

VOCABULARY

1 Study the definitions below.

SUCCESS

Pursue

To try to achieve.



Encourage

To support with helpful words.

Overcome

To achieve despite great difficulties.



Fulfill

To achieve a desired goal.



Achieve

To succeed in doing something difficult.



FAILURE

Reject

To not accept somebody's application.



Discourage

To make someone less confident.



Give up

To stop trying.



Fail

To not achieve what you wanted to achieve.



Regret

To feel sorry or dissatisfied about something not done.



2

Write the antonyms of the following words. Write more than one if you know others.

- 1 Give up
- 2 Discourage
- 3 Fail

3

Fill in the blanks with the new vocabulary in the past tense.

- 1 The US government the proposal. Now, they are suffering the consequences.
- 2 His family him, despite that he continued and was able to do it.
- 3 Her mother her children to complete their education.
- 4 Dad's business after just three years. Now he is really depressed.
- 5 She a career in finance until she achieved.
- 6 He's worked so hard, therefore, he his goal.
- 7 She her fear of failure, now she is able to do whatever she wants.
- 8 I couldn't overcome that lost, so I
- 9 I not spending time with my family.
- 10 He his hopes and dreams.

4

Work with a partner. Ask and answer the questions below. Think about a success and failure moment in your life.

Who encourages you to fight for your dreams?

My mom, if my mom hadn't encouraged me, I would never have

Who discourages you?

A friend I have, if he (she) had (not) I would have



THIRD CONDITIONAL

1 Look at the following chart.

PAST UNREAL CONDITIONAL

IF CLAUSE	MAIN CLAUSE
IF + past perfect,	would + present perfect
If she had pursued her dreams,	she wouldn't have regretted about what she is now.
IF + past perfect,	could + present perfect
If his parents hadn't supported him,	he could have lost everything.
YES/NO QUESTIONS	
Would you have given up if she hadn't encouraged you?	
SHORT ANSWERS	
Yes, they would have. / No, they wouldn't have.	

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2 Read the conversation below and complete them with past unreal conditional.

A FAILURE AT THE SCHOOL

- Mia: Hey Robert! Why are you sad?
 Robert: I failed the final exam again so I can't go to college.
 Mia: But, why? Andrew told me you studied a lot last weekend.
 Robert: Hmm no that much. Carla invited me to a party.
 Mia: You didn't go, right?
 Robert: Yes, I did. If I (not go) to the party, I (have) more time to study.
 Mia: Oh that's bad. What did your father say?
 Robert: He got really pissed. He grounded me for 2 months.
 Mia: Wow! That's a long time. Your dad (not ground) you for such a long time, if you (study) more. And of course, if you (not neglect) you (not fail).
 Robert: Yeah, I know.
 Mia: Ok, but it's your fault.

3 Choose the meaning of each past unreal conditional sentences.

- 1 I would have never finished college if you hadn't support me.
 a) She finished college.
 b) She didn't finish college.
- 2 If he hadn't left that job, he would've become the CEO.
 a) He is the CEO.
 b) He isn't the CEO.
- 3 If they hadn't overcome the adversities, they wouldn't have gotten married.
 a) They are married.
 b) They aren't married.

4 Write sentences with the past unreal conditional about the story below:

He had his first tennis lessons in primary school. He liked the lessons and he joined a tennis club and he pursued his dreams. He trained at the club twice a week. He won the local tennis tournament. A talent scout spotted him at the tournament and offered him a tennis scholarship in America. He went to America. He overcame all the difficulties. He became the best tennis player in the world.

E.g. He wouldn't have joined a tennis club, if he hadn't had his lessons in the school.

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READING

1

BEFORE YOU READ Work with a partner. Ask and answer the questions below.

- Which of the following things do you think causes people to fail?



POVERTY



HARASSMENT



ABUSE

- If you had had experiences of abuse, would you have been able to fulfill all your goals?
- What would you have done if you had been sexually harassed at work or school?

2

Read the article and choose True or False.

1 Who is Oprah Winfrey?

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2 How much money has she raised for charities?

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3 What did she have to overcome to become the person she is today?

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4 Why was she fired?

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5 What opened all kinds of doors for Oprah she had never dreamed of?

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6 What do you think would have happened if she had stayed living with her grandmother?

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7 Would she have led a campaign for children's rights if she hadn't suffered child abuse?

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Oprah Winfrey a success story



Oprah Winfrey is internationally famous for hosting the most popular talk show on American television. Millions of TV viewers used to watch her every day. She is now one of the richest women in the world. She is also famous for raising millions of dollars for charities to help with child literacy.

Oprah was born in 1954 in Mississippi. She was born to a single teenage mother and live their first years with her grandmother at such poverty she had to wear with potato sacks of dresses. When Oprah was 6 years old her grandmother became ill so she moved to live with her mother. At age 9 she was raped by her 19-year-old cousin. If she had stayed living with her grandmother, she wouldn't have experienced child abuse as she grew up. All of this experiences led her to campaign for children's rights later in her life. She helped draft a bill that President Clinton passed into law.

At age 14 she moved to live with her father at Nashville Tennessee and there her life's turnaround. She became interested in media and when she was 19 she pursued a career in television. Her career in broadcasting started in 1971 and her big opportunity came in 1976 with her own extremely popular TV chat show – 'People Are Talking', she was the first black female news anchor before the age of 20. Despite that she was sexually harassed work and few months later she was fired because the producer said she was unfit for television news, she started hosting the morning talk show in Chicago and turned it to the highest-rated talk show in Chicago it was later renamed "Oprah Winfrey show".

In 1985 movie producer Steven Spielberg offered her a role in 'The Color Purple'. She was nominated for an Oscar at the Academy Awards for her performance. If she hadn't been nominated, maybe she would have never become as famous and influential as she is now. This opened all kinds of doors for her she had never dreamed of. Her chat show is broadcast to over 100 countries. 'Life' magazine called her the most influential woman of her generation. She succeeded and she is now one of the 400 richest people in America inspiring millions of people and constantly helped in the community. She has raised nearly \$100 million for charity. She is now a role model for millions of girls around the world. Her latest project is an academy for poor girls, which opened in South Africa.

She is a great woman who encourages others to fight for their dreams, motivating them with her phrases and her life on how to overcome adversity and fulfill dreams despite how impossible it may seem.

"Create the highest grandest vision possible of your life because you become what you believe". **OPRAH WINFREY**



LISTENING

1

BEFORE YOU LISTEN Discuss the following questions.

- What do you understand by the phrase below?
- Have you ever won a prize by participating in some sport competition?
- Have you ever failed at something? Describe it.
- Now, tell me, what did you do to overcome that?

A STORY OF FAILURE AND SUCCESS: MICHAEL JORDAN

"I can accept failure; everyone fails at something. But I can't accept not trying".

Michael Jordan



2

Listen to the audio about Michael Jordan and complete the phrases.

- If others did it,
- Thanks to his he got better and better.
- He is still considered

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Answer the questions below.

- When did Michael Jordan show an interest in sports?
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- Why was he rejected from the university basketball team?
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- How many times did he fail by trying to reach his goal?
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- What if Michael Jordan hadn't tried many times to reach his goal?
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- Would you have given up if you had been in his place? Why?
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4

Listen again and complete the sentences below, with unreal conditional.

- If he hadn't worked so hard, he
- If he hadn't tried, he
- I wouldn't have learned what success means
- If I hadn't listened about Michael Jordan, I

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