	run	running	to run	ran
42	down	up	to	back
43	is called	was called	were called	be called
44	better	prefer	should	able to
45	go	to go	gone	going
46	where	which	what	who
47	other	others	another	other's
48	look	looking	be looking	to look

Once a son came to his father's workplace. He (49)_____ as he considered his life unhappy and miserable. He complained that he had lots of problems in his life, one after another, for days (50)_____.

His father, a chef, took his son to the kitchen. He filled three small pans with water and placed them on a fire. In one pan he put potatoes, in the other one he placed eggs, and the third pan was actually a pot filled with (51)_____ coffee. His son stopped (52)_____ and was waiting quietly to see what would happen next.

After some time the father (53)_____ the fire and took the eggs and potatoes out of the pans. Then he poured coffee into a cup. Then he asked his son: «So, son, what can you see?»

«Potatoes, eggs, and coffee», he said.

«Right you are! And now touch the potatoes and then the egg. How do they (54)_____?» He did and noted that the potatoes were soft, (55)_____ the egg was hard-boiled and so it was firm under the shell. He then asked him to take a sip of coffee. Its pleasant smell brought a smile to his son's face.

«Father, what does this mean?» he asked.

And the father explained that the potatoes, the eggs and coffee beans had each faced (56)_____ misfortune — the boiling water.

However, each one reacted (57)_____.

The potato was initially hard, but it became soft in boiling water.

Unlike the potato, the egg was fragile, with the thin outer shell and liquid interior, but in the boiling water its inside became hard.

However, the ground coffee was completely different. After it was placed into the boiling water, it changed the water and created new qualities.

«Which are you?» he asked his son. «(58)_____ misfortune happens in your life, how do you respond? Are you a potato, an egg, or a coffee bean? In fact, the only thing that truly matters is what happens within you.»

	A	B	C	D
49	depressed	is depressed	was depressed	has been depressed
50	for end	at end	ending	on end
51	grind	grounded	ground	grinding
52	complain	complaining	to complain	complained
53	switched off	switched on	switched out	switched at
54	feeling	feel	to feel	felt
55	whatever	whichever	whereas	wherein
56	some	same	a same	the same
57	differently	different	difference	indifferent
58	Where	Why	Who	When