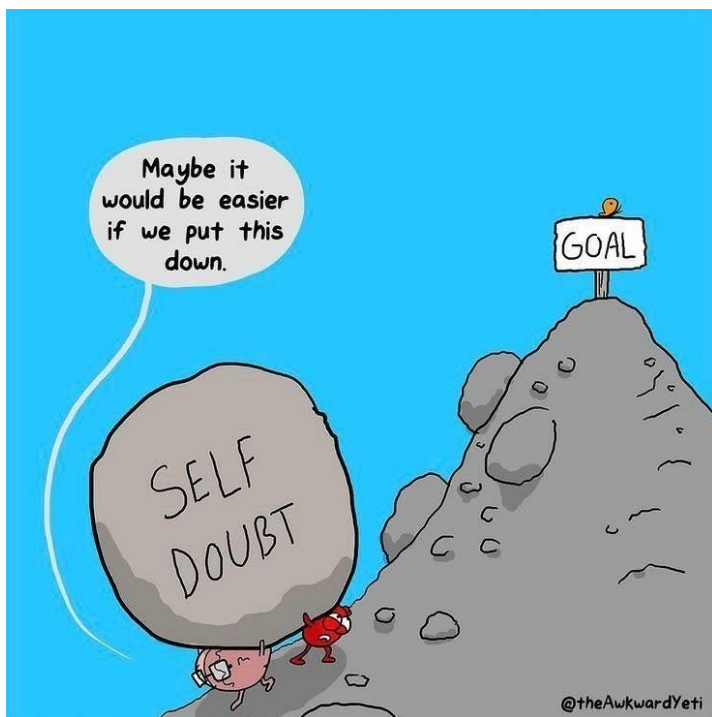


Hey folks!

I hope everything is fine with you and this break from your routines has provided you with fresh perspectives on the sense of essential things that we normally take for granted.

For this week, I have decided to have a final revision on link words or transitions. In the activity below, you need to read two different versions of a story about a famous dog. Comparing the two versions, you are invited to choose the correct link words. I have provided the answer key at the end for your reference.

In addition, I would like to introduce an application/website through which you can practice your listening skills via songs. [LYRICSTRAINING](#) offers different sorts of activities tailored for different levels. Stay tuned and have fun!



Reference for cartoon:

<https://medium.com/@Dontgiveup/motivational-cartoon-on-self-doubt-b0fd8714e5a2>

## Version 1

### PICKLES AND THE WORLD CUP

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The famous Jules Rimet trophy was stolen from an exhibition hall on 20 March 1966 **despite** the poor security arrangements. The police immediately began an urgent investigation **yet** they completely failed to track down the missing cup. Later that week, Joe Mears, Chairman of the Football Association, received a call from a soldier called Edward Bletchley. Bletchley offered to return the cup for a sum of £15,000 as long as nothing was said to the police. Mears agreed to pay the ransom, **but** did not keep his promise to say nothing. **Consequently**, when Bletchley turned up at a secret location to collect the money, the police were ready to move in. He was arrested and charged with theft, **although** he later claimed to have devised the whole plot to steal the trophy himself.

Bletchley soon found himself in prison but the cup was still missing. Then, a few days later, a man called David Corbett was taking his dog Pickles for a walk when the dog dragged him over to a corner of the garden. Under the hedge was a parcel wrapped in newspaper. David thought immediately that it might be the missing trophy **but** when he pulled off the newspaper, there was the world cup. **As a result of** his find, hardly any one realised that the dog was responsible. **Because** he had saved the world cup, the Football Association did not even mention him at their banquet. **Moreover**, David soon dropped from the public eye as well.

**Although** Pickles has been dead for many years, David still enjoys telling the story and is proud to have been the owner of one of the most famous dogs in history.



## Version 2

### PICKLES AND THE WORLD CUP

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The famous Jules Rimet trophy was stolen from an exhibition hall on 20 March 1966 **despite** the tight security surrounding it. The police immediately began an urgent investigation **yet** came very close to finding the missing cup. Later that week, Joe Mears, Chairman of the Football Association, received a call from a soldier called Edward Bletchley. Bletchley offered to return the cup for a sum of £15,000 as long as nothing was said to the police. Mears agreed to pay the ransom, **but** kept the second part of the bargain too. **Consequently**, when Bletchley turned up at a secret location to collect the money, the police knew nothing about it. He was arrested and charged with theft, **although** he later claimed to be only a middle man who would receive just £500 for his trouble.

Bletchley soon found himself in prison but the cup was still missing. Then, a few days later, a man called David Corbett was taking his dog Pickles for a walk when the dog dragged him over to a corner of the garden. Under the hedge was a parcel wrapped in newspaper. David's first thought was that it might be a bomb **but** when he pulled off the newspaper, there was the world cup. **As a result of** his find, Pickles became an instant celebrity. **Because** he had saved the world cup, he was allowed to attend the players' banquet and finish up the scraps. **Moreover**, David and Pickles went on to make a number of television appearances.

**Although** Pickles has been dead for many years, David seldom thinks about him now and has all but forgotten that he once owned one of the most famous dogs in history.

## ANSWER

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