

Success 成功

Do you think you are a successful person? 你觉得你是成功人士吗?

Some people in London said:

Woman 1: It depends on what it is – I mean successful in my career? I'm almost successful.

Man: I've been a college professor and I've taught things. I've worked in the media. I've been able to explain things to people make things a little clearer so I think I've contributed something and I've been able to pay my bills.

Woman 2: Basically, because I'm doing what I want to do and that's success to me.

Woman 3: Providing I'm happy, that's success enough for me.

Did you know...? 你知道吗...?

Fact

In the 2011 Forbes magazine list of the richest people in the world there are 1,210 billionaires worth US\$4,5 trillion. China doubled its number of 10-figure fortunes in the last year, and Moscow has more billionaires than any other city.

Language tip

When talking about the measure of success you use the words 'amount' or 'degree'. For example: The company enjoyed a fair amount of success before it went bankrupt.

Cultural tip

In some cultures it is considered rude to ask people how much money they earn if you haven't got a good reason for it.

Here is the webpage for this programme:

www.bbc.co.uk/ukchina/simp/elt/ask_about_britain/110524_ee_18_success_story.shtml