Student's Worksheet 1
Success

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TASK 1. Discuss the quotations. Do you agree with the opinions they express?

It takes twenty years to become an overnight success.

Eddie Cantor

I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody.

Bill Cosby

To succeed in life, you need two things: ignorance and confidence.

Mark Twain

Success is going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm.

Winston Churchill

The worst part of success is trying to find someone who is happy for you.

Bette Midler

I owe my success to having listened respectfully to the very best advice, and then going away and doing the exact opposite.

G. K. Chesterton

Talent is cheaper than table salt. What separates the talented individual from the successful one is a lot of hard work.

Stephen King

TASK 2. Underline all the words and phrases connected to success in the sentences above.

TASK 3. Complete the sentences with the words and phrases you underlined in Task 2. Sometimes you may need to change the form.

1. I have finally .... learning all irregular verbs.

2. I ..... my success in English ..... the fact that I always do my homework.

3. I am more ..... in learning vocabulary than grammar.

4. The .... my success in English is that I revise systematically.

5. I became an .... in learning English.

TASK 4. Work in pairs. Are the sentences in Task 3 true or false in your case? Discuss.

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TASK 5. Read the list of characteristics of a successful language learner. How many of the elements are true for you?

How to be a successful language learner

A successful language learner:

- knows why they're learning
- is actively involved in the learning process
- takes responsibility for their success and failure
- actively looks for the best learning strategies
- organises their language learning process
- learns systematically
- revises like mad
- can accept uncertainty
- isn't afraid of taking risks and making mistakes
- is a good listener
- tries to understand how the foreign language works
- thinks in the foreign language
- uses a variety of resources
- has high cultural awareness.

TASK 6. Work in groups and discuss.

- Which three characteristics above are the most important, in your opinion? Why?
- What have you done during this school year to make your English learning successful?
- What do you think you should try doing differently in the future to make your language learning more efficient?

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