

Vocabulary Practice

Complete the information below with the correct word in each pair.

When he was young, Beethoven had difficulty handling the violin. He also preferred to play his own music rather than refine / move on his technique. Consequently / Community, his teacher called him hopeless. Beethoven was persistent / reluctant, however. Today, he has a(n) reputation / outcome for being one of the greatest composers of all time.

Similarly, the famous dancer Fred Astaire experienced failure before success. Early in his movie career, Astaire received a note from a studio saying "Can't sing. Can't act. Can dance a little." He kept that note to remind / refine himself to never give up. In time / Reluctantly, he became one of the most successful dancers of the 20th century.

Complete the definitions using the correct form of words from the previous exercise.

1. If you _____, you finish one activity and start doing something different.
2. A(n) _____ is all of the people who live in a particular area or place.
3. A person who is _____ is determined and does not give up easily.
4. To _____ something means to improve it by making small changes to it.
5. If you are _____ to do something, you are not eager to do.
6. A(n) _____ is a final product or an end result.