

TAPESCRIPT

Narrator: *Listening Test*

Success

Section 1

You will hear a radio programme about successful people in history.

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 Tang:

Good evening everybody. My name is Lilly Tang and this is “History Today”. Tonight, I’ll be talking about successful people and how people can use their stories to motivate school pupils. Now let me start with the stories of two people who have personally inspired me.

Albert Einstein was born in Germany. His achievements changed the world. His most famous achievement is his theory of relativity from where the equation “E” equals “M” “C” squared comes.

He continues to inspire, too. I once walked into an English classroom in Japan – the teacher had a picture of Albert Einstein above the board. Everybody knows that face and underneath the picture was an Einstein quote – “Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new.” We all know what it’s like to speak English when we’re learning it, but that great man – he not only said it’s okay to make mistakes, but that everybody has to!

Emily Brontë, on the other hand, was a lady from Northern England, born in 1818. She wrote the classic novel “Wuthering Heights”, which students still study in schools around the world. Life was hard for Emily because her mother died when she was young, as did two of her sisters. She published a novel at a time when women had to use male names to get published.

Her talents were not limited to writing – she taught herself German, wrote essays in French, played the piano and taught music in school. She is an inspiration to many and a model of what is possible to achieve. Sadly, she died when she was only 30 years old. Imagine what she could have done... *[fade out]*

Narrator: *Now listen to the recording again. [repeat recording { }]*

You have 30 seconds to check your answers. [30 sec music]

This is the end of Section 1.