

Collocations: Career & Life Goals

Intermediate (B1-B2)



WARM UP

Part 1. Discuss the following questions.

1. What personal or career goal are you working towards right now?
2. Do you think it's better to follow your passion or choose a more practical path?

DEFINITION MATCHING

Part 1. Match each word to its correct definition. Can you guess any before looking at the options?

Goal	Career	Passion	High
Strengths	Focused	Setback	Success

1. _____ a long-term job or profession someone chooses to pursue
2. _____ something you care about deeply and enjoy doing
3. _____ a quality or skill that someone does well
4. _____ a temporary difficulty or failure that slows progress
5. _____ a specific target or result you want to achieve
6. _____ giving a lot of attention to one particular thing
7. _____ the accomplishment of something you aimed for
8. _____ greater than the usual level or amount

COLLOCATION MATCHING

Part 1. Match the verbs with the correct nouns/adjectives to form a collocation.

Goal	Career	Passion	High
Strengths	Focused	Setback	Success

1. overcome _____
2. stay _____
3. work towards a _____
4. achieve _____
5. follow your _____
6. pursue a _____
7. aim _____
8. identify your _____



SENTENCE GAP-FILL

Part 1. Complete the sentences using the correct collocations.

Overcome setbacks

Stay focused

Work towards a goal

Achieve success

Follow your passion

Pursue a career

Aim high

Identify your strengths

1. It's important to _____ and be clear about what you want in life.
2. She decided to _____ in healthcare after graduating.
3. You should always _____ — don't limit yourself!
4. He needed to _____ before applying for jobs.
5. We all face obstacles, but the key is to _____.
6. The most successful people are those who _____ and don't get distracted.
7. When you _____, your work feels more meaningful.
8. It took years of hard work to finally _____ in her field.

© Wellbeing English. All rights reserved. For personal classroom use only.

SENTENCE TRANSFORMATION

Part 1. Rewrite the following sentences using the target collocations so that the meaning stays the same.

1. First, you need to understand what you're naturally good at.
2. Even when things are difficult, she doesn't lose concentration.
3. After years of effort, she finally got the result she wanted.
4. She is making steady progress towards what she wants to achieve.
5. He always chooses to do what he loves most.
6. I want to find a long-term job in law.
7. We had several difficulties, but we kept moving forward.
8. They set very ambitious targets for themselves.

TENSE CHALLENGE

Part 1. Use the correct form of the collocation in brackets to complete each sentence.

1. I _____ (work towards a goal) for over a year now.
2. He _____ (pursue a career) in finance after university.
3. She always _____ (follow your passion), no matter the risk.
4. By the end of the year, they _____ (achieve success).
5. I _____ already _____ (identify your strengths) before the interview.
6. We _____ (overcome setbacks) during the project launch.
7. If you _____ (stay focused), you would have finished on time.
8. He _____ always _____ (aim high), even when others doubted him.

SPEAKING

Part 1. Answer the questions using the target collocations.

1. What's a long-term **goal** you're currently **working towards**?
2. What **career** would you like to **pursue**, and why?
3. Do you think it's realistic to **follow your passion** in today's world?
4. Can you think of a time when you chose to **aim high**?
5. What's one way to **identify your strengths** when looking for work?
6. How do you personally **stay focused** when you're distracted or stressed?
7. Describe a time you had to **overcome setbacks** to keep moving forward.
8. What does it mean to you to **achieve success**?

