



FOCUS ON YOUR FUTURE

Throughout the *Mastering English for Success* series, we've been asking you to focus on vocabulary, language, grammar, and writing. In some lessons, we even asked you to focus on punctuation as a way of improving your writing skills.

Now that you have already mastered English “for success,” it’s time to **focus on your future**.

And while you focus on your future, try to think about the many possibilities that exist for you in your career and in life because you are fully proficient in English.

Write down some of the things that come to mind before you read what is on the next page.



Let's see if you thought about some of these possibilities.

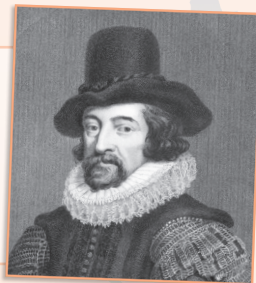
You can take the TOEFL® test and get into a top American university. You can become an English language teacher if you're interested in teaching as a profession. Also, you can use your English proficiency as an advantage to excel in whatever career you choose. Finally, you can simply use your excellent command of English as a way to broaden your horizons.

Whatever you decide to do in the future, the thing you have to focus on (yes, and here we are, asking you to focus on something once again) is that, by mastering English, you are free to make better choices not only in your career but also in life.

Why?

Well, English, as you know, is a global language. You can find basically any type of information you need in English, which gives you instant access to a whole world of information on every conceivable subject.

As Sir Francis Bacon (1561-1626), an English lawyer, statesman, essayist, historian, intellectual reformer, and philosopher, once put it, "Knowledge is power."



Think about it: What can be more powerful than having a variety of choices and possibilities as well as the means and opportunity for self-development?

That's the kind of power you have when you can speak, write, read, and understand a global language such as English.

It's up to you now to choose what to do with this power.