

ZERO TO HERO HISTORY

Lesson 4 To learn to overcome rejection in order to go on to succeed

You will need:-

- Mickey Mouse ears (provided)
- Story of Walt Disney (provided)
- Walt Disney image (provided)
- "The Best That I Can Be"/ "The Best That We Can Be" songs and lyric sheets (links provided)

Walt Disney Quote: "First, think. Second, believe. Third, dream, And finally, dare."



Show the picture of Mickey Mouse ears. Ask your student the following questions and note down what they say:-

- Who do the ears belong to?
- Who invented Mickey Mouse?
- Which other Walt Disney characters does your student know?

With your student, make a list of all the characters they know. Stop when you've had enough! There are so many!! Look at all those famous characters!



Explain that Walt Disney became a very, very successful man, even though he wasn't so successful when he was younger! He dropped out of high school at the age of sixteen and he tried to join the army, but they rejected him. Disney and a friend joined the Red Cross instead and he was soon sent to France for a year, where he drove an ambulance. Walt moved back to America, hoping to begin his artistic career. He decided he would try drawing comic strips for a newspaper, but nobody wanted to give him a job. His brother, Roy, got Walt a temporary job at an Art Studio, where he created advertisements for newspapers and magazines. There, he met another cartoonist, Ubbe Iwerks, and they decided to start their own business. The rest, as they say, is history!

Follow this explanation by reading the story of Walt Disney's life and then ask your student:-

- Do you think Walt Disney was ever tempted to give up on his dream of being a cartoonist?
- What can we learn from his experience?



Now, learn "The Best That We Can Be" song - learn it together using the videos and the lyrics sheet.

https://youtu.be/3rX_EpeJOoE - The Best I Can Be - Karaoke

<https://youtu.be/PrZxSyoNvds> - The Best I Can Be -Song

Once the song has been learnt, pick up on the line: "They told Walt Disney he wasn't good enough..."

