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UNIT 1. OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS ONLY ONCE

TEXT: LUCK AND SUCCESS

We are all born with unlimited potentials, unique talents and abilities and we all deserve the very best in life. However, most of us achieve far less than what we are capable of because most of us think that we are not good enough to do certain things, we are not intelligent enough to succeed in life. In fact, absolutely nothing is impossible and there are no limits to what you can be, do or have.

Remember:

- **“Limitations live only in our minds. But if we use our imaginations, our possibilities become limitless”.** (*Jamie Paolinetti*)

When people succeed, it is because of hard work, but luck has a lot to do with it too. Success without some luck is almost impossible. All the hard work and talent in the world can't make up for bad luck. However, hard work can invite good luck. People who work hard help make their own luck by being ready when opportunity knocks.

Remember:

- **“If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door”.** (*Milton Berle*)
- **“If your ship doesn't come in, swim out to it”.** (*Jonathan Winters*)

When it comes to success, luck can mean being in the right place to meet someone or having the right skills to get a job. Nothing can replace hard work but working hard also means you're preparing yourself for opportunity. Opportunity very often depends on luck.

How many of the great inventions and discoveries come about through a lucky mistake or a lucky chance? One of the biggest lucky mistakes in history is Columbus' so-called discovery of America.

Complete the following sentences.

1. We are all born _____ unlimited potentials, unique talents and abilities and we all deserve the very best _____ life.
2. However, most of us achieve far less than what we are capable _____ .
3. When people succeed, it is because _____ hard work, but luck has a lot to do _____ it too.
4. All the hard work and talent in the world can't make up _____ bad luck.

5. When it comes _____ success, luck can mean being _____ the right place to meet someone or having the right skills to get a job.
6. Nothing can replace hard work but working hard also means you're preparing yourself _____ opportunity.
7. Opportunity very often depends _____ luck.

ROLE PLAYING

DISCUSSION LEADER

The discussion leader's job is to ...

- read the text twice, and prepare at least five general questions about it;
- make sure that everyone has a chance to speak and joins in the discussion;
- guide the discussion and keep it going.

Usually the best discussion questions come from your own thoughts, feelings as you read.

MY QUESTIONS:

OTHER GENERAL IDEAS (Questions about the theme):

SUMMARIZER

The summarizer's job is to ...

- read the text and make notes about the ideas.
- find the key points that everyone must know to understand and remember the text.
- retell the text in a short summary in your own words.
- talk about your summary to the group, using your writing to help you.

MY KEY POINTS:

MY SUMMARY

CONNECTOR

The connector's job is to ...

- make notes about at least two possible connections to your own experiences or to the experiences of friends and family, or to real-life events.
- tell the group about the connections and ask for their comments or questions.
- ask the group if they can think of any connections themselves.

These questions will help you think about connections while you are reading.

MY CONNECTIONS:

WORD MASTER

The word master's job is to ...

- read the text, and look for words or short phrases that are new or difficult to understand, or that are important in the text;
- choose five words that you think are important for this text;
- explain the meanings of these five words in simple English to the group;
- tell the group why these words are important for understanding this text.

Your five words do not have to be new or unknown words. Look for words in the story that really stand out in some way. These may be words that are:

- repeated often;
- used in an unusual way;
- important to the meaning of the story.

MY WORD: 1. _____

MEANING OF THE WORD

REASON FOR CHOOSING THE WORD

MY WORD: 2. _____

MEANING OF THE WORD

REASON FOR CHOOSING THE WORD

MY WORD: 3. _____

MEANING OF THE WORD

REASON FOR CHOOSING THE WORD

MY WORD: 4. _____

MEANING OF THE WORD

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REASON FOR CHOOSING THE WORD

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MY WORD: 5. _____

MEANING OF THE WORD

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REASON FOR CHOOSING THE WORD

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PASSAGE PERSON

The passage person's job is to ...

- read the text, and find important, interesting, or difficult passages;
- make notes about at least two passages that are important for the text;
- read each passage to the group;
- ask the group one or two questions about each passage.

You might choose a passage to discuss because it is:

***important *informative *confusing *well-written**

MY PASSAGE: 1

REASONS FOR CHOOSING THE PASSAGE

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QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PASSAGE

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MY PASSAGE: 2

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REASONS FOR CHOOSING THE PASSAGE

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QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PASSAGE

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Quotations for discussion.

- An experiment disproving a prediction is a discovery. (*Enrico Fermi*)
- Fortune knocks but once, but misfortune has much more patience.
(*Laurence J. Peter*)
- Invention breeds invention. (*R. Emerson*)

Vocabulary:

unlimited *a* – შეუზღუდავი, უსაზღვრო

unlimited power – შეუზღუდავი, უსაზღვრო ძალაუფლება

limited *a* – შეზღუდული

limited views – ვიწრო, შეზღუდული შეხედულებები

limit *n* – ზღვარი, საზღვარი; მიჯნა

limit *v* – შეზღუდვა

age limit – ასაკობრივი ზღვარი

set a limit to smth. – რაიმესათვის საზღვრის დაწესება, რისამე შეზღუდვა

His greed knows no limits – მის სიხარბეს საზღვარი არა აქვს

be the limit – აუტანელია, ძნელად ასატანია

She is the limit! – იგი აუტანელი ადამიანია!

That's the limit! – ეს უკვე მეტისმეტია!

go the limit – ზომიერების ფარგლებს გაცდენა

limitless *a* – შეუზღუდავი, უსაზღვრო

potential *n* – პოტენციალი

unique *a* – უნიკალური, ერთადერთი; განსაკუთრებული

talent *n* – ნიჭი, ტალანტი

ability *n* – უნარი, რისიმე კეთების შესაძლებლობა; ნიჭი

capable *a* – უნარის მქონე, შემძლე

deserve *v* – დამსახურება

deserve punishment – სასჯელს იმსახურებს

deserve attention – ყურადღებას იმსახურებს

intelligent *a* – ჭკვიანი, გონიერი

succeed *v* – წარმატების მიღწევა

imagination *n* – წარმოსახვის უნარი, ფანტაზია

a man of no imagination – წარმოსახვის, ფანტაზიის უნარს მოკლებული ადამიანი

imagine *v* – წარმოდგენა, წარმოსახვა

possibility *n* – შესაძლებლობა

good luck – ბედნიერი, იღბლიანი შემთხვევა; იღბალი

Good luck! – წარმატებას/იღბალს გისურვებ(თ)!

bad luck – უიღბლობა; მარცხი, წარუმატებლობა

Just my luck! – (ირონ.) ასეთი ბედი მაქვს!