



<b>PROVA D'ACCÉS A CICLES FORMATIUS DE GRAU SUPERIOR MAIG 2021 PART COMÚ: ANGLÉS Duració: 1 hora i 15 minuts</b>	<b>PRUEBA DE ACCESO A CICLOS FORMATIVOS DE GRADO SUPERIOR MAYO 2021 PARTE COMÚN: INGLÉS Duración: 1 hora y 15 minutos</b>
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## WHAT MAKES PEOPLE SUCCESSFUL?

Who do you think is the most successful? Who do you think is the least successful? In order to answer these questions, we first need to define success. Everyone has a different definition. Many of us place great value on performance, on achievements, or on reaching various goals. Others associate success with material goods, measuring it by how much one can acquire. Others measure success by how much they can contribute to the well-being of their families, or to the community and society in general. There are many other definitions, but mostly success is associated with becoming rich, famous, and respected at work.

Yet, it doesn't have to be that way. Being successful could mean simply being satisfied with oneself and one's career. For many people, a successful person is someone who feels that his or her work and life in general offer an exceptionally high degree of satisfactions.

But how does one get from here to there? How does one reach this feeling of satisfaction with life and career? It seems that successful people consistently do two things: they use their natural abilities in their work and they set career and life goals. In other words, successful people choose careers where they can use their natural abilities, or do what comes naturally to them. For example, successful teachers are people who instinctively know how to help people learn, and the best doctors are those who know how to listen to people. Successful people know where they are starting from, and what direction they want to give their lives and careers, even if it is something as simple and wonderful as raising a happy family.

What are your natural abilities? What are your career and life goals? If you can answer these questions, you are on your way to having a successful career and life.

### Source:

<https://en.islcollective.com/english-esl-worksheets/grammar/presentsimple-vs-continuous-progressive-tense/reading-comprehension-what-makespeople-successful/37343>

Read the instructions for each question carefully before answering.

1. Answer the following questions. Write complete sentences. (1 point)

a) What are the ideas that are commonly related to successful people? (0.5 points)

Information in the text:

(Paragraph 1) "Many of us place great value on performance, on achievements, or on reaching various goals. Others associate success with material goods, measuring it by how much one can acquire. Others measure success by how much they can contribute to the well-being of their families, or to the community and society in general. There are many other definitions, but mostly success is associated with becoming rich, famous, and respected at work."

Suggested answer:

People usually think a successful person is someone who does well in life, gets what they want, has enough money or possessions, helps the people around them, and is valued in their job.

b) Name two of the habits that many successful people have. (0.5 points)

Information in the text: "It seems that successful people consistently do two things: they use their natural abilities in their work and they set career and life goals."

Suggested answer:

Many successful people know what they are good at and choose jobs where they can use those skills. They also set clear goals for their career and personal life, and they work to achieve them.

2. Find a synonym in the text for these words and expressions. (1 point)

a) On a regular basis (0.5 points) → consistently (Paragraph 3)

b) Objectives (0.5 points) → goals (Paragraph 1)

3. Are the following sentences true or false? Underline the correct option. (1 point)

a) There is a general consensus on the definition of success. TRUE/ FALSE (0.5 points) Evidence from the text: "Everyone has a different definition."

b) Raising a happy family is not enough to be considered successful. TRUE/ FALSE (0.5 points) Evidence from the text: "Successful people know where they are starting from, and what direction they want to give their lives and careers, even if it is something as simple and wonderful as raising a happy family."



#### 4. Underline the best option. (1 point)

1. What kind of definitions can be found about how to succeed? (0.5 points)

a) People can define success as having material goods and raising a family. **X** This option is incomplete. The text mentions material goods and family, but these are only *some examples*, not the general answer to the question. Evidence from the text: "Others associate success with material goods..." "Others measure success by how much they can contribute to the well-being of their families..."

b) Success is measured only by being rich and famous. **X** This option is wrong because of the word *only*. The text says that success is often associated with being rich and famous, but it also gives many other definitions. Evidence from the text: "There are many other definitions, but mostly success is associated with becoming rich, famous, and respected at work."

c) The definitions of success can vary from one individual to another. Evidence from the text: "Everyone has a different definition."

2. What's one of the characteristics of good doctors? (0.5 points)

a) They are good listeners. Evidence from the text: "the best doctors are those who know how to listen to people."

b) They have an instinct to help people. **X** This option is wrong because the text says this about *teachers*, not doctors. Evidence from the text: "successful teachers are people who instinctively know how to help people learn"

c) They have a very happy family life. **X** This option is wrong because the text mentions raising a happy family as a possible example of success, but it does not say that this is a characteristic of good doctors. Evidence from the text: "even if it is something as simple and wonderful as raising a happy family."

#### 5. Write the plural form of these nouns. (2 points)

a) Person \_\_ people \_\_ (0.5 points)

b) Child \_\_ children \_\_ (0.5 points)

c) Ability \_\_ abilities \_\_ (0.5 points)

d) Match \_\_ matches \_\_ (0.5 points)



6. Choose one of the following topics and write a text of 60–80 words long. (4 points)

### MODEL SAMPLE A

a) What is your personal idea of success? What elements must your life have to be really successful?

**Note:** We have **bolded** the connectors, linkers, and useful phrases in the essay

Short introduction, 2–3 lines	<b>In my opinion</b> , success is not only about money or fame. For me, being successful means having a stable job, feeling useful and being happy with my life.
Main body divided into 2 or máx. 3 paragraphs	<b>Firstly</b> , I think health and family are very important because they give us support. <b>Secondly</b> , I would like to work in something I enjoy <b>and</b> continue learning in the future.
Short conclusion, 2–3 lines	<b>In conclusion</b> , my idea of success is living peacefully, having clear goals and feeling proud of my effort.  (76 words)

b) When was the last time you felt satisfied or happy? Where were you? What were you doing? Why did you feel like that?

### MODEL SAMPLE B

**Note:** We have **bolded** the connectors, linkers, and useful phrases in the essay

Short introduction, 2–3 lines	<b>Last week</b> , I felt very happy when I passed an important English exam. I was at home with my family when I received the result on my phone.
Main body divided into 2 or máx. 3 paragraphs	<b>At first</b> , I was nervous because I had studied a lot and I was afraid of failing. <b>However</b> , when I saw the mark, I felt proud of myself. My family was also very



happy for me.

Short  
conclusion, 2-3  
lines

**In conclusion**, I felt satisfied because my effort had a good result and I felt more confident about my future.

(84 words)

