

That car wash fundraiser hardly raised any money. It was a dumb idea and not enough people stopped and paid for a wash.

We didn't meet our goals with the fundraiser. Let's figure out what we can do differently next time to get more people to stop, which will raise more money.

I bombed that test. I'm no good at math.

That test didn't go well. What topics did I score poorly on, so I can be sure to study them for the final?

I can't believe I dropped that pass in the big game. I let my teammates down and people will think I'm a lousy player.

I missed one catch that I've made in practice a dozen times. My team knows I usually catch it and I'll practice harder for that situation.

My boss put me on cleanup duty instead of cashiering, which is what I wanted to do. She doesn't think I would be good at working with people or make change.

My boss didn't give me the position I wanted. I'll ask her what she needs that person to be able to do and how I can get or show her the skills needed to earn it.

I finally got up the nerve to ask that guy out, and he turned me down. He thinks I'm a loser.

That guy didn't want to go on a date with me. Maybe he's just not into me. Anyway, I'm glad I asked and I'll be braver for next time.

This English class is too hard. I can't get a top grade anyway, so I'm just going to do enough to get by.

Writing is hard for me, but I've gotten better than I used to be at it. I have things to say, and people will listen more if I write better.

He has one of the highest GPAs in our class. He's smart.

He's raised his GPA by a full point. He's working hard.

If I try something new and fail, I'll look bad, which would be worse than if I didn't try in the first place.

If I try something new and fail, I'll learn something about myself and the topic, and people will give me credit for giving it a shot.