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The Secret of Success

1. Sing-Along and Read-Along with Me

There once was a student about to graduate who sought an old professor for some advice.

He said, "You have taught me so much over the years. Please tell me how to succeed in my career."

"Show up on time," was all the old man chose to say. And with that sound advice, he sent him on his way.

With that advice in mind, the man was never late. After months with no progress, he began to worry.

He went to his teacher, wanting success somehow. "Please, dear professor! What should I do now?"

"You've learned a good lesson," said the man with a smirk, "But next time you show up, please be prepared to work!"

After that, the young man did not just come on time. He worked hard and smart; he made sure he earned each dime.

He still did not progress through the ranks at his work. He decided to contact his professor.

"Do you try your best, or do you just work very hard?"
The professor asked wisely, catching the man off-guard.

The man returned to work and carried out each task smartly and efficiently, yet proceeds to ask,

"Professor, why am I still not a great success?" The professor faced him and gave his best guess.

"Friend, you know success does not happen overnight. Be patient, don't give up, and keep your goal in sight!"



2. Vocabulary

	English	Definitions
1.	Graduate	To receive an academic degree upon the completion of one's studies
2.	Sought	Past tense of "seek" – searched for
3.	Professor	A "professor" is a teacher at the college level.
4.	Progress	Gradual improvement, growth, or development in a given area
5.	Smirk	A crooked, smug smile
6.	Contact	In this context, to "contact" means to get in touch with.
7.	Catchingoff-guard	To "catch someone off-guard" means to stun or surprise someone through unexpected words or actions.
8.	Efficiently	Without wasted time or effort; with "minimum input and maximum output"
9.	Guess	An estimation
10.	does not happen overnight	An expression meaning most things take a while to happen

