

Expressions on FAILURE

1. Study the sentences.

Unfortunately the peace talks now seem likely to **fail miserably**. [be totally unsuccessful]

Hopes that the play would enjoy a long run in London **were dashed**. [hopes have had to be abandoned]

Unfortunately, more pupils than ever are said to be **failing** their final **exams**.

The mountaineer's attempt to climb Mt Everest **went badly wrong**.

A couple of major companies in the area **went out of business** last month. [stopped doing business]

I think the new plans for cutting railway costs **are a recipe for disaster**. [will certainly lead to major problems]

At the last moment the Olympic ski jumper **lost his nerve** and did not take part in the competition. [was not brave enough]

2. Drag and Drop. Match the two halves to make sentences.

miserably

disaster

business

badly wrong

dashed when I heard the news

final exams

I lost my nerve and couldn't get back on.

1. Our plans went _____.
2. My hopes were _____.
3. After the horse threw me, _____.
4. He failed his _____.
5. Our political campaign failed _____.
6. His plans are a recipe for _____.
7. A year later he went out of _____.