



Read the text. Match the headings (1-5) to the numbered paragraphs (A-D) by writing your answers in the table. **There is one extra heading.**

1. THIRD TIME LUCKY
2. TEMPORARY WORK BECAME PERMANENT
3. FROM FAILURE TO LEADERSHIP • Everyday English
4. BUSY BUT UNSUCCESSFUL
5. CRITICISED FOR BEING LAZY

The Rocky Road to Success

- A.** Albert Einstein is widely seen as the greatest physicist that ever lived. However, he wasn't always seen as a brainy person. Albert's own mother felt he was a "slow" learner who struggled academically. He even needed two attempts to pass a college entry exam. He went on to graduate with excellent grades and attained a teaching diploma in physics and Maths. From here, Albert became very successful, publishing numerous papers that revolutionised the scientific world. His groundbreaking work led him to become the president of the German Physical Society and also earned him the prestigious Nobel Prize for physics in 1921.
- B.** Steven Spielberg became interested in film when he was a young boy. By the time he was 16 he had produced his first film. Despite his talent, Steven was refused entry to the film school at the University of Southern California. However, this did not deter him. He secured himself an unpaid internship at Universal Studios, where he produced *Amblin*, his first feature film. When released, it impressed the executives at Universal Studios to such an extent that they offered him a seven-year contract. Today, he is the most successful director of all time, with numerous awards under his belt. He was even presented with the Irving C. Thalberg Memorial Award, an Oscar which recognises his outstanding contribution to the film industry.
- C.** Walter Elias Disney began his career in art when he was just seven years old, selling small sketches to his neighbours. However, success didn't come easily. He was fired from a job as a cartoonist due to his "lack of creativity" and later founded a production company that went bankrupt! Still, Walter wasn't prepared to give up hope. He relocated to Hollywood and started another animation studio, where he created one of the first superstar cartoon characters: Mickey Mouse. Since then, the studio has become a global company producing TV shows, books, merchandise and more. It is now worth \$77 billion, making it one of the most valuable and powerful brands in the world.
- D.** Vincent van Gogh didn't always want to be a painter. In fact, before he ever held a paintbrush in his hand, he worked as a preacher. He wasn't happy doing that, so at the age of 28 he decided to turn his hand to painting. However, his work wasn't well received. During his career Vincent painted over 2,000 pictures, but only managed to sell one - and that was to a friend for very little money! It wasn't until Vincent passed away that his work finally gained recognition. Now his pieces are among the most expensive artworks ever sold and he is often celebrated as one of the greatest painters in history.

A	B	C	D