

Encouraging a Friend

Complete the dialogue with these phrases in the box.

Hang in there!

Have a go!

Never say never!

If at first, you don't succeed, try, try, try again.

What have you got to lose?

Practice makes perfect.

You can do it!

You're on the right track.

Give it a try

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Situation: Emma is nervous about joining the school's public speaking competition. Her friend, Jake, encourages her.

Emma: I saw a poster about the public speaking competition, but I don't think I should join.

Jake: Why not? 1. _____

Emma: I've never spoken in front of a large audience before.

Jake: Well, 2. _____ You might be better than you think.

Emma: What if I make mistakes and embarrass myself?

Jake: 3. _____ You'll gain experience even if you don't win.

Emma: I guess that's true, but I'm still nervous.

Jake: 4. _____ I've heard you speak in class, and you're really good.

Emma: Thanks, but public speaking is much harder than answering questions in class.

Jake: 5. _____ Everyone feels nervous at the beginning.

Emma: Maybe. I just don't want to fail.

Jake: Remember, 6. _____ Successful people don't give up after one failure.

Emma: That's a good point.

Jake: Besides, 7. _____. The more you practice your speech, the more confident you'll become.

Emma: I've been practicing every evening this week.

Jake: Great! 8. _____. Your hard work will pay off.

Emma: Do you really think I have a chance of winning?

Jake: Absolutely! 9. _____. Anything is possible if you work hard enough.

(A few weeks later)

Jake: Emma! Congratulations! I heard you won second place in the competition!

Emma: Yes! I can't believe it. 10. _____

Jake: You deserve it. All your hard work paid off.

Emma: Thanks for encouraging me. I probably wouldn't have entered the competition without your support.

Jake: See? I told you that you could do it!