

Language Providing Support and Encouragement

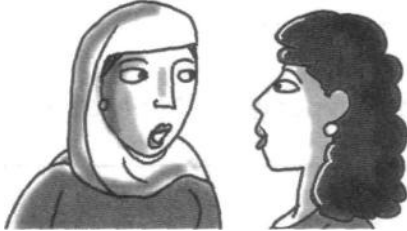
Read the following situations. Identify the factors that helped Elena and Berto pursue their goals.

Situation.

Elena decided to become a certified nursing assistant. It **was** very difficult because she had two small children, and she and her husband didn't have much money. Elena's husband got a second job, and her sister took **care** of the children. When Elena thought about quitting, her husband said, "You can do it. You are the strongest woman I know."

Berto wanted to start his own painting business. Unfortunately, he could not read or write very well. A teacher encouraged him to get a tutor. "Just **think**," she said, "in a couple of years, you could have **your** own company." Berto got a tutor and studied **very** hard. Now he can handle his company's paperwork himself.

Practice the conversation. Then listen and repeat.



A: I don't know if I can keep this up. B: What's the matter?

A: Well, I want to finish my accounting classes and get my degree, but it's so hard.

B: Stick with it. It'll get easier. You'll feel so good when you are finished.

Practice the conversation with a partner. Use these items.

save enough money to buy a house	pass my GED	pass my interview for citizenship	get into college
a little time	I know it's been hard.	I know it hasn't been a piece of cake.	Hang in there.