



What is Success?

Some people think that to be a success you need to be rich, famous, popular, or have lots of expensive things. But.....REAL

success is more than that. REAL SUCCESS comes from accomplishing whatever it is YOU set out to do.



- ...Making the football team
 - ...Earning higher grades
 - ☐ ...Getting along better with your brothers and sisters ☐ ..Eating healthier foods
 - ...Learning a new hobby...like painting Count up all the things you've already learned to do ...
 - * Play softball
- * Use a computer
 - * Fix your bike
- * Skateboard
- * Bake cookies
 - * Swim
- * Play video games
 - * Read
- * Write a book report

See? You're already a success!!
You've already achieved LOTS of goals!



A goal is something SPECIFIC you want to achieve or do, such as...

- ☐ Make a new friend
- ☐ Get on the track or wrestling team
- ☐ Raise your math grade from a C to a B
- Learn something new ... like rollerblading
- ☐ Take up a new hobby, maybe playing the trumpet
- ☐ Earn \$50
- ☐ Earn extra privileges ... like being able to stay up later on the weekend.



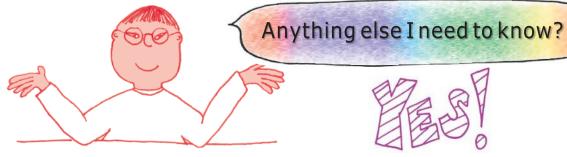


First, take out a sheet of paper and list some things you'd like to do or achieve. Circle the one you want to work on first.

Second, write this goal at the top of another sheet of paper. Under it, list all the smaller steps you need to take to reach this goal.

Third, work on the steps one at a time. Keep track of what you accomplish by checking off (\checkmark) each one as you complete it.

Before you know it, you will have achieved your goal and will be starting on another one!!



Successful people set realistic goals, ones they think they can reach.
Attaining these can lead to personal growth and satisfaction.

Unrealistic goals, on the other hand, are in all likelihood unreachable.
These typically set us up for frustration and disappointment.





I want to make a new friend or two!

Successful people then break that goal into even smaller pieces, like thinking about the...

- W ho they want to become friendly with
- Why they think that friendship would be good (maybe they have a lot in common)
- When and Where it would be best to start a conversation (lunch, recess, gym)
- What that first conversation might sound like ("Hi! I hear you're interested in ______ too!")

Lastly, once they've thought it through, successful people set a time for reaching their goal (like, by next Friday). But instead of saying, "By next Friday I'd like to....." they say, "By next Friday I will....."

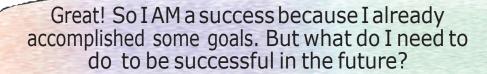
This is a more positive way to think and speak.



Tips for Carrying on a Conversation

- Ask questions that start with "what" or "why,"
 not ones that can be answered "yes" or "no."
 For example, instead of "Do you like sports?" ask:
- 2. LOOK at other people and <u>really listen</u> to what they have to say.
- 3. If necessary, ask another question.





One thing you can do is develop your innate (that means inborn) ability to be RESILIENT.



Even though it's not always easy, everyone has the ability "bounce back" in times of distress. (This means you can continue working toward your goals, even when you encounter problems or challenges along the way.)



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Here are some ways you can help yourself become more resilient:

Develop a positive, "I CAN" attitude.
 That means believing in yourself, that you have some influence and control over your life.



Identify your strengths.....
 like being patient, friendly, caring, honest, a good listener.....



Find positive role models in adults who care about you, and who act respectfully both towards themselves and others.

Ask for help when you need it.
 Trusted adults can help you think through different ways of dealing with problems or opportunities you may be facing.



Anything else I can do to increase my chances for success?

- Get involved Participate in school and after school activities such as Scouts, chess, sports, a church youth group, drama, or science club. Even though it may feel uncomfortable at first (especially if you don't know anyone), this is a great way to fight loneliness and boredom..... and also to make new friends.
- Do volunteerwork. Help a neighborrake leaves or shovel snow. Visit someone in a retirement home. Be a peer leader or mentor at school.
- Stand up for what you truly believe in.
 This includes trying to influence others to do things that are in <u>their</u> best interests. Also, saying "no!" should others pressure you to do something harmful or that is against your home, school, or community's rules and values.
- Make good decisions...for example, to avoid trouble, drugs,
 or secondhand smoke.
- Tackle new challenges. Set goals and work hard to meet them.
- Learn from your mistakes.
 Keep trying and don't give up









If things don't work out the first time, don't get discouraged. Remember, even Babe Ruth, one of America's baseball Super Stars, struck out 1,330 times while at bat!

Keep Making New Goals for Yourself!





Goal #1...

To get a B in math, I will...

- 1. Pay attention in class.
- 2. Ask questions when I don't understand something.
- 3. Do my homework, on time.
- 4. Study...by myself and with a partner.
- 5. Do practice problems.
- 6. Get a good night's rest before the test.





Believe it or not, it's not too early to start thinking about even bigger goals, such as going to college, getting a job, or even starting a business of your own!

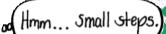




To make the team, I will...

- 1. Get a basketball.
- 2. Practice at school and in my neighborhood.
 - . Find someone to practice with me.
 - . Get help from the coach or from my gym teacher.
 - . Watch the varsity team practice, to learn new plays.
- 6. Read books and study about basketball.
- 7. Practice.....Practice.....Practice
- 8. Try out for the team.
- If necessary, keep trying out until I DO make it!





ANYTHING is possible when you follow Michael
Jordan's advice:

"Take small steps...step by step. I can't see any other way of accomplishing anything."

OR

When you have Abraham Lincoln's perseverance and belief in himself. Did you know he had a LONG series of political, personal, and business failures before becoming President?

Bottom Line: Persistence and Positive Thinking are what count.

Above All, Remember -

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...Helps Build Self-Esteem

...Reduces Stress





to SUCCESS!



I can choose to...

- ...Believe in myself
- ...Be responsible for my feelings and actions
- ...Laugh at myself where appropriate
- ...Celebrate my successes
- ...Learn from my mistakes
- ...Set realistic goals
- ...Ask for help when I need it
- ...Deal with LIFE.



Well... Idid get asked to help with the school play.



I can choose...

- ...To see the good in others
- ...Treat others respectfully
- ... Accept others' differences.





I can choose to...

- ...See the glass as half full instead of half empty
- ...Change HOW I look at things
- ...Be hopeful about the future.



Well... at least my parents won't be arguing all the time



By looking at a situation differently...

...I can change my feelings

...which can...

- ...Change my behavior
- ... Affect my relationships
- ...Influence my work
- ...Raise my Self-Esteem
- ...Enhance my FUTURE!





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