

## Which is Most Important: Talent or Hard Work?

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Many have wondered which is more important, talent or hard work. People believe in different things. Talent is something you have. Hard work, however, is something that you work. It's not given to you like talent. Some people think that talent is more important than hard work. However, when talent fails to do its job, hard work pays off and leads you to success.

“Success is the result of perfection, hard work, learning from failure, loyalty, and persistence” said Colin. Powell was a four-star general in the United States Army and was also the U.S. Secretary of State in 2001. Powell believes that success comes from hard work, because from his own experience. People that work hard show determination and focus. They practice and work until they are satisfied. Being satisfied, lets them know that they have accomplished something. The people that are talented have an unearned status. They didn't do anything to receive it. They won't put in any effort as they grow. They think that having a talent is all they it takes. Even gifted children at the age of 6 will stop trying because they don't know the difference. Nevertheless, the hard working people are willing to become better than the talented ones. Hard workers achieve more by not giving up. Hard work is the best outcome to everything.

The Bruins hockey teams, furthermore known as The B's, played a game against the Atlanta Thrashers. Unfortunately, The B's had lost most of their best players do to injuries. Everyone believed that The Bruins wouldn't have a chance of beating the Atlanta Thrashers, yet their coach didn't give up on them. Harry Sinden told them that if you play the game right way, and play hard enough, you can defeat a team with far more talent. The Bruins stayed focus on the game and remembered what Harry Sinden said to them, and all their hard work paid off. They were losing but with only 20 minutes left in the game, The B's kept fighting and won after a hard fought battle. Instead of throwing the game, The Bruins pulled through and all their hard work and determination paid off in the end

There are people who try to get better and the people who give up thinking that there talent will lead them to success. People who are born with amazing talent are special. They have a gift that makes them unique or exceptional.

Unfortunately, some people take their gifts for granted. There are people in the world that do try because they have a talent and want to excel at what they do. Those people are successful because they didn't give up on their talent.

Talents only make you successful if you work on them.

When talent fails to do its job, hard work pays off and leads you to success. Talent cannot stand alone. The people with the talent but no hard work aren't very successful in life. Hard workers give it their all and strive to success. Many of them go beyond what they thought was possible and become better than the talented people who don't try. The Bruins hockey team didn't give up against the Thrashers. They lost most of their most valuable players, yet they never gave up on themselves. Talent is something you are given, but hard work is something you earn.