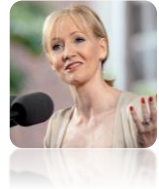




## Chapter 1 Lesson 3

# The Benefits of Failure

-- J. K. Rowling



### Content:

- Fill in the Blanks 6'
- Retell 7'
- Imitation 5'
- Language Points 4'

### Teaching and Learning Goals:

- listen to the material for 2 times
- retell the speech
- imitate the intonation (语调)
- get the main idea



Scan the questions first. Then listen to the audio and fill in the blanks below.

1. Failure gave me an inner \_\_\_\_\_ that I had never attained by passing examinations. 🎵

2. I discovered that I had a strong will, and more \_\_\_\_\_ than I had suspected. 🎵

3. You will never truly know yourself, or the strength of your relationships, until both have been tested by \_\_\_\_\_. 🎵

4. ...life is not a check-list of acquisition or \_\_\_\_\_. 🎵

5. Life is difficult, and \_\_\_\_\_, and beyond anyone's total control ... 🎵

Tutor: Please let the student scan the questions and do the exercises. Listen to it again if the student cannot get the answer for the first time. The keys are on the next page.



Check your answers.

1. **security**
2. **discipline**
3. **adversity**
4. **achievement**
5. **complicated**

Tutor: Please check the answers with the student.



Fill in the Blanks  
6 mins

**Retell**  
**7 mins**

Imitation  
5 mins

Language Points  
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After class

Listen to the audio again, make notes,  
and retell the speech in your own words.

### Part 1

What did failure give me?

### Part 2

What can you get from setbacks?

### Part 3

What would I tell my 21-year-old self?

Hints:

**inner security**

**myself**

**strong will/discipline**

**friends**

**ability to survive**

**yourself/ strength of**

**your relationships**

**painfully**

**life is not a...**

**qualifications, CV**

**difficult/complicated/**

**beyond control**



Tutor: Please let the student retell twice (retell – feedback – retell), and correct his/her mistakes.



Listen and read each sentence, imitating the intonation.

1. Failure taught me things about myself that I could have learned no other way.  
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2. ...until both have been tested by adversity.  
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3. ...though you will meet many people of my age and older who confuse the two.  
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Tutor: Please help the student to imitate the speech with appropriate intonation.



Learn the words and expressions.

- Failure gave me an inner security that I had never **attained** by passing examinations.
- The knowledge that you have emerged wiser and stronger from **setbacks** means that you are, ever after, secure in your ability to survive.
- ...personal happiness lies in knowing that life is not a check-list of **acquisition** or achievement.

**attain**: to reach or succeed in getting something (获得)  
e.g. He has attained the highest grade in his music exams.

**setback**: something delays or prevents a process (挫折)  
e.g. There has been a temporary setback in our plans.

**acquisition**: things that one gets  
e.g. ...the President's recent acquisition of a helicopter.

Tutor: Please teach the words and phrases shortly. Let the student make sentences. Keep it in 4 mins.

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**After class**



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### Full Text

Failure gave me an inner security that I had never attained by passing examinations. Failure taught me things about myself that I could have learned no other way. I discovered that I had a strong will, and more discipline than I had suspected; I also found out that I had friends whose value was truly above the price of rubies.

The knowledge that you have emerged wiser and stronger from setbacks means that you are, ever after, secure in your ability to survive. You will never truly know yourself, or the strength of your relationships, until both have been tested by adversity. Such knowledge is a true gift, for all that it is painfully won, and it has been worth more than any qualification I ever earned.

So given a Time Turner, I would tell my 21-year-old self that personal happiness lies in knowing that life is not a check-list of acquisition or achievement. Your qualifications, your CV, are not your life, though you will meet many people of my age and older who confuse the two. Life is difficult, and complicated, and beyond anyone's total control, and the humility to know that will enable you to survive its vicissitudes.

**Script**  
of the whole  
speech

**Audio track**  
of the whole  
speech





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**Bye!**

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