

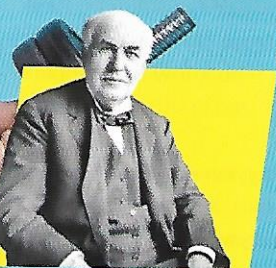
Famous Business Struggles

**JK Rowling**

She was a single mother living off of¹ government benefits. Her first draft² of Harry Potter was rejected³ by 12 publishing houses.

**Walt Disney**

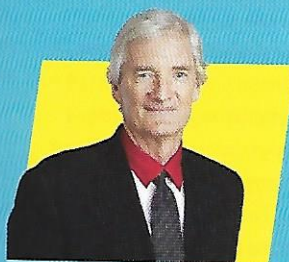
He saw his first company go bankrupt⁴ and lost the legal rights to his first famous cartoon⁵ character.

**Thomas Edison**

While a number of his inventions⁶ became successful, many, perhaps hundreds, turned out to be duds⁷.

**Soichiro Honda**

He created new designs of automotive⁸ parts for Toyota, but they were all rejected.

**James Dyson**

He came up with⁹ over 5,000 prototypes for a bagless¹⁰ vacuum cleaner¹¹. His search for the perfect one took over a decade.

¹ to live off of sth *ta liv of av 'sámɔŋ* żyć

kosztem czegoś; żyć z czegoś

² draft *dra:ft* szkic, brudnopis

³ to reject sth *ta ri'dʒekt 'sámɔŋ* odrzucić coś

⁴ to go bankrupt *ta go 'bæŋkrɪpt* zbankrutować

⁵ cartoon *ka:'tu:n* kreskówka

⁶ invention *in'venʃn* wynalazek

⁷ dud *dad* bubel

⁸ automotive *'ɔ:tə'məʊtɪv* motoryzacyjny

⁹ to come up with sth *ta kam ʌp wið 'sámɔŋ*

wpaść na coś, wymyślić coś

¹⁰ bagless *'bægles* bezworkowy

¹¹ vacuum cleaner *'vækjuəm 'kli:nə(r)* odkurzac