

A  Listen to the beginning of an interview with Oscar Suarez. Then read the questions and choose the correct answer.

- 1 What does the host seem to think Oscar does particularly well?
 - A design clothes
 - B make furniture
 - C illustrate books
- 2 According to Oscar, what isn't he very good at?
 - A creating packages for products
 - B decorating homes
 - C making sculptures
- 3 What made Oscar, for the first time, really interested in the types of things he works with?
 - A some works of art he saw when he was a teenager
 - B a place in Madrid that he visited with his parents
 - C a vacation he spent at his grandparents' house
- 4 How have Oscar's grandparents influenced his life?
 - A They taught him how to appreciate art and become a better designer.
 - B They have always thought he was talented and encouraged him to become more skilled.
 - C They thought he was gifted and didn't need to go to art school to become a great artist.
- 5 According to Oscar, how did his parents react to his career choice?
 - A They tried to prevent him from going on that career path.
 - B They were not sure whether it would work well for him.
 - C They encouraged him to do what he wanted.

_____ / 10 (2 points each)

B Match the words to the descriptions.

EXAMPLE Somebody who is good at repairing machines is F.

- 1 Somebody who knows what they want and works hard to get it is ____.
- 2 Somebody who is good at sports is ____.
- 3 Somebody who is good at thinking of new, original, and exciting ideas is ____.
- 4 Somebody who is good at playing the piano and singing is ____.
- 5 Somebody who is good at understanding data or problems is ____.
- 6 Somebody who has special natural ability or talent is ____.
- 7 Somebody who has studied and learned a skill or job is ____.

A athletic

B musical

C analytical

D gifted

E skilled

F trained

G determined

H imaginative

_____ / 7 (1 point each)

C Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the box.

be capture get leave put raise ruin stress take

EXAMPLE The music is far too loud. It is starting to stress me out.

- 1 Why don't you come over for dinner? It would take your mind off things.
- 2 She was a very smart woman, and she left a lasting impression on me.
- 3 His paintings and sculptures definitely awakened my imagination. They were stunning.
- 4 Failing the test in chemistry has really wrecked my day. I'm so disappointed.
- 5 To calm your mind at rest, we should check the status of the flight.
- 6 Passing her driver's test really cheered Helga's spirits.
- 7 The cold weather in this country really dropped me down.
- 8 My parents didn't let me go to the party, which sabotaged a real downer.

_____ / 8 (1 point each)

D Choose the correct answer.

EXAMPLE To make that assumption would be scientifically ____.

_____ / 6 (1 point each)

E Choose the correct answer.

EXAMPLE Can you add a *serving* / *loaf* of bread to the shopping list, please?

- 1 That's an interesting *act / piece* of information about the college.
- 2 On the weekend, I usually like to play a *game / piece* of chess.
- 3 That's such a beautiful *article / piece* of classical music.
- 4 Picasso painted so many exceptional *items / works* of art.
- 5 I love wearing shorts in the summer. I think they are my favorite *article / bit* of clothing.
- 6 The priest offered her some *pieces / words* of sympathy.
- 7 To make the sauce, you need some tomatoes and a *bunch / loaf* of parsley or another fresh herb, such as basil.
- 8 I feel sorry for Doug because he's had a *little bit / an act* of bad luck recently.
- 9 When I make risotto, I usually add a few *drops / quarts* of olive oil to the butter.

_____ / 9 (1 point each)

F Read the article. Then match the statements to points A–E.**How to measure success**

Success means different things to different people. Here are some words of wisdom about how to measure the success in your life.

A Decide what really matters to you.

It is common to think of success as something concrete, such as having a well-paid job. But it's important to make a list of different success factors which include material and non-material things, such as emotional well-being, personal satisfaction, friendships.

B Compare yourself only against yourself and not others.

We often measure our success by comparing ourselves to others. By doing so, we are being unfair to ourselves, often setting unreachable goals which can be a real downer. So, a word of advice, chart your own progress towards that goal, and remember to congratulate yourself when you can see that progress is being made.

C Measure things which are not normally measured.

Some things like wealth are easy to measure. You look at your bank statement and you can see the amount of money that you have. But there are many other areas of life which we can evaluate and measure which are not so obviously countable. For example, if you decide that success for you is about feeling confident, then this can be measured by observing how confident you feel every day.

D Be patient. Think about the long-term goals.

Real success is not something that is usually obtained overnight. Financial stability is not often found by winning the lottery, nor is true love often found in an instant. In order to get genuine stability, both financial and emotional, it might take time, so you need to be determined and patient.

E Re-evaluate if what you wanted yesterday is still the same today.

The search for success is a journey and some journeys take longer than others. So you may need to go back to step 1 from time to time to re-evaluate what really matters and how relevant that is today.

- 1 It's not important to achieve your goals very quickly. _____
- 2 Things are constantly changing and evolving and they aren't the same for very long. _____
- 3 What others have or haven't achieved isn't important. _____
- 4 Think carefully about what you want to achieve and write down your goals. _____
- 5 Not everything in life can be assessed and counted. _____

_____ / 10 (2 points each)