



# The Pursuit of Happyness (2006)

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 Level: B1-B2



## About the film:

The *Pursuit of Happyness* is a true story about Chris Gardner, who faces many struggles while trying to build a better life for his son.



## 1. WARM-UP

Discuss the questions with a partner.

1. What does "happiness" mean to you?
2. What is the most challenging situation you have ever faced?
3. What qualities help people succeed in life?



## 2. VOCABULARY

Match the words (1-8) with their meanings (A-H).

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| 1. struggle      | ___ | A. to encourage someone to do something              |
| 2. determination | ___ | B. a period of work experience for a beginner        |
| 3. opportunity   | ___ | C. the state of not having a home                    |
| 4. internship    | ___ | D. to achieve a desired result                       |
| 5. homeless      | ___ | E. a chance to do something positive                 |
| 6. investment    | ___ | F. money or time put into something to make a profit |
| 7. motivate      | ___ | G. a very difficult problem                          |
| 8. succeed       | ___ | H. a strong decision to do something                 |



## 3. WHILE-WATCHING

Watch the video and circle True (T) or False (F).

1. Chris Gardner is a salesman at the beginning of the film. T F
2. He has a stable and comfortable life with his son. T F
3. Chris gets an unpaid internship at a broker company. T F
4. He gives up the internship because it is too difficult. T F
5. Chris and his son have to sleep in a homeless shelter. T F
6. Chris becomes a successful stockbroker in the end. T F



## 4. LISTENING FOR DETAILS

Watch the video again. Complete the sentences.

1. Chris spends all his money on \_\_\_\_\_.
2. His son's name is \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Chris can't afford \_\_\_\_\_.
4. He and his son often use \_\_\_\_\_ to travel around the city.
5. The internship program lasts for \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Chris never gives up because he wants a better life for \_\_\_\_\_.



## 5. SPEAKING

Discuss with your partner.

1. What part of the film inspired you the most? Why?
2. What would you do if you were in Chris's situation?
3. Do you think success is more about talent or hard work? Why?

