Lesson 20. Aiming High

▶ All about goals and aspirations

▶ Multiple choice quiz

1 Language points

1) 'over-achiever' - 'go-getter'

2) to reach for the top - to go for gold

3) to be on a roll / tear

4) to be at the top of one's game / profession

5) to have one's head in the clouds - to snap out of it

6) to come back down to earth - to burst one's bubble - to rain on one's parade

① 'over-achiever' - 'go-getter'

● naturally ambitious and successful

▶ Mary was such an over-achiever in high school. She was part of 4 student organizations and had perfect grades.

▶ Ever since he graduated college, Min-jae has been a go-getter. He opened his own successful business, then taught himself English and Chinese.

② to reach for the top- to go for gold

● to try to the most successful!

▶ Tim reached for the top even when he was in elementary school. He had to be the best at everything.

▶ I heard Jina is applying for that management position at Samsung right out of college. She's really going for gold.

③ to be on a roll / tear

● succeeding! (at least for now)

▶ John is really on a roll right now. He's just received two great job offers, and he had a really great date last night!

▶ Hee-jung is on such a tear right now. Both of her last two projects were very successful, and now her boss wants to give her a promotion.

④ **to be at the top of one's game / profession**

● to be highly successful and competitive!

▶ By the time she was 25, Kim Yu-Na was at the top of her game.

▶ Every big tech company is trying to hire Yoon-Su right now. She's really at the top of her profession.

⑤ **to have one's head in the clouds - to snap out of it**

● to be in a dream, to leave it

▶ Yu-Myeong has failed the entrance exam 3 times now, but she's sure she's going to be a medical student. She's really got her head in the clouds.

▶ Min-Seon has terrible math and science skills, but he's sure he can become an astronaut. He really needs to snap out of it.

⑥ **to come back down to earth - to burst one's bubble - to rain on one's parade**

● back to reality

▶ Jason had high hopes, but really came back down to earth when he failed the 수능.

▶ Not getting a single interview really burst Tom's bubble. Now he has no confidence.

▶ I hate to rain on your parade, but you're not going to get hired as a flight attendant unless you're a certain height

2 Apply to the book

▶ <u>Pages 110-111, Reading and Comprehension</u>

#3- How important do you think a need for achievement is in our lives?

▶ <u>Sample answers</u>

Nowadays everyone wants *to reach for the top* and be a *go-getter*, but I think the obsession with success is starting to be damaging to society because of the stress that it causes. People need *to snap out of it* and *come back down to earth*.

▶ **Pages 112, Activity 1**

By which age did you hope to achieve each of the accomplishments in your list?

▶ **Sample answers**

When I was in my early 20s, I really *had my head in the clouds*. I was *on a roll* in school, so I thought I would *be at the top of my game* in the marketing field by the time I was 30. When I realized how competitive the job market was, it really *burst my bubble*.

▶ **Page 113, Discussion**

#3- To what extent can success be attributed to hard work? To what extent is it just plain luck?

▶ **Sample answers**

I hate *to rain on everyone's parade*, but hard work is only one factor in reaching *the top of one's profession*. If you really want *to go for gold*, you have to make friends with the right people. Even if you're an *over-achiever* all your life, you can still lose out to nepotism.

3 Review quiz

#1.

Jin-hyuk was such a _____ in college and grad school. He _____ of the business world and now he's at the _____. He got on the cover of Forbes magazine!

A. going for gold B. over-achiever C. reached for the top D. go-getter
E. top of his profession F. head in the clouds

D, C, E

#2.

Jerry needs to _____ if he thinks he'll be a successful comedian. He thinks he's hilarious, but if he doesn't _____ soon, he'll be broke in no time.

A. back down to earth B. snap out of it C. on a tear D. get his head out of the clouds

D/B, D/B

#3.

Luis was always the office _____ and he was _____ professionally, but when the company went under, it really _____. Now he's having trouble getting back _____.

A. on a roll B. head in the clouds C. over-achiever D. burst his bubble
E. to the top of his game F. raining on his parade G. snap out of it

C, A, D, E