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CHARACTER QUALITY: **DETERMINATION**

DEFINITION: Purposing to accomplish right goals at the right time, regardless of the opposition.

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Being a person full of DETERMINATION allows you to go through life in a way that moves toward goals successfully. Your sense of DETERMINATION helps you solve the problems along the way. Overcoming obstacles is just part of what we do in life. There always seems to be a problem that needs a solution. DESCRIBE A TIME WHEN YOU OVERCAME AN OBSTACLE AND YOU REALIZED IT TOOK A LOT OF DETERMINATION on YOUR PART.

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DIRECTIONS: Hunt for little words in the big word of DETERMINATION.
How many can you think of?

1 or 2 Letter Words

3 Letter Words

4(+)Letter Words

Challenge: What is a synonym for this word? _____

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DETERMINED INDIVIDUALS usually have GOALS that help them prioritize what needs to be done next in life. What are two goal statements you can make for yourself that will require a high level of DETERMINATION?

GOAL 1:

GOAL 2:

There is a saying, "Where there is a will, there is a way." What are the ways you see yourself able to accomplish your goals?

SOME WAYS TO ACCOMPLISH GOAL 1:

a) _____

b) _____

SOME WAYS TO ACCOMPLISH GOAL 2:

a) _____

b) _____

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"Never give in, never give in,
never, never, never, never - in
nothing, great or small, large or
petty - never give in except to
convictions of honor and good
sense. Never, Never, Never, Never
give up."

Source:
<http://des.emory.edu/mfp/efficacynotgiveup.html>

NOTE: The extra capital letters were used by Churchill in writing the above message—he wanted his readers to pay attention to the idea of NEVER giving up!

Winston Churchill (1874-1965) failed sixth grade, but he didn't give up. He finished his schooling. He served in the military. He was a war correspondent before getting into politics. He was subsequently defeated in every election for public office until he became Prime Minister of England at the age of 62. As a world leader, he stood against Nazism during WWII. He was **DETERMINED** to work with others to stand strong for what was right.

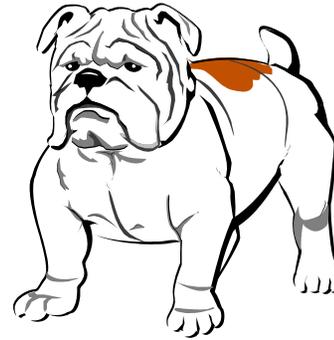
QUESTION 1: What do you think this great thinker and historical figure meant by saying "never give in EXCEPT to convictions of honor and good sense?"

QUESTION 2: Could DETERMINATION ever prove to be a bad thing? How so? Can you think of an example?

On the back explain your ideas.

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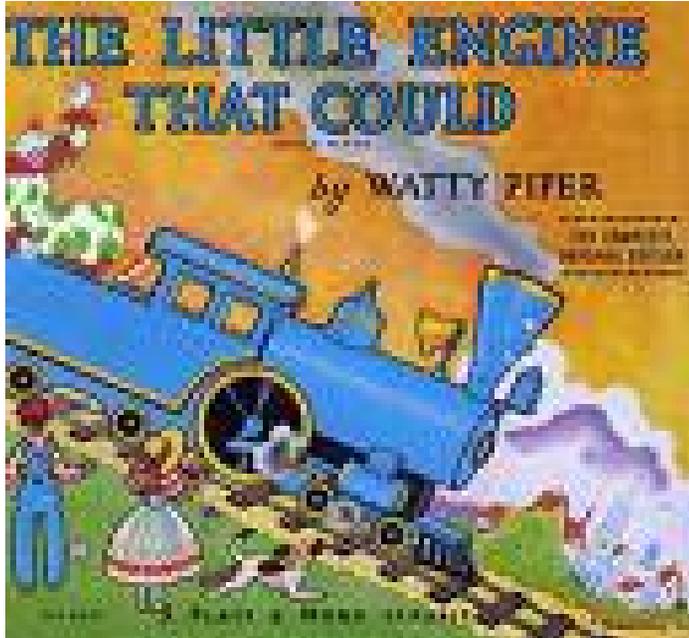
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English Bulldogs are known for not giving up in a game of tug. They can be viewed as being quite **DETERMINED**. List the people that encourage you to remain **DETERMINED** when you feel like giving up on a project or a task.

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Remember the story with the little blue engine that rescued a stranded train of toys headed to the good little boys and girls on the other side of the mountain?? What did she say? "I think I can! I think I can!" over and over again. When have found yourself saying "I THINK I CAN! I THINK I CAN!" and you did what you thought you could do? WRITE A REPORT ABOUT THAT TIME AND/OR DRAW A PICTURE ABOUT IT ON THE BACK OF THIS PAPER.