

REDEFINING SUCCESS



Read the article. Some sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences A-H the one which fits each gap. There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use.

For many people, success is closely linked to money, job titles, or academic achievements. These are common indicators that society values, and they can certainly bring a sense of accomplishment. (1) _____ However, more people today are beginning to question whether traditional success truly leads to happiness.

Modern definitions of success are shifting. Some individuals now see success as having a balanced life — one where there is time for work, relationships, and personal growth.

(2) _____ In fact, studies show that people who regularly spend time with loved ones or pursue hobbies often report higher satisfaction than those focused only on career goals.

Another important aspect of success is purpose. People want to feel that what they do matters. (3) _____ This may explain why more professionals are leaving high-paying jobs to work in non-profit organisations or start socially responsible businesses.

A. That's why redefining success has become a topic of growing interest.

B. In the past, it was mostly about impressing others.

C. These things are important, but they're not the whole picture.

D. The ability to reflect and learn from mistakes often leads to the greatest progress.

Of course, setbacks are part of any journey to success. Most successful people have failed at some point — often more than once. (4) _____ What truly defines success is not avoiding failure, but being able to recover from it and continue moving forward.

Personal development also plays a role. Learning new skills, setting goals, and growing as a person are signs of success that are often overlooked. (5) _____ Achievements that are visible to others might earn applause, but inner progress can be just as meaningful.

Ultimately, success is deeply personal. One person may feel successful by climbing the corporate ladder, while another might find it in raising a family or helping their community. (6) _____ For this reason, each individual must decide what success means for them — and pursue it on their own terms.

E. It's the feeling of making a difference that motivates them.

F. People often feel pressure to succeed in the same way as everyone else.

G. Yet this type of progress doesn't always get recognised publicly.