

# **The Secrets of Success**

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## **Activity 1**

*Read the following definitions of success. How far do you agree with them? Discuss your ideas with your partner.*

'If you think you can, you can, and if you think you can't, you're right.' Henry Ford/Mary Kay Ash

'Success is not the key to happiness, happiness is the key to success.' Albert Schweitzer

'Success has a simple formula: do your best and people may like it.' Sam Ewing

## **Activity 2**

*Write your answers to the following questions and use them to begin a conversation with your partner.*

How would you define success..... for your company/school?  
for yourself at work?  
for yourself at home?  
for yourself as an English student?  
for your children/friends?

## **Activity 3**

*Read the following questions and use them to begin a conversation with your partner.*

- a) How much do you think success depends on a) working hard, b) optimism, c) luck?
- b) How do you think we should measure success – formal qualifications, size of house, amount of money in the bank...?
- c) What are the *disadvantages* of being successful in life?
- d) If you suddenly became very successful in life, what would you do differently?
- e) What do you fear more, success or failure? Why?
- f) What are the advantages and disadvantages of being successful while you are still a child?
- g) What is more important to you, success or happiness? Why?
- h) Who is the most successful person you know? Why do you think they are so successful?
- i) If you could be exceptionally successful at one thing in particular, what would it be? Why?
- j) How has your definition of success changed since you were younger? In what ways do you think it might change as you get older?
- k) If somebody you cared about (for example, your son or daughter, your best friend) asked for advice on how to be successful in life, what advice would you give them?

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## **Activity 4**

*Go to **EnglishClub.com** and click on the 'TP Homework' icon. Use the information you find there to answer the questions below.*

1. Who thought that 'when a man is willing and eager, the gods join in'?
2. What are 'the six essential qualities that are the key to success' according to William Menninger?
3. What is the answer to the Quick Quiz?

## **Activity 5**

**Bob Dylan said, 'A man is a success if he gets up in the morning and gets to bed at night, and in between he does what he wants to do.' To what extent do you agree with this definition of success?**

If you would like to express your opinion on this subject go to **EnglishClub.com** and click on the 'TP Discussion' icon to take part in the forum discussion there.

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