

POEM

THE WAY TO SUCCEED



Preparatory Activity :

(1) Sit in groups. Your teacher will give you some pebbles / stone pieces. Arrange them one above the other.

1. How many pebbles could you arrange in a pile?
2. Who has put the highest number of pebbles one above the other?
3. If you fail to do the task, what would you do?
 - will you give up?
 - will you try again?
 - will you take your partner's help?
 - will you work as a team and complete the task?
4. What efforts would you put to complete the task and become successful?

Discuss the ways to become successful in any task/ activity that has been assigned to you.

(2) Do you remember the poem 'Don't give up' given for the additional reading in the class V book? These are the first few lines from the poem:

If you keep on going and never stop,
you can keep on going
you can make it to the top.

Now read the poem :

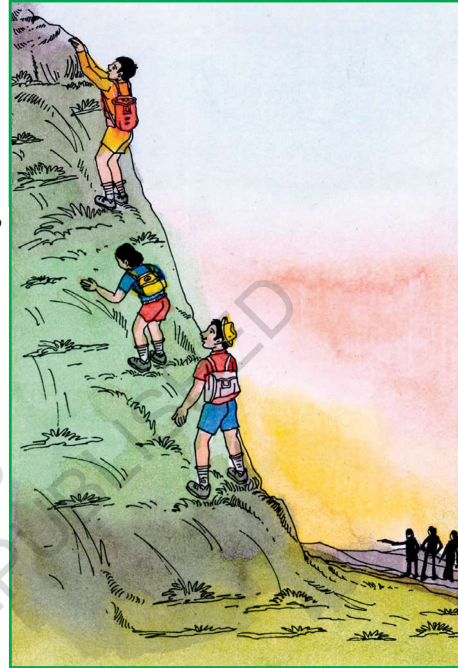
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Drive the nail aright, boys,
Hit it on the head;
Strike with all your might, boys,
While the iron's red.

When you have work to do, boys,
Do it with a will;
They who reach the top, boys,
First must climb the hill.

Standing at the foot, boys,
Gazing at the sky;
How can you get up, boys,
If you never try?

Though you stumble oft, boys,
Never be downcast;
Try, and try again, boys,
You'll succeed at last.



Norman Macleod

Glossary :

<i>strike</i>	:	<i>hit</i>
<i>might</i>	:	<i>strength</i>
<i>gaze</i>	:	<i>look</i>
<i>stumble</i>	:	<i>trip and lose one's balance</i>
<i>oft</i>	:	<i>often</i>
<i>downcast</i>	:	<i>disgraced</i>
<i>succeed</i>	:	<i>win</i>