

What is success: You decide.

What's most important to you? This exercise enables you to define success in terms of what's most important to you in life.

PART 1: Complete this brief survey on values. In each of the two categories, rank the items from 1 to 11, starting with #1 as the most important to you.

1	Work	values
_		High income: making more than the national average income
		Prestige: having people look up to you
		Independence: being able to plan your own work and schedule
		Helping others: being able to help people
		Security: being pretty certain that you won't lose your job
		Variety: doing a lot of different things on your job
		Leadership: setting the pace for other people who work for you; having the power to decide policies, courses of action, etc.
		Leisure: having a lot of time left after work to do other things
		Creativity: being able to come up with new products, ideas, or artistic creations
		Detail: having tasks with exact specifications that require careful attention to detail
		Challenge: tackling complex, demanding tasks that involve solving problems
Life values		
		An exciting life: doing things that involve a lot of action, challenge, and stimulation
		Family: being deeply involved with loved ones
		A financially prosperous life: having many material possessions
		Freedom: being independent and making your own decisions
		Education: engaging in lifelong learning
		Inner peace: feeling free of inner conflict
		Prestige: being influential and respected by others
		Good health: maintaining your physical and mental capacities
		Friendship: having close companionship
		Self-respect: believing in yourself and your worth
		Meaningful work: having a job that has satisfying, worthwhile results



PART 2: Circle any combination of words below that have particular meaning to you. How do they relate to your personal ideas of success?

freedom harmony knowledge good reputation, honor, esteem being active honesty self-expression truth adventure and novelty beauty responsibility friendship, cooperation understanding, wisdom financial reward power, achievement peace, security health and strength happiness, contentment

(List adapted from William Frankena)

PART 3: Write your own definition of success, using these and other ideas to complete a statement that reflects your current thinking.

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