



05 - VOCABULARY: SUCCESS AND FAILURE



- 1** - Successful Samantha has a long list of **impressive accomplishments**. It seems like everything she does ends up being a **phenomenal success**.
- 2** - In her very first job, she created a **highly effective** way to motivate the company's employees, resulting in a **dramatic improvement** in workplace morale.
- 3** - Now she's developing a system for real-time translation among 100 different languages.
- 4** - So far, the program has enjoyed **modest success** but there is still **room for improvement**.
- 5** - However, Samantha says that the team is **making good progress**, and that in the next month or two she hopes to **make a breakthrough**.
- 6** - Although Samantha is very ambitious, she's also a very likeable person. She **brings out the best** in other people, and quickly **wins the respect** of colleagues.
- 7** - Samantha's brother, Disastrous Dan, is the opposite – everything he attempts seems to **fail miserably**.
- 8** - He wanted to be a doctor, but his teachers told him he wasn't smart enough, **dashing his hopes** of a career in medicine.
- 9** - He had the opportunity to do a prestigious internship in another country, but he **lost his courage** and turned down the offer.
- 10** - Dan then tried to start his own software company to compete with Samantha's; that was a **spectacular failure**. He invested his life savings in the business, despite all his friends telling him that it would be **a recipe for disaster**.
- 11** - Poor Dan – it seems like he's **doomed to failure**. But **if all else fails**, he can always move into Samantha's mansion **as a last resort!**