

# English Language Reading

Science & Medical  
Level Two  
Unit Five



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**Starter: Thinking about the future**



Write down **three** of your **biggest goals** in your life?

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How long will it take to **achieve** your goals?

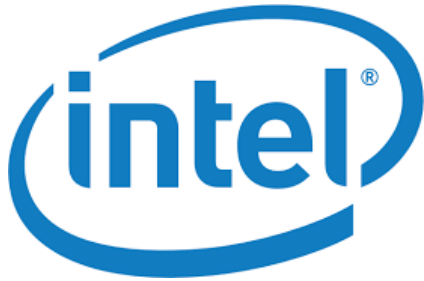
1 year       5 years       More than 5 years

What happens if you **don't** succeed?

I will try again       I will quit

I create new and different goals





### Exercise 1A

**Rearrange the sentences in the correct order**

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Hi, my name's Ali and when I grow up, I want to become a very important person in society. First, I will study at King Saud University in Riyadh. For my bachelor's degree, I want to study science technology because I want to become an inventor.

After my studies, I want to get a job at Intel Corporation. This company is a famous multinational company. The salary, training, job security and benefits are really impressive. I can save some money, build a house, get married and live comfortably.

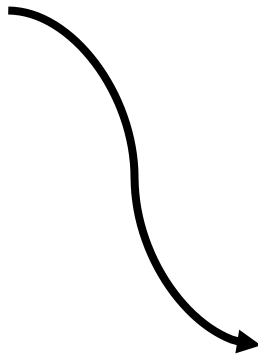
After we improve the economy of Bangladesh, people will become richer and live prosperous lives. Perhaps people will remember me for what I do, but I just want to help my people. People say I have crazy dreams, but I tell them that Bill Gates had crazy dreams.

After my bachelor's degree, I want to travel to Britain and study for my master's and doctorate degrees in advanced engineering. My dream is to study at Oxford University. My father nicknamed me Najmu Oxford; this means the star of Oxford. He always encourages me to work hard and remain focused.

I want to work for Inter Corporation for 10 years, then I want to go back to my home country which is Bangladesh and help build the country. I will use my engineering knowledge to build new devices which can help the country become more efficient in manufacturing, farming and other industries.

**Exercise 1B**

**Vocabulary – Match the words with their meanings**

<b>Society</b>		Your wages, the money you get for working
<b>Impressive</b>		Successful and wealthy
<b>Prosperous</b>		People living together as a community
<b>Encourage</b>		In several countries
<b>Salary</b>		A thing made for a special purpose
<b>Device</b>		To give support and confidence
<b>Multinational</b>		Something awesome and magnificent

**Exercise 1C**

**Answer the questions in full sentences**

1. What does Ali want to become?

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2. What's Ali's nickname?

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3. What is Ali's home country?  
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4. Where does Ali want to study his bachelor's degree?  
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5. Where does he want to work?  
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6. How long does he want to work there?  
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7. What does he want to do in Bangladesh?  
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8. What does he want to study for his master's and doctorate degrees?  
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9. Which universities does he want to attend?  
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10. What do people say to Ali?  
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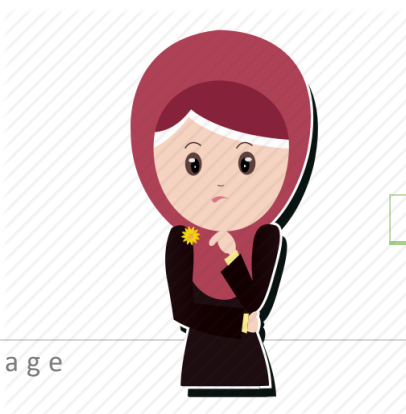
**Exercise 1D**

**Read the sentences below. Then write: True or False**

- 1) Ali is married. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Ali wants to be an inventor. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Ali is known as Najmu Intel. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) Intel Corporation is a multinational company. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) Ali gets encouragement from his father. \_\_\_\_\_

**Exercise 2A:**

**Complete the conversation below using the words below.**



welcome	kill	take	University
heart	future	point	problems

**Alexis:** Hey mum, I need some advice on what to do in the \_\_\_\_\_.

**Alexis's mother:** Of course, I'll be more than happy to \_\_\_\_\_ you into the right direction.

**Alexis:** I'm trying to think about what I'm good at, but my mind has gone blank.

**Alexis's mother:** Well, you're really good at mathematics, you really \_\_\_\_\_ after your father. Perhaps, think about studying mathematics at university.

**Alexis:** That's true, I enjoy solving \_\_\_\_\_, but I can't just study mathematics all my life. I need to do something new and exciting. Something that makes my \_\_\_\_\_ beat out of excitement.

**Alexis's mother:** Perhaps you could study computer programming. My friend told me that it's a new course at Taibah \_\_\_\_\_. You can study two things you love, computers and mathematics. It's an easy way to \_\_\_\_\_ two birds with one stone:

**Alexis:** Thanks mum, you're brilliant at this. I feel like the weight on my shoulders has been lifted.

**Alexis's mother:** You're \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Exercise 2B: Speaking Practice**

Discuss the meanings of the following **similes** in **pairs**



To kill two birds with one stone

Weight has been lifted off my shoulders

To take after someone

To point someone in the right direction

## Exercise 2C

**Answer the questions in full sentences**

1. Why does Alexis want some advice?

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2. Who did Alexis ask for the advice?

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3. Which course did Alexis's mother recommend?

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4. Was the mother happy to help her daughter?

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5. Is Alexis's father good at mathematics?

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## Ninety-Nine Problems

**Read the passages below**



Naif 'Lil Ney' Saad:



### **Profile:**

This is Naif, a very talented young and upcoming football star. People compare him to the famous Brazilian player Neymar; they even nicknamed him 'Lil Ney' which means little Neymar.

### **Problem:**

Barcelona approached his club and said that they are interested in signing him. They will train and pay his father \$3 million a year, but he has to leave Saudi Arabia and go to Spain. He will also have to leave his school and stop studying.

His father was also a really good football star. However, at 16 years old, he broke his leg and never played again. All the money he had ran out. He couldn't get a job because he didn't have an education. He doesn't want his son to make the same mistake he made. He's thinking about rejecting Barcelona's offer.

He says: 'I want my son to go to school and study. \$3 million is a lot of money, but if he breaks his leg and doesn't have an education, he won't be able to get a decent job. He will end up like me, working in a low-paid job. I could have been a millionaire, but I wanted it all too soon. I want a better future for my son.'



**Noor Misriyah:**



**Profile:**

Noor is a very intelligent young woman. She is an A+ student and people have big dreams for her. They think she can be anything she wants. She is in her final year of college and she has to decide what she wants to study at university.

**Problem:**

She really likes helping children and she wants to be a paediatrician. Unfortunately, paediatrician jobs are scarce and they have low wages in her city. Her parents think she should be a scientist at ARAMCO. Her friend told her to be a paediatrician but move to a different city where the salaries are really high. Noor has to make a decision and she doesn't want to leave her parents



### **Exercise 3A: Group Discussions**

**In groups of four or five, discuss the best solutions to the two problems. Use the spider diagrams below to brainstorm some ideas.**

Take the risk and let him play for Barcelona. Then save all the money just in case he breaks his leg

**Naif's problem:  
Possible  
Solutions**

Become a paediatrician and move to a different city but not too far away from her parents.

**Noor's Problem:  
Possible  
Solutions**

**Now present your advice and suggestions to the class. Back up your arguments with clear explanations**

### Exercise 3B: Vocab Training

Match the word with their opposites



<u>Column A</u>	<u>Answers</u>	<u>Column B</u>
1. agree	i	a) exit
2. enter		b) last
3. fail		c) healthy
4. first		d) slim
5. easy		e) wet
6. depart		f) down
7. full		g) difficult / hard
8. fat		h) empty
9. up		i) refuse
10. dry		j) early
11. late		k) arrive
12. sick		l) pass

