How they made it big

Many Young people dream of being succesful: in their own business, in the film or music industry, in their favourite sport. It can be done: all it takes is a dream, an idea, a little planning and, of course, a lot of hard work! And it will be easier if it involves doing something that you love.

Laura Robson

Sport is an area in which many young people dream of success. They get up early and practise every day, and make choices about whether or not they can have the same sort of social life as their friends. Laura Robson made her choice, and hard work, ..1.., talent and a love of her sport have helped her become a ..2.. British tennis star. All through her childhood she loved playing tennis. According to her parents, Laura began the sport as soon as she could hold a racquet and she joined a junior tennis academy at the age of seven. In the summer of 2008, at the age of 14, Laura first caught the attention of the British public by winning Junior Wimbledon. A wonderful moment was when she partnered Andy Murray at the London Olympics in 2012 and won a silver ..3.. in the mixed doubles. Laura continues to ..4.. hard and never stops aiming for the top.

Ben Weissenstein

Other young people look at successful businesses and think “I could do that!” Ben Weissenstein was four when he was pictured on the ..5.. of Houston Chronicle, selling icecold lemonade outside his home for 25 cents. He helped out in people’s gardens and had his own business card by the time he was nine. Later, at the age of 14, his mother had a garage sale of things they no longer wanted and Ben realised he could turn this into a business. He ..6.. Grand Slam Garage Sales and now runs it professionally. Ben has written a book called Start Small and Grow. The aim of the book is to teach young people how to start a business. Ben believes that persistence is the key to success.

**Read the text and complete it with the words in the box**

Front page medal persistence set up top train

**Read the text and answer the questions**

What kind of success has Laura had up to now?

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How long has Laura been playing tennis?

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When did Ben first attract the attention of the press?

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According to Ben, what do young people need in order to achieve success in business?

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**Ask and answer the following questions**

Would you like to have a career in the film/music industry, sport or business? Why?/Why not?

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Do you think that achieving success can be easy for some people or do you think it’s necessary to work hard to achieve success?

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Who has encouraged you the most in your life? How have they encouraged you?

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Can success at a young age cause problems? What kind of problems?

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**Find the meaning of the following words**

Exitoso (1 parrafo)

Involucra/Incluye (1 parrafo)

Pronto (Laura)

Infancia (Laura)

Tan pronto como (Laura)

Write a text about what you would like to be succesful at and how you could make it happen (150-200)

Unirse (Laura)

Llamar la atención (Laura)

Apuntando (Laura)

Fuera (Ben)

Profesionalmente (Ben)

Negocio (Ben)

Persistencia (Ben)