

READING TEST

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1.- Read the text below and answer the questions.

What makes people successful?



Who do you think is the most successful? Who do you think is the least successful?

In order to answer these questions, we first need to define success. Everyone has a different definition. Many of us place great value on performance, on achievements, or on reaching various goals. Others associate success with material goods, measuring it by how much one can acquire. Others measure success by how much they can contribute to the well-being of their families, or to the community and society in general. There are many other definitions, but mostly success is associated with becoming rich, famous, and respected at work. Yet, it doesn't have to be that way.

Being successful could mean simply being satisfied with oneself and one's career. For many people, a successful person is someone who feels that his or her work and life in general offer an exceptionally high degree of satisfactions.

But how does one get from here to there? How does one reach this feeling of satisfaction with life and career? It seems that successful people consistently do two things:

- They use their natural abilities in their work.
- They set career and life goals.

In other words, successful people choose careers where they can use their natural abilities, or do what comes naturally to them. For example, successful teachers are people who instinctively know how to help people learn, and the best doctors are those who know how to listen to people. Successful people know where they are starting from, and what direction they want to give their lives and careers, even if it is something as simple and wonderful as raising a happy family.

What are your natural abilities? What are your career and life goals? If you can answer these questions, you are on your way to having a successful career and life.

1. According to the previous reading, identify if the statements below are true or false:

- A. _____ There is a general consensus on the definition of success.
- B. _____ A lot of people think that you are successful if you are rich and famous.
- C. _____ Successful people choose careers that match their skills.
- D. _____ Successful people don't plan their lives.
- E. _____ Doing what comes naturally to you helps make you successful.
- F. _____ Raising a happy family is enough to be considered successful.

2. Choose the most accurate summary of the corresponding answer from the following questions:

2.1. What kind of other definitions can be found about how to succeed?

a) People can define success as having material goods and raising a family.

b) Success is measured only by being rich and famous. However, other people consider that it is defined when others reach their goals in life.

c) The definitions of success can vary from one individual to another. Thus, some people can measure it by having material goods, reaching their life goals or simply giving their best to their families or community.

2.2. How can a successful person be defined?

a) It can be defined when someone is enjoying what he/she does. Nevertheless, he/she can encounter ups and downs in their lives in a regular basis. For this reason, it cannot have an exact definition at all.

b) Human beings as a whole can feel the pleasure of being successful by his or her job, and lives in general making sure that they are entirely pleased with them.

c) A successful person is someone who presents an exceptionally high degree by having material goods and have lived happily with their families.