

Dear Future students,

Hi, I hope this letter finds you well. I'd like to talk about the time when I decided to become a physicist.

It was a possibility that I would fail because I didn't prepare for my exams, so there was a small chance of passing them. I was so nervous! In the end, I did fail. Therefore, I decided to try for a different class in botany. Botany is the study of plants. This, as it turned out, was a fantastic decision! Sometimes I can be make good choice.

I loved every second of my studies. I also made some lifelong friends and discovered more about myself in the process. I'm currently working through my degree and by the end of next year, I will be fully qualified and ready to live as a successful adult.

Just think, all of this came from me "failing" my original exams. Talk about a successful mistake!

Write soon,

Dave

### Activity 1 - Fill in the blanks

1. I decided to try my luck at \_\_\_\_\_ instead.

- a. law
- b. chemistry
- c. botany
- d. engineering

2. I \_\_\_\_\_ every second of my studies

- a. loved
- b. hated
- c. adored
- d. abhorred

3. Talk about a \_\_\_\_\_ mistake!

- a. successful
- b. bad
- c. great
- d. poor

### **Activity 2 - Answer the questions**

1. What does Dave want to do? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What does "a small chance" mean?

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3. What did Dave study in the end? \_\_\_\_\_

4. What will happen at the end of next year? (2 points)

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5. What does Dave mean by a "successful mistake"?

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### **ACTIVITY 3 - Talk about yourself**

1. Are you happy with what you studied / are studying?

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2. Is it important to go to university to have a successful career? Explain.

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