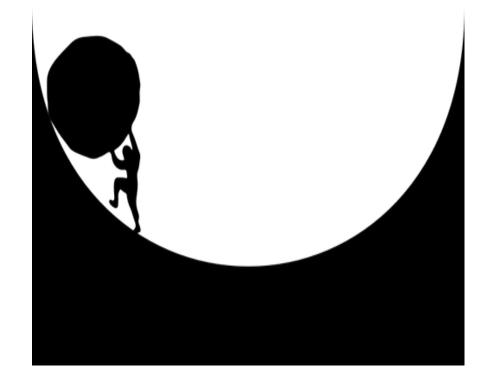
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The act of continuing to do something even though it is difficult





There have been many professional athletes who now dominate in their respective fields that did not start off as the best in their class.

One notable basketball player shared that he'd missed over 9000 shots in his career, lost 300 games, and was trusted with the "game winning" shot 26 times and missed. He was making a point to share that he failed over and over again in his professional career, but those opportunities made him succeed. Turns out, he is famed as one of the top three NBA basketball players of all time.

As a sophomore in high school, he did not make the cut to play varsity high school basketball. His parents encouraged him to push forward, and everytime he thought about stopping his training, he would picture the list of names for the varsity squad without his name on it.



Discussion Points

- 1. What would you have done if you were in his shoes?
- 2. Review and discuss the definition of perseverance.
- 3. Where in the text does it show situations where it would have been easy to give up?
- 4. If he had given up, where would he be today?





Think about...

Think about things and/or situations that make you want to give up. What goals can you set to help you persevere?

