

A Life Without Limits

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Nick's Will to Live His Life

1. After his mom showed him a newspaper article about how a man ³ _____ and became successful, he learned to accept ⁴ _____ limbs.
2. He was also constantly encouraged by ⁵ _____, who gave him strength.
3. A strong ⁶ _____ helped him to stay positive, too. He learned to swim, comb his hair, and carry out many other everyday tasks.

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The Inspiration for Nick's Purpose in Life

Though he could take care of himself well, he often wondered about the ⁷ _____ of life. A school janitor suggested he share his story with others. His story was so ⁸ _____ that many students were moved to tears. It ⁹ _____ that he could help change people by giving them ¹⁰ _____. That's why he became a motivational speaker.

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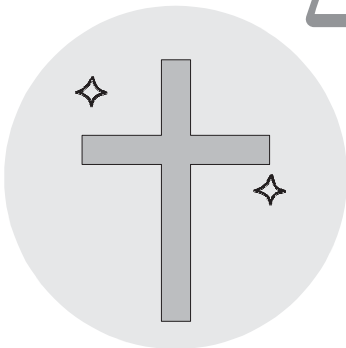
Nick's Achievements

- This energetic speaker's achievements are beyond count.
1. He plays many roles now, including ¹¹ _____ ¹² _____ and ¹³ _____.
 2. He realized his dream of ¹⁴ _____ and starting his own family, which he had not dared to have before.
 3. Running two organizations that help encourage people with and without limbs, he has proved that even a person without limbs can ¹⁵ _____ and live without limits.

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Introduction to Nick

1. Nick Vujicic was born in 1982 in ¹ _____, Australia.
2. Because of a ² _____, he was forced to lead a life without the ability to walk, take care of all his daily needs, or even hug someone he loves. He was laughed at and people called him names, and he sometimes wanted to end his life.



Nick Vujicic

Lesson 8 A Life Without Limits

第一段

Imagine going through life without the ability to walk, take care of your daily needs, or even hug someone you love. Nick Vujicic was born in 1982 in Melbourne, Australia. Because of a **rare** genetic disorder, he had no arms or legs, which made him the target of bullying at school. “People were looking at me, laughing at me, calling me names. And **obviously** I couldn’t do a lot of the things that everyone else was doing,” he once **recalled** in a speech. He felt sorry for himself and even thought about ending his life.

第二段

A key turning point in Nick’s life came when his mother showed him a newspaper article about how a man **overcame** his physical **disability** and became successful. After he found he wasn’t alone in his **struggle**, Nick learned to accept his lack of **limbs**. His parents’ constant **encouragement** and advice were another source of strength. To them, Nick was “perfectly **imperfect**.” “ You may lack limbs, but don’t let that define what you can or can’t do,” said Nick’s father. With his strong **religious** faith, Nick became **determined** to live his life with a positive **attitude**. He learned to swim, comb his hair, brush his teeth, and answer the phone, among many other everyday tasks.

第三段

However, deep in his heart, Nick often **wondered** about the purpose of life. There was a janitor in his high school, Mr. Arnold, who suggested that he tell his life story to others. He finally **persuaded** Nick to share his story in a small discussion group. Nick was nervous and he talked for ten minutes about what it was like to grow up without arms and legs. At the end, everyone was moved to tears. It just blew his mind that his stories could **inspire** change in others by giving them hope to handle life’s difficulties. From then on, Nick’s life purpose began to become clear. He decided to be a **motivational** speaker to inspire lost souls around the world.

第四段

Today this **energetic** young speaker has **achieved** more than most people do in a lifetime. So far, he has traveled to more than sixty countries to deliver his message of hope. He is an author, musician, and actor, and his hobbies include fishing, painting and skydiving. He has even **realized** a dream he once didn’t **dare** to have. He has found his true love and started his own family, with four lovely children. Now, Nick runs a non-profit ministry, Life Without Limbs as well as an **organization** called Attitude is Altitude, which **arranges** his motivational speeches and campaigns against bullying. With his **passion** and love of people, Nick Vujicic has proved that even without limbs, a person can still stand tall and live without limits.

Q&A

Paragraph 1

1. Why did Nick have no arms or legs? ★

2. In what ways was Nick bullied? ★★

3. Why did he feel sorry for himself and think about ending his life? ★★★

Paragraph 2

4. When did the turning point in Nick’s life come? ★

5. What did he learn to do after realizing that he was not alone? ★★

6. What did Nick’s father tell him to encourage him? ★★

Paragraph 3

7. How did Nick find out what to do with his life? ★★

8. What did Nick talk about in his speech to a small group? ★★

9. What did Nick discover after moving his audience to tears with his speech? ★★★

Paragraph 4

10. What are some of the roles that he plays now? ★

11. What is the dream that he once did not dare to have but finally realized? ★★

12. What has Nick proved? ★★