

Chapter 3.4: The Will to Win

WARMING UP [PAGES 122 - 123]

Warming Up | Q 1. (a) | Page 122

Get into pairs, discuss and tick the most appropriate answer :

You may have lost the match; but _____.

1. It is important that you start fighting with your opponent.
2. **It is important to have the will to win.**
3. It is important that you blame the organizers for the rough ground.

SOLUTION

You may have lost the match, but **It is important to have the will to win.**

Warming Up | Q 1. (b) | Page 122

Get into pairs, discuss and tick the most appropriate answer :

Success is always measured by :

1. Ability to pounce upon at the opponent and fight with full force.
2. Match-fixing before the match begins
3. **Ability to bounce back after a fall.**

SOLUTION

Success is always measured by the **ability to bounce back after a fall.**

Warming Up | Q 1. (c) | Page 122

Get into pairs, discuss and tick the most appropriate answer :

For attaining success; we need to :

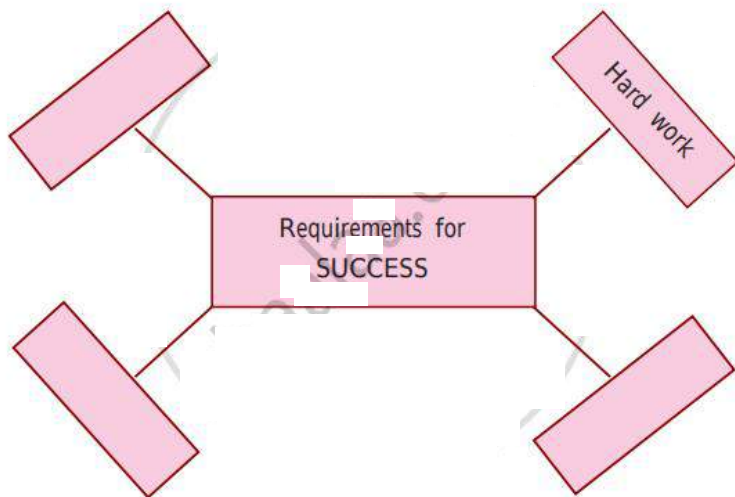
1. Sleep day in and day out and dream about success.
2. Scheme out things to make the opponent fall.
3. **Work hard day and night for it.**

SOLUTION

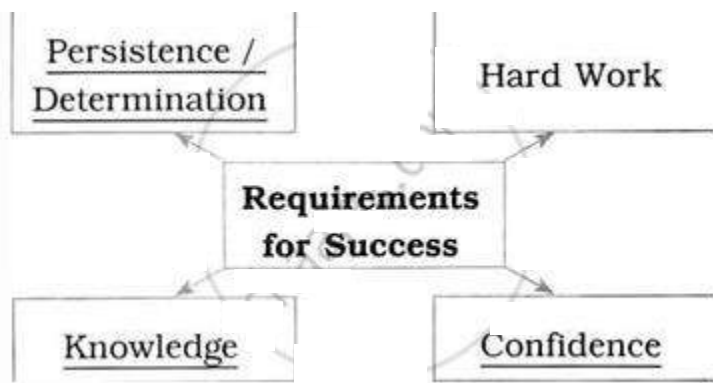
For attaining success; we need to: **Work hard day and night for it.**

Warming Up | Q 2 | Page 122

How can we achieve success in life? Complete the boxes by filling the essential qualities required for achieving success.



SOLUTION



Warming Up | Q 3 | Page 123

Discuss and write 5 proverbs/quotations related to the importance of having a strong will-power.

- (a) _____
- (b) _____
- (c) _____
- (d) _____
- (e) _____

SOLUTION

- (a) Where there's a will, there's a way.
- (b) If at first, you don't succeed, try try again.
- (c) The truest wisdom is a resolute determination. - Napoleon Bonaparte
- (d) Nothing is impossible. - Napoleon Bonaparte
- (e) Determination is the key to success.

Warming Up | Q 4 | Page 123

Complete the following table.

Make a list of great personalities of present and past who have achieved success in different walks of life. You can take help from your school library or search on the internet.

Politics	Social work	Sports	Music

SOLUTION

Politics	Social work	Sports	Music
Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru	Baba Amte	Don Bradman	Ustad Zakir Hussain
Mahatma Gandhi	Mother Teresa	Saina Nehwal	Pandit Hari Prasad Chaurasia
Abraham Lincoln	Medha Patkar	Dara Singh	Pandit Bhimsen Joshi
Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar	Kailash Satyarthi	Yuvraj Singh	A.R. Rehman
Subhash Chandra Bose	Raja Ram Mohan Roy	Sachin Tendulkar	Pandit Shivkumar Sharma
Lal Bahadur Shastri	Sindhutai Sakpal	Vishwanath Anand	Lata Mangeshkar
Bal Gangadhar Tilak	Anna Hazare	Mary Kom	R.D. Burman

ENGLISH WORKSHOP [PAGES 125 - 127]

English Workshop | Q 1. (a) | Page 125

In order to achieve success the poet wants us to _____

- (a) _____
- (b) _____
- (c) _____

SOLUTION



- (a) go out and fight for it
- (b) workday and night for it
- (c) give up time, peace, and sleep for it.

English Workshop | Q 1. (b) | Page 125

Write as many phrases as you can using 'enough' and use them in your sentences.

Example: good enough

SOLUTION

- (1) **hard enough:** If you work hard enough, you will be rewarded.
- (2) **Bold enough:** He was not bold enough to realise his ambitions.
- (3) **Fast enough:** He was not fast enough to understand the joke at his expense.
- (4) **Strong enough:** The little bird was still not strong enough to fly away on its own.
- (5) **Reasonable enough:** The price seemed reasonable enough, yet I hesitated to buy it.

English Workshop | Q 1. (c) | Page 125

What does the word 'Scheme' mean here? Choose the correct alternative from the following.

- 1. Housing colony
- 2. Goal in life
- 3. Rhyme pattern
- 4. **Plan of action**

SOLUTION

Plan of action

English Workshop | Q 1. (d) | Page 125

Do you think the line 'Give up your time and your peace and your sleep for it' means that one should be 'desperate' or 'restless' to achieve one's goal? Explain your opinion, in your notebook.

SOLUTION

No. If you are desperate, you might take unnecessary risks to achieve your goal. If you are 'restless', you will have no peace of mind. What the poet means by losing 'time', 'peace', and 'sleep' means spending many hours working hard to gain one's objectives and to continually keep on thinking about it until it is achieved.

English Workshop | Q 1. (e) | Page 125

The following lines are given to you. Find their appropriate meanings after discussing them with your partner.

- (a) To go out and fight for it.
- (b) If you gladly sweat for, fret for, and plan for it.
- (c) Lose all your terror of the opposition for it.
- (d) With all your capacity, strength, and sagacity.

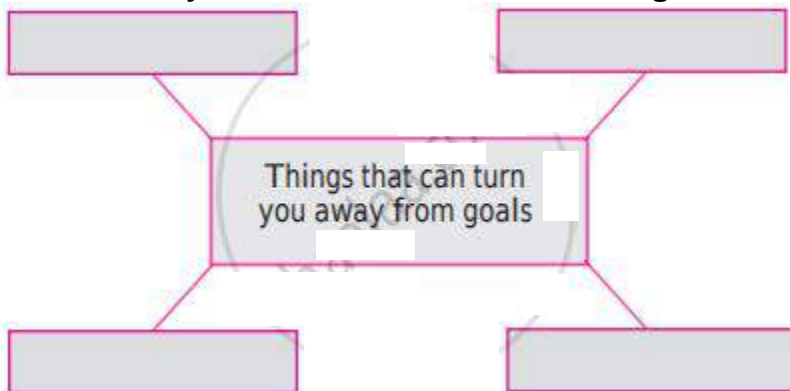


SOLUTION

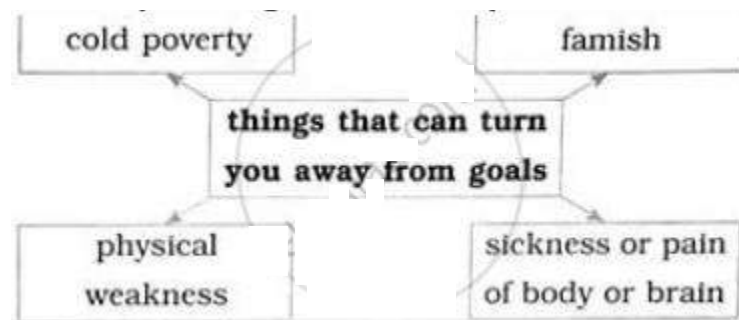
Do it yourself.

English Workshop | Q 1. (f) | Page 125

Read the poem again and complete the web showing all those things that can turn one away from one's efforts towards a goal.



SOLUTION



English Workshop | Q 1. (a) | Page 125

Find the line from the poem which mean-
become crazy for the goal

SOLUTION

If you are mad enough for it

English Workshop | Q 1. (b) | Page 125

Find the line from the poem which mean-
toil hard happily

SOLUTION

gladly sweat

English Workshop | Q 1. (c) | Page 125

Find the line from the poem which mean-
get rid of all fears

SOLUTION

lose all your terror

English Workshop | Q 1. (d) | Page 126

Find the line from the poem which mean-
make efforts continuously

SOLUTION

work day and night

English Workshop | Q 1. (e) | Page 126

Find the line from the poem which mean-
extremely poor condition

SOLUTION

If neither cold poverty, famish, or gaunt.

English Workshop | Q 2 | Page 126

The poet has mentioned some hurdles in the poem that keep us away from achieving our goal in our life. Discuss with your partner and make a list of all the hurdles mentioned in the poem.

- sickness

SOLUTION

- sickness
- cold or poverty
- famished or gaunt
- pain of body and brain

English Workshop | Q 3 | Page 126

The poem explicitly describes some strengths and weaknesses with the help of some words and phrases. The poet wants us to possess all the strengths and keep away from all the weaknesses. Make a list of all the words and phrases showing Strengths in table A and Weaknesses in table B. One is done for you.

A Strengths	B Weaknesses
• Workday and night	• Sickness
•	•
•	•
•	•



SOLUTION

'A' (Strengths)	'B' (Weaknesses)
•work day and night	• sickness
• sacrifice time and peace	• life seems useless and worthless
•sweat, fret, plan	•hunger
•lose all terror of the opposition	•poverty

English Workshop | Q 4. (a) | Page 126

Listen to the poem carefully and state whether the following statement is true or false. Correct the false statement.

If you want a thing you should not give up your sleep.

1. True
2. **False**

SOLUTION

false, if you want a thing you should willingly give up your sleep.

English Workshop | Q 4. (b) | Page 126

Listen to the poem carefully and state whether the following statement is true or false. Correct the false statement.

You should be afraid of your opposition.

1. True
2. **False**

SOLUTION

False, you should not fear the opposition.

English Workshop | Q 4. (c) | Page 126

Listen to the poem carefully and state whether the following statement is true or false. Correct the false statement.

Cold or poverty cannot keep you away from achieving your goal.

1. **True**
2. False

SOLUTION

True

English Workshop | Q 4. (d) | Page 126

Listen to the poem carefully and state whether the following statement is true or false. Correct the false statement.

You can achieve your goal with the help of God.

1. True
2. False

SOLUTION

True

English Workshop | Q 4. (e) | Page 126

Listen to the poem carefully and state whether the following statement is true or false. Correct the false statement.

Life will not seem useless and worthless without achieving your goal.

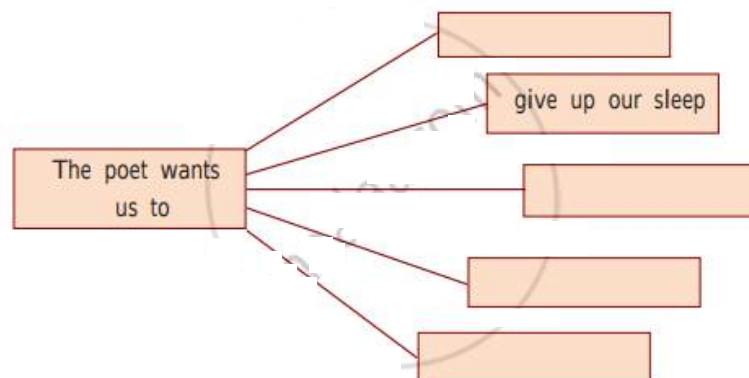
1. True
2. False

SOLUTION

False, life will seem utterly useless and worthless without achieving the goal.

English Workshop | Q 5 | Page 126

Form pairs and complete the web with suitable responses. Tell the class what all things the poet wants us to do to win.



SOLUTION

The poet wants us to

1. Fighting for achieving our Dreams
2. Give up our sleep
3. Workday and night
4. To use your capacity
5. Use your confidence

English Workshop | Q 6 | Page 127

Match the phrases in table A with lines of the poem given in table B.

Phrases	Lines
(1) Toil hard	(a) If you want a thing bad enough...
(2) Get rid of all	(b) If neither cold nor poverty, famished ...
(3) Extremely poor condition	(c) To work day and night for it.
(4) Need desperately	(d) Lose all your terror of the opposition for it.

SOLUTION

Phrases	Lines (Ans)
(1) Toil hard	To work day and night for it.
(2) Get rid of all	Lose all your terror of the opposition for it.
(3) Extremely poor condition	If you want a thing bad enough...
(4) Need desperately	If neither cold poverty, famished...

English Workshop | Q 7 | Page 127

Every stanza begins with the word 'if'. How does it add to the effectiveness of the poem?

SOLUTION

Without the word if, the poem would remain as a simple statement of rules for success. By beginning each stanza with the word if, first of all, the poet implies that every human being has the choice of wanting to be successful in life. This is a more effective way of expression. Also by using the word if, he puts forward the conditions that will determine success in any sphere.

English Workshop | Q 8. (a) | Page 127

In poetry, when words/ideas are arranged in ascending order of importance, the figure of speech used is called 'Climax'. For example, Man should work for his family, his country, but most of all for God.

- Pick out two examples of 'Climax' from the poem.

SOLUTION

- to go out and fight for it, work day and night for it give up your time and your peace and your sleep for it
- sweat for it, fret for and plan for it and lose all your terror of the opposition for it.

English Workshop | Q 8. (b) | Page 127

When some words, in the line of the poem, express the same idea in different ways, the figure of speech used is 'Tautology'.

For example,

1. happy and joyful.
2. motionless and still.
- Pick out two examples of 'Tautology' from the poem.

SOLUTION

1. Life seems useless and worthless without it The words 'useless' and 'worthless' have almost the same meaning.
2. Neither cold poverty, famish The words 'poverty' and 'famish' imply almost the same human physical condition.

English Workshop | Q 8. (C) (i) | Page 127

Pick out one example of the following Figure of Speech.

Antithesis : _____.

SOLUTION

Antithesis: work day and Night.

English Workshop | Q 8. (C) (ii) | Page 127

Pick out one example of the following Figure of Speech.

Alliteration : _____.

SOLUTION

Alliteration: Body Bain.

English Workshop | Q 8. (C) (iii) | Page 127

Pick out one example of the following Figure of Speech.

Repetition: _____.

SOLUTION

Repetition: sweat for H. fret for and plan for it and lose all your terror of the opposition for it.

English Workshop | Q 9 | Page 127

Work in a group and prepare and present a speech on 'How to Achieve Success.' (You may take the help of the poem).

SOLUTION

How to Achieve Success



Success is everyone's mission. Life is full of challenges and opportunities, but only for those who actually struggle to grab the opportunities and overcome the challenges. Hard work and dedication are the only mantras in the journey to success. Without being passionate and the willingness to work hard, no one can achieve success. There can be several occasions when you may have to deliver Speech on Success. We share here different samples of success speech that will help you in making an impressive speech to the audience. At the school level, you may use the short speech on success on occasions like 'Teacher's Day', 'Annual Day,' etc. You can take inspiration from our long speech on success for college-level or even for the corporate level occasions. We don't use jargons or complicated sentences, instead, the language used in these sample speeches is simple but highly effective.

English Workshop | Q 10 | Page 127

Read the poem again and write an appreciation of the poem 'The Will to Win' in a paragraph format.

Points

- Title
- Poet
- Rhyme scheme
- Favourite line
- Theme/Central idea
- Figures of speech
- Special features - Type of the poem, language, tone, implied meaning, etc.
- Why I like/ dislike the poem.

SOLUTION

Berton Braley has written this inspirational poem, 'The Will To Win'.

The poet gives us a formula for sure success. He tells us what we should do and what we should avoid doing in order to achieve success.

The poem has no specific rhyme scheme, but rhymes are used randomly all throughout. The most common type is lines ending with the word it: c.g. for it', 'of it', of it': 'without it', 'about it': 'beget it', get it'; 'sweat for it'. 'fret for it' and so on. Other examples are "capacity", 'sagacity'. tenacity': 'pain'. 'brain'.

The main figure of speech used is Repetition, as seen in the abundance of 'for it' phrases used throughout the poem. The other figures of speech are Climax, Tautology, Antithesis, etc. This is an inspirational poem. It motivates one to set targets and achieve goals. The poem is rich in ideas for personality traits and circumstances that aid or hamper success.



My favourite line is: If dogged and grim you. This line is a very forceful Alliteration, motivating us to persist forcefully with our efforts in order to achieve success.

I like this poem because it encourages me to be persistent and to keep on striving for success - because that's the only way to achieve it.

English Workshop | Q 11 | Page 127

Make a list of Berton Braley's collection of selected poems. You can take the help of your teacher, library, or search on the internet. Recite Braley's one poem in front of the class.

SOLUTION

Berton Braley's Poems

1. Success
2. The Old Top Sergeant
3. Opportunity
4. Start Where You Stand
5. The Will To Win

