

Idioms and proverbs of success

Learn about Bella's success story and match the idioms and proverbs in blue to their definitions.



For Bella, the last semester had been horrible. She felt like she was falling behind at her university, so she decided it was finally the time for a change.

She started the new semester with clear goals in her studies. She didn't aim to become a **Jack of all trades**, since she knew that it was almost impossible to excel at every skill ever.

Instead, she focused on mastering the subjects that would help her achieve her career goals as a marketing specialist.

She knew that her previous results **were not set in stone** and by setting clear goals that would guide her daily efforts she could change them. The plan was as simple as could be — she planned **to hit the books** every evening for at least two hours. No phone. No distractions.

Bella understood that **no pain no gain** was a principle she had to embrace if she wanted to succeed. She also realised that connections were very important for her future career, so she joined a study group **to break the ice** with her classmates. Everyone wanted **to be on the same page** about their assignments and schedules, and working together made this possible. The group later became friends and even decided **to go the extra mile** by organizing additional review sessions before exams.

Bella always heard people say that determination to study hard **in the short term** would pay off **in the long run**. That's why, even when the times were rough, she always reminded herself that **knowledge is a key to success**. Whenever she felt overwhelmed, Bella tried **to bring it down to Earth** by

focusing on one task at a time, rather than worrying about everything she had to do all at once.

By the end of the semester, her hard work paid off. Bella's exam results improved significantly, and she felt more confident. A year later, she graduated and managed to get an internship at a big company.

	to study in a serious and determined way
	to make more effort than is expected
	to make strangers more friendly
	to be able to be changed
	to calm down and be more realistic
	someone who can do many different things
	to understand the situation in a similar way
	for a short period of time
	at some time in the future
	there is no success without effort
	success comes to smart people