

Living your life

A He taught himself.

1 Complete the puzzle with words for qualities for success. What's the mystery word?

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| 1. a strong interest in something | 4. a commitment to something |
| 2. the quality of showing no fear | 5. the belief that you can succeed |
| 3. the ability to change easily | 6. the ability to develop original ideas |



2 Circle the correct words to complete the article.

Man Saves Friend

Farmers Jim Rolland and Ryan Jensen were trying to take soybeans out of a large bin, but they wouldn't come out. Jim Rolland was confident / **confidence** that he could fix the problem, but his **confident** / **confidence** got him in trouble. He climbed some stairs and went into the bin. The beans moved and covered him completely!



Ryan Jensen told another worker to call for help. Then he had a **creative** / **creativity** idea. He wasn't sure it was **wise** / **wisdom**, but he also went into the bin. He got on his stomach on top of the beans. For four hours, he moved beans so Rolland could breathe. His **dedicated** / **dedication** and **brave** / **bravery** saved his friend's life.

Rescue workers finally came. They removed the beans and helped Rolland out of the bin. He was fine, and he was happy to have **talented** / **talent** people help him.

3 Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.

1. a picture of / art class / myself / I / painted / in / .

I painted a picture of myself in art class.

2. by / The / isn't / itself / computer / going to work / .

3. brave / herself / doesn't / mother / My / consider / .

4. Japanese / themselves / taught / Kyle / and Mick / .

5. blame / Don't / for / my / yourselves / problems / !

6. did / Chris / When / hurt / himself / ?

7. yourself / by / draw / Did / you / that picture / ?

8. enjoyed / We / on / ourselves / trip to New York / out / .



4 Complete the sentences with the correct reflexive pronouns.

What do people like to do by themselves¹ ? Here's what some of our readers said:

• I like to travel by _____² . I always meet interesting people, and sometimes they teach me words of wisdom. (Tom P., Chicago)

• My brother and I love to play video games by _____³ . We don't like our sisters to play with us. (Jake M., San Antonio)

• My husband likes to cook by _____⁴ . And that's OK with me! (Lidia S., Boston)

• My daughter is very enthusiastic, and she likes to do extreme sports by _____⁵ . It makes me nervous! (Na-young K., San Francisco)

What do you like to do by _____⁶ ?

5 Complete the conversations with the correct personal and reflexive pronouns.

A. Rachel: _____₁ like your scarf, Phoebe.

Phoebe: Thanks. I made it by _____₂.

Rachel: Wow, _____₃ have a lot of talent!

B. Sheila: Look! My son painted this by _____₁.

Feng: _____₂ did a great job.

C. Joe: Did you hear what happened to Emily?

Martin: No, _____₁ didn't.

Joe: She hurt _____₂ skiing.

Martin: Is _____₃ OK?

Joe: Yes, she is.

D. Laura: We really enjoyed _____₁ at your party, Pedro.

Pedro: I'm glad _____₂ had fun, but the food I made was terrible.

Laura: Don't blame _____₃. It was fine.

Pedro: You're right. My friends enjoyed _____₄. That's what counts!



6 Answer the questions with your own information.

Example: Yes, I do. I'm very enthusiastic about good music. or

No, I don't. I'm not enthusiastic about anything.

1. Do you consider yourself enthusiastic? What are you enthusiastic about? _____

2. Do you consider yourself flexible, or do you like to do things your own way? _____

3. What do you like to do by yourself? _____

4. Have you ever painted yourself? What did the picture look like? _____

5. Do you know someone who hurt himself or herself playing a sport? What happened? _____

6. Do you think people should travel by themselves? Why or why not? _____

B

I'll give it some thought.

1 Write the conversation in the correct order.

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- ✓ Hi, Tina. Where are you going?
 Hmm. . . . I'll give it some thought. Thanks.
 I don't think you should do that.
 I'm going to Tech-It to buy a new computer.
 Really? Why not?

Erin: Hi, Tina. Where are you going?

Tina: _____

Erin: _____

Tina: _____

Erin: _____

Tina: _____

2 Complete the conversations. Use information from the pictures and sentences from the box. Use Exercise 1 as a model. Sometimes more than one answer is possible.

I wouldn't recommend that.
I'll see.

I'll think about it.
I'm not sure that's the best idea.



1. Ed: Hi, Ali. Where are you going?

Ali: I'm going to _____ to
buy a new _____.

Ed: _____.

Ali: Really? _____?

Ed: Their prices are really high. You should go
to _____ . It's an
_____ store.

Ali: Hmm. . . .
Thanks.

2. Sasha: Hi, Marc. _____?

Marc: I'm going to _____.

_____.

Sasha: _____.

Marc: Really? _____?

Sasha: Their prices are really high.

_____.

_____.

Marc: Hmm. . . .

Thanks.

C

What would you do?

- 1 Rewrite the sentences. Change the underlined words. Use the phrasal verb in parentheses and the correct pronoun.



- Can you show me where Linda is? (point out)
Can you point her out?
- You need to do your homework again. It has a lot of mistakes. (do over)

- I didn't accept that job. (turn down)

- I'm going to donate these shirts. (give away)

- Please don't mention his daughter. (bring up)

- When are you going to return the money I lent you? (pay back)

- We really should discuss our problem. (talk over)

- Can I use this computer before I buy it? (try out)

- I'll return your camera tomorrow, if that's OK. (give back)

- Let's do the conference call later. (put off)

- 2** Complete Bianca's email with the correct forms of the verbs in parentheses. Use the second conditional.

To: RobbieJ@cup.org
From: Bianca54@cup.com
Subject: What would you do?

Hi Rob,

I have some interesting news. My aunt might give me some money! I would do¹
(do) so many things if I _____ (have) a lot of money. If I
_____ (be) rich, I _____ (not work) anymore! That
would be great. If I _____ (not have) a job, I _____
(travel) around the world. I _____ (feel) very lucky if I
_____ (get) a lot of money. What would you do?

Your friend,
Bianca

- 3** Now complete Rob's email with the correct forms of the verbs in parentheses. Use the second conditional.

To: Bianca54@cup.com
From: RobbieJ@cup.org
Subject: RE: What would you do?

Hey Bianca!

Wow! It would be¹ (be) great if your aunt _____ (give)
you money. Is it a lot of money? If I _____ (have) a lot of money, I
_____ (make) a big, beautiful garden. But I can't have a garden at my
apartment, so I _____ (need) a house with a big yard. I
_____ (use) a lot of my money to buy a house, and there
_____ (be) a lot of room for two big gardens: a vegetable garden and a
flower garden. I _____ (give) some money to my brother, too, if I
_____ (be) rich. He _____ (not have to pay) me back.

Take care,
Rob

4 Write questions with the words in parentheses. Use the second conditional.



1. (What / you / do / if / you / be / braver)

What would you do if you were braver?

2. (What / you / buy / for your friends / if / you / have / a lot of money)

3. (Where / you / go / if / you / have / a free ticket)

4. (What / you / do / if / you / have / 200 vacation days)

5. (What instrument / you / play / if / you and your friends / have / a band)

6. (What sport / you / try / if / you / try / an extreme sport)

7. (What / you / give away / if / you / move)

5 Answer the questions in Exercise 4 with your own information.

Example: If I were braver, I would take a trip around the world by myself.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

D

What an accomplishment!

1 Read the letter. Then circle the correct answers.

1. How old is Thomas? 99 100 101
2. Who is Peter? his brother his son his grandson

Dear Peter,

Can you believe I'll be 100 years old next week? If I had a dollar for every great thing I did, I would be rich! I decided to write to you about a few important things that happened in each decade of my life.

1920s – These are the first years I really remember. Jazz music was extremely popular, and I was in a jazz band. We were very dedicated to our music!

1930s – Many people didn't have a lot of money in the 1930s, but I worked very hard. In 1937, I bought myself a car! If I had that car today, it would be worth a lot of money!

1940s – This was a sad decade because of World War II, but the 1940s were also happy for me in many ways. I met your grandmother in 1941 when I was a soldier. A friend pointed her out to me at the supermarket. We got married two years later. That was a wise decision! Your mother was born in 1944.

1950s – We bought our first TV. I remember trying it out in the store first. It was amazing! And with the Civil Rights Movement starting, it was a good time to have a TV.

1960s – This was a very creative time in my life. Your grandmother was painting, and I started taking pictures. In 1969, a man walked on the moon!

1970s – I was offered a promotion in 1972, but I turned it down. I retired six years later.

1980s – I started a volunteer program at a hospital in 1982 and was busy with that for several years.

1990s – In 1995, a park in our town was dedicated to me for the volunteer work I did at the hospital. Do you remember when you bought me a computer in 1997? I never taught myself how to use it!

2000s – The 2000s were a quiet decade, but I've had a lot of time to spend with family. I bought a cell phone this year, but I took it back. I didn't think I really needed it. I guess I'm a little old-fashioned!

See you next week for my birthday!

Your grandfather,

Thomas O'Malley

2 Read the letter again. Then number the events in the correct order.

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| _____ He turned down a promotion. | _____ He got a cell phone. |
| _____ He got married. | _____ He bought a car. |
| _____ He started a volunteer program. | _____ He started taking pictures. |
| <u> 1 </u> He was in a jazz band. | _____ He got a computer. |