

# Success through Failure

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## Time to Read!

The famous basketball player Michael Jordan said, 'I've missed more than 9,000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. Twenty-six times I've been trusted to take the game's winning shot and missed. I've failed over and over again in my life. That is why I've become successful.' He also said, 'I practised and worked hard - but I never forgot to have fun.' He recommended, 'If you enjoy life, you'll be successful at what you do.'

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## Which Title Fits Best?

- 1 How Many Games Did Michael Jordan Win?
- 2 The Importance of Failure in Achieving Success
- 3 Can Fun Lead to Success?

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## Pick the Right Answer!

- 1 **According to Michael Jordan, how many shots did he miss in his career?**
  - a More than 9,000
  - b Less than 9,000
  - c Exactly 9,000
  - d The text does not mention the number of shots.
- 2 **How many games did Michael Jordan lose in his career?**
  - a Almost 300
  - b More than 300
  - c Less than 300
  - d The text does not mention the number of games.
- 3 **How many times was Michael Jordan trusted to take the game's winning shot?**
  - a 26 times
  - b More than 26 times
  - c Less than 26 times
  - d The text does not mention the number of times.

**4 According to Michael Jordan, why did he become successful?**

- a Because he never missed a shot.
- b Because he enjoyed life.
- c Because he worked hard.
- d The text does not mention why he became successful.

**5 What did Michael Jordan recommend in order to be successful?**

- a Practicing and working hard.
- b Forgetting to have fun.
- c Not enjoying life.
- d The text does not mention any recommendations.

**4 Can You Fill in the Blanks?**

lost, shot, times, famous, practised, enjoy, career, failed, successful, fun

The \_\_\_\_ (1) basketball player Michael Jordan said, 'I've missed more than 9,000 shots in my \_\_\_\_ (2). I've \_\_\_\_ (3) almost 300 games. Twenty-six \_\_\_\_ (4) I've been trusted to take the game's winning \_\_\_\_ (5) and missed. I've \_\_\_\_ (6) over and over again in my life. That is why I've become \_\_\_\_ (7).' He also said, 'I \_\_\_\_ (8) and worked hard - but I never forgot to have \_\_\_\_ (9).' He recommended, 'If you \_\_\_\_ (10) life, you'll be successful at what you do.'

**5 Four Opinions, One Discussion. Let's Go!**

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| <b>John</b>    | It's important to develop good habits as an athlete. For example, I eat healthy and drink lots of water before a big game to perform well.                     |
| <b>Sarah</b>   | I agree. Good habits keep us focused and motivated in training. I set weekly goals for myself to stay on track.  |
| <b>Michael</b> | I'm not sure if good habits always make a difference in sports. Some athletes do well without strict routines. It depends on the person and their abilities.   |
| <b>Emily</b>   | Good habits are essential to succeed in sports. I learned this lesson when I skipped my warm-up and hurt myself during a match. Now I always warm up properly. |



## Correct Answers

2 Correct answer:

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3 Correct Answers:

1 a

2 a

3 a

4 c

5 a

4 Correct Answers:

1 famous

2 career

3 lost

4 times

5 shot

6 failed

7 successful

8 practised

9 fun

10 enjoy