

Famous Failures

Many success stories of famous people have only occurred through great persistence, after many setbacks and failures.

If you never fail, you'll never succeed.



Albert Einstein

The failure: His teachers called him 'slow'. He didn't learn to speak English until he was 7 years old.

The success: He won the nobel prize for physics



Colonel Sanders

The failure: Now a famous KFC fried chicken recipe, Sanders was rejected 1008 times before a restaurant accepted the recipe and began making fried chicken.

The success: KFC is a worldwide brand, making billions of dollars a year



Oprah Winfrey

The failure: Oprah was fired from her first TV job and told she was 'unsuitable' for television

The success: Became a billionaire through her popular talk show and television network



J.K. Rowling

The failure: Her Harry Potter books were rejected by 12 publishers

The success: Rowling created Harry Potter, now estimated to be worth \$15 billion



Elvis Presley

The failure: After a performance, the concert manager told him he would be better returning to his old job of driving trucks

The success: Elvis is one of the most famous singers of all time



Failure in science

Science and experimenting is all about trying something out - if it works, great, but we can probably do it even better. Failing is a vital part of science. Scientists are constantly developing theories to explain how something happens or to try to solve a problem. If a theory 'fails' it can often be a good thing so failures are not even considered as such - they are called experiments!