

ASSIGNMENT

Individual presentation: You are going to give a presentation about two people you consider successful. What makes them successful, and what can we learn from them?

Student presentation script (example)

Useful expressions appear in *blue*.

OUTLINE	SCRIPT
Greet and introduce the two people you want to talk about	Hello everybody and thank you for taking the time to be here with me today . I'm going to tell you about two inspirational successful people today. One of them is a famous movie star. The other person is famous too – but only in my family. He's my Uncle Jules.
Describe successful person 1	Let's start with the real famous person, Harrison Ford. Have you heard of him? Yes, that's right, he was in <i>Star Wars</i> and <i>Indiana Jones</i> . He's hugely successful, and one of the biggest movie stars of all time. However, it wasn't always like that . Back when he was at college, he was extremely shy and only started acting classes because he wanted to be more confident. Then he got expelled from college for getting bad grades. He tried to keep acting but he didn't earn enough to support his family, so he started doing carpentry. He worked as a carpenter for quite a few years and was actually really good at it. Then one day , his friend asked him to build a door in the office of a famous director. The director started chatting to him and asked him to help read some lines for his movie. He ended up getting the part. That movie was <i>Star Wars</i> .
Describe this person's key to success	So, what was the key to Harrison Ford's success? Well, he never gave up on acting. He found a job that he could do while looking for acting work. He was lucky that he had friends to help him and put him in the right place at the right time. But he was also ready to make the most of the opportunity when it came to him.
Describe successful person 2	The second successful person I want to tell you about is my Uncle Jules. Like Harrison Ford, he was a carpenter, and he taught himself how to build furniture. It was his dream to have a successful furniture business. At the start , he didn't have a shop and it was hard for him to sell the things he made, but he didn't give up. He rented space in other people's shops, and worked long hours, even weekends, making and selling his products. Eventually , a few years later, with a bit of help from his parents (my grandparents), he was able to open a small shop of his own. But he didn't stop there. He kept working hard and growing his business, and now, 10 years later, he has three furniture shops in my home city.

Describe this person's key to success

I think for my Uncle Jules, the key to his success was patience and hard work. He knew that it would take time to build his business, and he was willing to do it one step at a time even if it took years.

Conclude and describe lessons we can learn

In conclusion, Harrison Ford and my uncle are both successful in different ways, but there are similarities in how they became successful. Harrison Ford had to work hard for a long time without giving up on his dream, before he became famous. My uncle also had to work hard for a long time, to build up his business. For me, the lesson we can learn from them is to work hard and not give up. Keep your goal in mind and you will get there in the end!

OUTLINE	NOTES
Introduce the two people you want to talk about	
Describe person 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • what makes them successful • obstacles faced • how long it took 	
Describe their key to success	
Describe person 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • what makes them successful • obstacles faced • how long it took 	
Describe their key to success	
Conclude with lessons we can learn	

Useful expressions

PURPOSE	EXPRESSIONS
Greet	<i>Hello everyone.</i> <i>Thank you for taking the time to be here with me today.</i> <i>Welcome everyone and thank you for coming.</i>
Introduce the topic	<i>Today I'm going to tell you about ...</i> <i>Take [name of famous person], ...</i> <i>You may be familiar with the story of...</i> <i>Let me tell you about someone who ...</i>
Signal a new stage	<i>Let's start with ...</i> <i>The second [person] ... I want to tell you about is ...</i> <i>In conclusion, ...</i>
Describe past events	<i>Back when</i> <i>At the start ...</i> <i>Then one day ...</i> <i>Eventually ...</i>
Describe obstacles	<i>He's hugely successful. However, it wasn't always like that.</i> <i>It wasn't always easy for him/her/them.</i>
Describe success	<i>So what was the key to [Harrison Ford's] success?</i> <i>The key to his/her/their success was ... and also ...</i>
Describe lessons we can learn	<i>So, what can be learned from [this story]? It's clear that ...</i> <i>For me, the lesson we can learn from them is ...</i>