

LISTENING

Task 2

Listen to the recording again and complete the extract with one to three words.

Life is also a game of 1) _____, and when it comes to the biggest things we 2) _____ – health, wealth and relationships – these outcomes don't only depend 3) _____ the quality of our decision-making, but also the roll of 4) _____.

[...] and this kind of ambiguity can 5) _____ for us to know how good our strategies are, sometimes, especially when we're experiencing a lot of success. For example, 6) _____ 2010, I won a really big poker tournament known as the European Poker Tour. And because I'd only been playing full-time 7) _____ a year, when I won, I assumed I must be rather brilliant. In fact, I thought I was 8) _____ I not only got rather lazy with studying the game, but I also got more risky, started playing in the biggest tournaments I could against 9) _____ in the world.

[...] So, when we're experiencing success, it's important to 10) _____ to really ask ourselves how much of it is truly down to us, because our egos love to 11) _____ the luck factor when we're winning. [...] Our intuitions aren't 12) _____ as we'd like to believe. I mean, it'd be great, whenever we're in a 13) _____, to just have an answer appear to us from some magical source of inspiration. But in reality, our gut is extremely 14) _____ all kinds of 15) _____ and biases.

Task 3

Match the words to make expressions from the talk.

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| 1. to have | like a genius |
| 2. to feel | numerically |
| 3. to ignore | trend |
| 4. to speak | a strategic edge |
| 5. to estimate sth | in the brain |
| 6. to land | factor |
| 7. the downhill | in numbers |
| 8. the luck | intuition |
| 9. to run | a poll |

Task 4

Read the sentences and match the expressions in bold to their meanings.

1. If you want to **live to a ripe old age**, you'd better not smoke so much.
 2. I finally realized that I was overestimating my skills, and had to **get my act together**.
 3. If you had invested into their business, you could **live purely off** returns on investments.
 4. The game has outgrown the days where pure **street smarts** and people-reading can get you to the top.
 5. It's important to take a moment to ask ourselves how much of success **is** truly **down to** us.
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- a) depend on as a source of income.
 - b) the skills to survive in difficult or dangerous situations, especially in cities .
 - c) have a very long healthy life
 - d) become more organized and effective
 - e) be sb's responsibility

Task 5

Use the phrases from the exercise above to complete the sentences. Make all the necessary changes (e.g., in tenses, pronouns, etc.)

1. You need to and finish packing so that we can leave for the airport on time tomorrow morning.
2. Eat less and exercise more if you want to
3. It's the prime minister to find out what went wrong.
4. They our name, and they're not even real Nick's.
5. You don't have to last ten minutes in New York without getting ripped off.

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