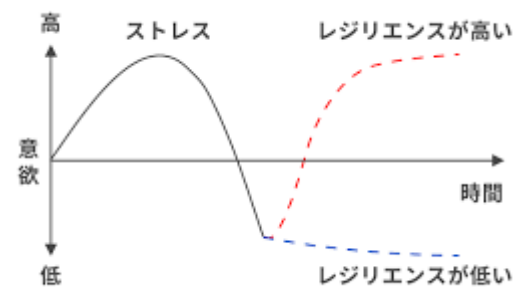


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How to Recover from Failures – Resilience –

Have you ever heard the word **“resilience”**?
According to the dictionary, a definition for the word “resilience” is
“the ability to be happy, successful again after something difficult or bad has happened”.



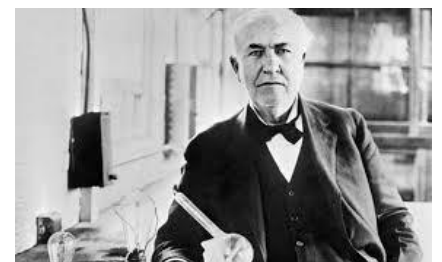
Do you think your “resilience” is high or low? I think my “Resilience” is SUPER high! Even if I’m extremely disappointed, I can **forget** that feeling easily after just one night’s sleep! How about you?

Your image of the word “forget” may not be good, but I suppose the ability to forget something bad is an important ability for humans in a complicated society where you might have so many tasks, so many difficulties, and so many troubles in your daily life. So, you are likely to experience **failure!**



Also, you must have heard what is called **“Positive Thinking”**.
This is also an important ability for you! Some might think a failure is bad, but some might think it is a good experience when you fail. If you think it is good, you won’t become so disappointed!

The following are famous words said by **Thomas Edison**.
I suppose that one of his excellent points was his way of thinking! I would be happy if you could learn something from his words!



“I have not failed. I’ve just found 10,000 ways that won’t work.”

“I owe my success to the fact that I never had a clock in my workroom.”

“Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time.”

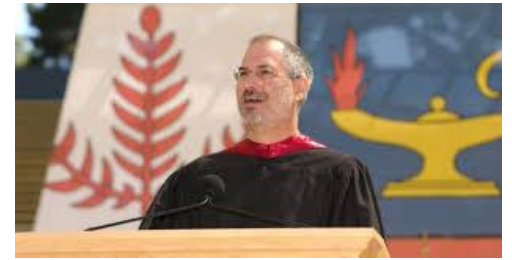
“Many of life’s failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up.”



As you know, **Steve Jobs** was a **genius**, who revolutionized the way we enjoy music, how we communicate with each other and how we make use of media. Under his leadership, Apple became the technology trendsetter.

Many of you might remember Steve Jobs' 2005 **Stanford** commencement address. Some of you might also remember that he was **a college dropout**, and that he was also **fired** from Apple - the company that he started. These were not small failures.

In his commencement address to Stanford, he said, "I was **a very public failure**, and I even thought about running away from the valley. But something slowly began to dawn on me – I still loved what I did. The turn of events at Apple had not changed that one bit. I had been rejected, but I was still in love. And so I decided to start over."



"I didn't see it then, but it turned out that getting fired from Apple was the best thing that could have ever happened to me. The heaviness of being successful was replaced by the lightness of being a beginner again, less sure about everything. It freed me to enter one of the most creative periods of my life."



After Apple, Steve Jobs started NeXT and purchased **Pixar**. NeXT did not have commercial success, but had a great impact on the computer industry. Pixar revolutionized computer animation. Most of you know **"TOY STORY"**, which Pixar created and became the first successful computer-animated movie.

Ten years after Jobs was fired from Apple, Apple purchased NeXT. Four years later, he became the **CEO** of Apple. If he hadn't left Apple, it is quite possible that the company would not have created the fantastic inventions that you use today.

We won't be able to succeed if we avoid failure. Like Steve Jobs, we should not stay disappointed with our failures, and should never lose our enthusiasm!

We should learn **how to recover from failures – resilience –!**

I hope the KIRITAKA English Journal will be accepted by students and their parents! (Toru Hoshino)

★T's Power Song★

Let me introduce my Power Song again! Some of you might have already heard this song! Though the singer who sings this is famous for her emotional slow ballads, this song sounds powerful, energetic, and brave. What is more, she is still mysterious because we cannot get much information about her, except that she has been singing as a professional singer for more than 10 years. I hope you can get POWER from this song!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tLQLa6IM3Us>

Let me introduce one more song produced by Vaundy! Please enjoy the special collaboration among great artists, who are all my favorites!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z2Z9V-4DMGw>



Kiwi Corner



In the last edition of Kiwi Corner, I wrote about how *Christmas* is celebrated in New Zealand. As we become an increasingly globalized society, I thought it would be interesting to introduce several other countries' unique and interesting ways of celebrating at this time of the year.

The Philippines



If you thought the United States went all out with Christmas decorations, you should see what they do in the Philippines. Every year, the city of San Fernando holds *Ligligan Parul* (or Giant Lantern Festival) featuring dazzling *parols* (lanterns) that symbolize the Star of Bethlehem. Each *parol* consists of thousands of spinning lights that illuminate the night sky. The festival has made San Fernando the **"Christmas Capital of the Philippines."**



Ligligan Parul lanterns in the Philippines



Norway



In Norway, the Christmas season, called *Julebord*, begins on December 3rd, filling up local bars and restaurants throughout the month. Families celebrate Little Christmas on December 23rd; each family has their own ritual for the day that may include decorating the tree, making a gingerbread house, and eating *risengrynsgrot* (hot rice pudding). This may not sound very good to Japanese people,

Would you like to try some *risengrynsgrot*? but you should definitely try it! It's delicious!

The Netherlands



Sinterklaas is the Dutch name for Saint Nicholas, the man recognized by children by his long white beard, red cape, and red hat. Kids put a shoe by the chimney or back door and wake up on Christmas morning to find treats like gingerbread men, marzipan, and chocolate letters inside.



Sinterklaas riding on his white horse



Fireworks after *Missa Do Galo* in Brazil

Brazil



Brazilian families come together on Christmas Eve to eat dinner as late as 10 p.m. Then, at exactly midnight, they exchange gifts, toasts, and wish each other a Merry Christmas. Midnight mass, *Missa Do Galo* (Rooster Mass), is a chance to meet up with neighbors and extended family to wish them well for the holiday season. The service is often followed by **fireworks** in the town square.

Austria



Alpine countries like Austria have a legend that a devil-like creature called **Krampus** joins their St. Nicholas festivities on December 6th. Children are asked for a list of the good and bad things they have done that year: good children are rewarded with sweets, apples, and nuts, and bad children worry what Krampus might bring on Christmas day.



Krampus searching for bad children in Austria

Which Christmas style do you think is the most interesting? Would you like to visit these countries at Christmas time?

Personally, I think *Krampus* is a little creepy. Would you be worried about getting a bad present from *Krampus*?

Once again, I hope you've had a wonderful 2021, and I wish you all the best for the coming year.



Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!



(Liam Campbell)

The Joseph Article (Christmas Edition)



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!! It's that time of the year again to open presents, eat Christmas cake, visit shrines and temples, and spend time with family, friends and that special someone in your life ☺.

For me, it's all those things, but also a time to visit many restaurants and cafes, so that I may eat delicious food and take pictures of it! In Kiryu, there are many awesome places to grab a bite to eat. So, I think you should join me in visiting a few of my favorite restaurants and cafes around Kiryu! There are many places to eat, but I will give you four of my favorites that are unique in their own way!

#1) 1203 Café 桐生市相生町 1 丁目 1 1 9 - 5

火曜日 定休日

水曜日 定休日

-Owned by a husband (from Canada) and wife (from Kiryu) this café has many great **sandwiches, soups and sweets** to enjoy! Also, they make their own **donuts** which are delicious. They also have different specials frequently, so you can always try something different. I visit 1203 Café almost every week to study. It's a relaxing place to eat and the owners are very friendly. You can try speaking English with them if you want!

木曜日 11 時 00 分～19 時 00 分

金曜日 11 時 00 分～19 時 00 分

土曜日 11 時 00 分～19 時 00 分

日曜日 11 時 00 分～17 時 00 分

月曜日 11 時 00 分～17 時 00 分



#2) Café dining 9 桐生市末広町 5 - 2 2

-This bar/restaurant has delicious **western style burgers!** You can get many different types of burgers as well as **appetizers and drinks (including shakes)!** The cook is also Canadian, so you know the food is delicious and the staff are very friendly.

日曜日 11 時 30 分～20 時 00 分

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土曜日 11 時 30 分～23 時 00 分



#3) 南風 桐生市広沢町3丁目4083-4

Not your typical ramen spot, this ramen-ya's specialty is **Okinawan style dishes**. The **soki soba** they serve is delicious. My friend has been to Okinawa and he says that the flavor is nearly the same, as if he were in Okinawa. Even some harder to find drinks can be enjoyed as well.

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#4) Garment District by Bedford Café 桐生市浜松町1丁目3-7

Another café I find myself visiting at least once a month. This café is also the most well-known spot on this list! Garment District **has 2 specialties; their curry and ricotta pancakes!** There are four types of curry you can order as well as mix and match. The ricotta pancakes are also a solid dessert option if your looking to eat something a little lighter. They also have a nice selection of other types of foods such as **different pastas and meats**. Lastly, their **point-card** is a very good deal and is another reason to keep coming back for discounted lunch or dinner! Can't come to Kiryu? Don't worry, they also have locations in Isesaki and Takasaki.

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As I said before, there are many places in Kiryu to enjoy a nice lunch or dinner. I can't count them all on only 2 hands. But these four selections are a great start for seeing what Kiryu has to offer. With so much time to relax during this holiday season, why not check them out! Until next time, have a **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!!**

(Joseph Miselis)

