

Pre-Intermediate 1
Unit 4 Dialog
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Failure Is Not the End

failure ≠ success, victory
failure = not winning; defeat

Carol has an exam today and she feels awfully anxious.

exam = examination, test, quiz
awfully = terribly, very, too, so
anxious = stressed out, worried, nervous

Carol: You know, Amy? I didn't sleep a wink last night. I'm afraid I might fail.

Amy: Don't be silly, Carol. Worrying won't help.

I didn't sleep a wink. = I didn't sleep at all.

afraid = scared, fearful, nervous
might = may
fail ≠ pass
silly = stupid, foolish
worrying = having stress

Carol: That's easy for you to say, but I do worry.

Amy: Well, in the first place, you should try to do your best.

I do worry. => **Emphatic Sentence**

I do worry. = I really worry. = Indeed, I worry.

worry (verb) = feel worried
worried (adjective) = stressed out, nervous, anxious
in the first place = at first, first of all

Carol: But what if I do my best and still fail?

Amy: Failure is not the end. That's how you ought to think about it.

what if = what will happen
still = even so, despite that
ought to = should

Carol: I don't see it that way and I'm worried to death.

Amy: You must learn from your mistakes, Carol. That's how to become wise.

I don't see it that way. = I think about it differently.

to death = a lot

wise (adj.) = sensible, logical ≠ foolish

- *a wise man*
- *a wise decision*

Don't Say: You must **learn** your mistakes.

Say: You must **learn from** your mistakes.

learn something = understand something and be able to use it

- *Tom learns his lessons fast.*

learn from something = learn lessons from a negative experience

- *A wise man always learns from his past mistakes.*

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Sample Summary:

Carol is very anxious about her exam and fears failing. Amy reassures her that worrying won't help and encourages her to do her best. Amy explains that failure isn't the end and that learning from mistakes is important for becoming wise.

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