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Audio Script

TR: 1

My name is Gabe. I usually get up early. My day starts before sunrise. Before I go to school, I deliver newspapers in my neighborhood. The streets are quiet at this time. The streetlights are still lit up and a few cars drive with their headlights on. But most of the residents are asleep.

I like to work because I can earn money. I use the money to go out with my friends. Or I save it to buy new gadgets or clothes that I want.

TR: 2

Many people read on gadgets now. There are many reasons people prefer a tablet or smartphone to a book. Tablets are usually lighter than books, so they are easier to carry. Also, you can download many books onto a tablet. Gadgets are better than books for reading in the dark, too. You can also look up words that you don't know just by touching the screen!

But a lot of people still prefer books. They think reading on gadgets is more distracting than reading a paper book. It's easy to connect to the Internet and forget about the book you're reading. Some people also think it's more fun to shop for books in a bookstore than it is to download a book online.

TR: 3

I was 10 years old when during a terrible storm a tornado struck our town. It was windy and big, dark clouds were moving in fast. When we heard the warning, we immediately ran to the basement. I was really scared. Then the wind started blowing so hard that the house was shaking. My little sister was screaming. I stayed with her to keep her calm. When the storm passed, we went back upstairs. Luckily, our home wasn't damaged at all! Our neighbors weren't so lucky. A huge tree fell on their car.

I used to think that it was okay to ignore tornado warnings. Now I know it's important to pay attention to them. If you hear a warning, go to a safe place to hide.

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TR: 4

S1: Amelia, I love your skirt! Where did you buy it?

S2: Thanks! Actually, I designed it myself.

S1: You're so creative! You could be a designer. How did you make it?

S2: I found a great new secondhand store in town. I bought some old sweaters and reused them. I'm trying to reduce my fashion footprint.

S1: Wow! It looks awesome. Your skirt is so trendy, and eco-friendly, too!

S2: You should check out the store. It has a lot of unique clothes that you can wear or reuse to create something new.

S1: I will definitely check it out!

TR: 5

What does it mean to be a failure? Most people who are successful failed many times before they achieved their goals and became famous. You're certainly familiar with J.K. Rowling's *Harry Potter* books and movies. But did you know Rowling's manuscript was rejected many times before it was finally published? Rowling would not give up and kept trying to get published. Her persistence worked! Now her books are read all over the world.

Then there's Albert Einstein. You'll probably be surprised to learn that his teachers thought he was lazy. Einstein failed his college entrance exams and had to retake them. Later, he was accepted into college. But even after he graduated, his teachers wouldn't help him to get a job. Einstein was persistent and worked hard. Later in life, he won the Nobel Prize.

Successful people like Rowling and Einstein have experienced failure. Have you? If so, don't give up! Failure only happens when you stop trying.

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