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Narrator: *Listening Test*

Success

Section 2

You will hear Lilly Tang talking to Kit Lee, a teacher, about successful people in history and how they can motivate school pupils.

The recording will be played twice. Do as much as you can the first time and answer all the questions the second time.

You have 30 seconds to look at your questions.

[30 sec music]

Listen and answer the questions.

{Lilly: Welcome to the show, Kit. Two big figures from history. Do you think their stories are relevant for today's students?

Kit: Yes, absolutely. I think they can inspire children to want to study or to learn – their interest and natural curiosity then takes over and the learning comes naturally, rather than it being just about passing exams.

Lilly: Definitely. To create an interest in learning is very important.

Kit: I knew a maths teacher who taught in an all-girls school – she gave them a piece of homework to find one famous female mathematician in history. There was a time when women were not encouraged to do maths. The students had to produce a poster about this woman's life – the students found this inspiring and found a new interest in mathematics.

Lilly: Very interesting.

Kit: Another important thing about success stories is to help students realise that they can actually make their dreams come true through hard work – people throughout history can show this.

Lilly: Do you have any examples of that?

Kit: Well, Walt Disney was told he had no imagination and his drawings were dull and uninteresting; Elvis Presley was told he was going nowhere and he couldn't sing at all; and the Beatles were refused a

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recording contract by a company, being told they didn't sound good – and you know what happened to them. You should never give up. You can always make it. A lot of those people come from difficult backgrounds – they're normal people who have succeeded.

Lilly: That's a very good point.

Kit: And if we want to motivate students, we should also think about famous people in the present day such as J.K. Rowling, the author of the Harry Potter book series; Steve Jobs, the founder of Apple Computer; Yao Ming, the Chinese basketball player in NBA and Mark Zuckerberg, the founder of Facebook.

Lilly: So who would you say is the most successful.... *[fade out]*

Narrator: Now listen to the recording again.

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You have 30 seconds to check your answers.

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This is the end of Section 2