

7.2 Ask an expert

Vocabulary high achievers

1 Choose the best words to complete the quotes about fame and success.

1 'Some succeed because they are destined to. Most succeed because they are *ambitious* / *determined to*'
Henry van Dyke

2 'It is not enough to be a *hard-working* / *ambitious* person. Think: what do you work at?'
Leo Tolstoy

3 'Always aim for *achievement* / *awards*, and forget about success.'
Helen Hayes

4 '*An expert* / *A champion* is a person who has made all the mistakes that can be made in a very narrow field.'
Niels Bohr

5 '*An expert* / *A champion* is afraid of losing. Everyone else is afraid of winning.'
Billie Jean King

6 'The desire to reach for the stars is *hard-working* / *ambitious*. The desire to reach hearts is wise.'
Maya Angelou



2 Complete the descriptions of the people in exercise 1 with one word in each group. The first letter is given.

1 Henry van Dyke graduated from Princeton University and *achieved* success with poems such as *Time is*, which is on the memorial stone in London for the 9/11 victims.

2 Leo Tolstoy was a f _____ Russian writer and philosopher. He wrote *War and Peace*, *Anna Karenina* and other novels.

3 Helen Hayes was an American actress who, in a career nearly eighty years long, won a large number of a _____, including an Oscar, a Grammy, a Tony and an Emmy.

4 Niels Bohr was a Danish physicist whose model of atomic structure brought him f _____ and a Nobel Prize.

5 Billie Jean King was a very t _____ tennis player who was number one in the world and won thirty-nine Grand Slam titles.

6 Maya Angelou was a w _____-k _____ writer and human rights activist who received over eighty honorary doctoral degrees.

3 Complete the text about superachievers with words from the box.

achieved achievement champions determined experts hard-working talented well known

The Art of Doing

In their book *The Art of Doing*, Camille Sweeney and Josh Gosfield interviewed thirty-six ¹ *experts* to find out how they have ² _____ so much in life. If you are also ³ _____ to be very successful, here are some things you can learn from these superachievers:

- Working long hours helps, but apart from being ⁴ _____, you also need to be smart. Superachievers know when they have to adapt to new circumstances.
- Superachievers are ⁵ _____ for being good listeners. This helps them learn what they need to know about the world around them.
- They tend to be ⁶ _____ storytellers and good at persuading others. To turn a good idea into a concrete ⁷ _____, you need to be able to sell the idea to other people.
- Success brings happiness, but happiness also brings success. Most sports ⁸ _____, for example, really love what they do.

Grammar question forms

4a Complete each question from a radio interview about *The Art of Doing* by adding the word in brackets in the correct position. *have*

- 1 How many self-help books */you* read? (have)
- 2 Who *you* about *The Art of Doing*? (told)
- 3 You remember where you bought it? (do)
- 4 Can I ask which *your* favourite chapter? (was)
- 5 What in your life after reading this book? (changed)
- 6 Who you recommend this book to? (would)

b Which of the questions are ...

- object questions? 1 and 2
- subject questions? 3 and 4
- indirect questions? 5 and 6

5a Match questions 1–6 in exercise 4a to answers a–f.

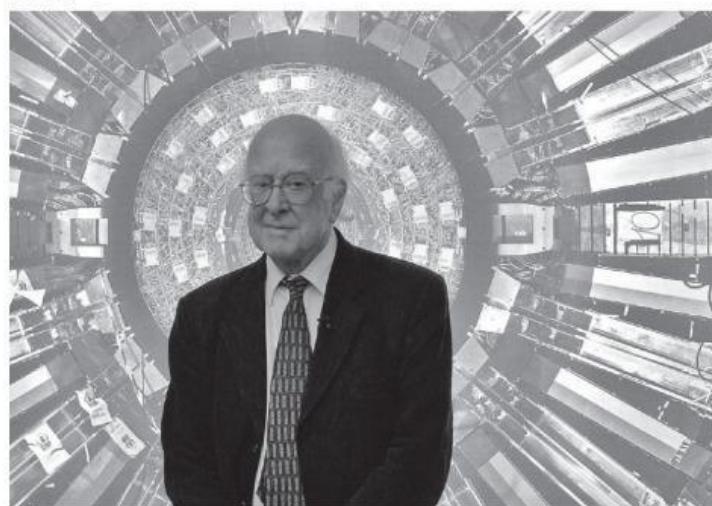
- a Well, not much so far, but I definitely feel more determined. 5
- b Yes, I usually buy books at a store in the city centre, but I got this one online. —
- c My mother's Brazilian, so it was the chapter on how Hélio Castroneves became a racing champion. —
- d My boss mentioned it in a training session on career achievements. —
- e To anybody who wants to achieve more in life, I guess. —
- f Not many, but I've read a lot of biographies of well-known politicians. —

b 7.4 Listen and check.

6 Complete the indirect questions.

- 1 What's your name?
Can I ask you what your name is?
- 2 Which famous person do you admire?
Would you mind telling me _____?
- 3 Do you consider yourself successful?
Could you tell me _____?
- 4 Who is the most talented person in your family?
I'd like to know _____.
- 5 Has she ever received an award?
Do you know _____?

7 Complete the questions about high achievers in different fields.



→ **STUDY TIP** First find out which are subject questions and which are object questions.

- 1 François Englert and Peter Higgs received a Nobel prize in 2013 for a particle they had discovered nearly fifty years before.
 - a Who received a Nobel prize in 2013?
 - b When did Englert and Higgs receive a Nobel prize?
- 2 Sixteen-year-old Malala Yousafzai received the United Nations Human Rights Award in 2013.
 - a Who _____ in 2013?
 - b What _____ in 2013?
- 3 The Brazilian writer Paulo Coelho has sold over 150 million books in more than 150 countries.
 - a Who _____ in more than 150 countries?
 - b How many _____ sold?
- 4 Usain Bolt won three gold medals in the 2012 Olympic Games.
 - a Who _____ in the 2012 Olympic Games?
 - b In which Olympic Games _____ three gold medals?
- 5 Chinese businessman Liu Qiangdong became a billionaire before he was forty.
 - a Which Chinese businessman _____ before he was forty?
 - b What _____ before he was forty?

I can ...

talk about experts and high achievers.
make and answer indirect and subject and object questions.

Very well Quite well More practice

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