

# Famous people who found success despite failure

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# JK Rowling – author of the Harry Potter books



# How did she succeed?

- J K Rowling was penniless, recently divorced, and had to raise a child on her own. She wrote the first Harry Potter book on an old manual typewriter.
- **Twelve publishers rejected the manuscript!** Did she give up? No! A year later, someone agreed to publish the book. However, he told her to get a day job because he claimed that there was **no money to be made from children's books.**
- What if she had stopped at the first rejection? The tenth? Would she be where she is today?
- The measure of success can be shown by how many times someone keeps going despite hearing only no.



# What JK Rowling said

- “You might never fail on the scale I did, but it is impossible to live without failing at something, unless you live so cautiously that you might as well not have lived at all—in which case, you fail by default.”



# Walt Disney – creator of Mickey Mouse and Disney World



# Walt Disney

- - His first animation company went bankrupt.
- - He was fired by a news editor because he was told that he lacked imagination.
- - Apparently, Walt Disney was **turned down 302 times** before he got the money for Disney World.
- - What if he had given up?



# Michael Jordan – basketball player



# What he said

he was good

## **He never let failure deter him**

- “I have missed more than 9,000 shots in my career. I have lost almost 300 games. On 26 occasions I have been entrusted to take the game winning shot, and I missed. I have failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed.”





# Other famous celebrities who never gave up

- - **Vincent Van Gogh** (famous painter) – he only sold one painting in his lifetime but kept going and painted 800 pictures. They now sell for millions of dollars.
- - **Thomas Edison** (inventor of the lightbulb) – “If I find 10,000 ways something won’t work, I haven’t failed. I am not discouraged, because every wrong attempt discarded is another step forward.”



# There is no success without failure

- - Never give up
- - Learn from your mistakes
- - If at first you don't succeed, try, try again
- - If you don't fail, then you aren't challenging yourself enough
- - Failure is learning
- - Believe in yourself!

