



TEXT

I am Jack Ma, I was born on 10<sup>th</sup> September 1964 in Hangzhou, China in a poor family. As a teenager, I used to guide tourist for free just to improve my English.

I knew that the only way I could get rid of poverty, was through education. I started applying for different colleges , but got rejected from each of them .Even after applying for 30 different jobs ,all I ever faced ,was plain rejection in three simple words «You are not good ».When I applied a job at KFC ,I was the only who get turned down out of 24 people .

In 1995, when internet was blooming ,I was shocked when no result appeared from China, when I searched « Soda ».And that's when I came up with an idea of an online marketplace named ALIBABA .Unfortunately, I couldn't make it profitable and it was about to go bankrupt. So I asked 17 of my friends to invest in my vision because I learnt to be self confident and still believed in my idea, and soon « ALIBABA » became the largest e-commerce store in the world.

Today ,I am the richest man in China and I have a net worth of \$33 billion .My story could teach you that it is never too late to believe in yourself and to never give up or lose hope , all you need to be perseverant and to achieve your dreams.



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**PART ONE:** (14 points)

**Section one: Reading comprehension:** (7 points)

**Activity One:** Read the text and write true or false. Correct the wrong statement. (3 points)

- a- Jack Ma was born in a wealthy family.
- b- ALIBABA is the largest e-commerce mall in the world.
- c- Jack Ma's story could teach you to never give up your dream.

**Activity Two:** Read the text again and answer the following questions. (2 points)

- a- Why did Jack Ma worked as a tourist guide?
- b- Did he get the job at KFC?

**Activity Three:** Find in the text words that are closest in meaning to the following. (1 point)

biggest = ..... occupation = .....

Find in the text words that are opposite in meaning to the following. (1 point)

disappeared ≠ ..... rich ≠ .....



**Section two: Mastery of language: (7points)**

**Activity One: Spot the mistakes and correct them. (2 points)**

jack Ma is the most wealthy men in China !

**Activity Two: Complete the following sentence with the right linking words « whereas, so, like, unlike ». (3 points)**

- 1- ..... many people, my dream is to become a famous businessman.
- 2- ..... many wealthy children who live in villas, Jack Ma lives in a poor family.
- 3- ALIBABA is the largest e-commerce store in the world ..... Warner Bros is one of the largest films and television production.

**Activity Three: classify the words according to their pronunciation. (2 points)**

way - primary - became - try

/ai/	/ei/

**PART TWO: WRITTEN EXPRESSION. (6 points)**

Your teacher of English asks to write a composition in about 8 to 12 lines to your classmates about your school memories at primary school using the following notes;  
Name of the school/best friends/favorite subjects/ideal teacher and what did you learn from him or her.

