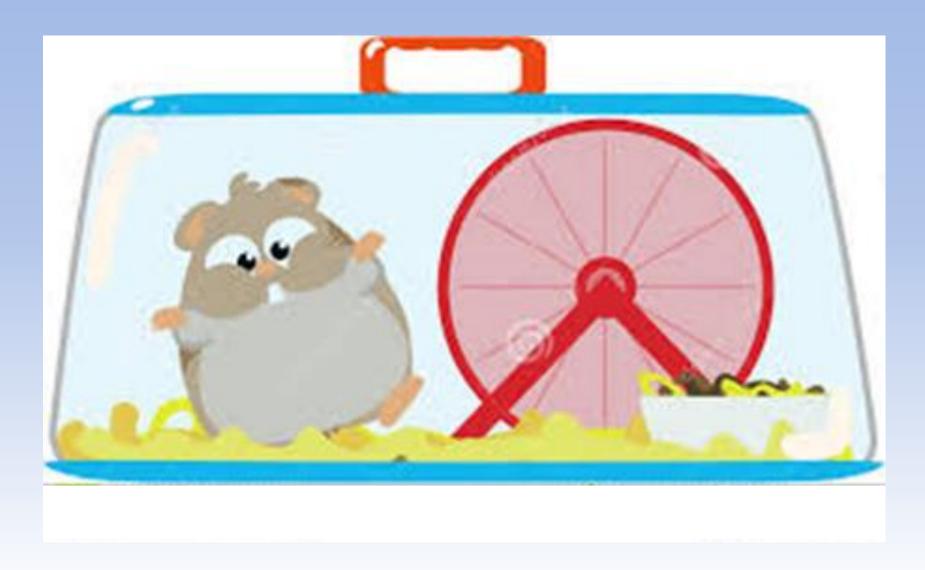
Gerald the Gerbil



Hi, my name is Gerald and I'm here to talk to you about being resilient!





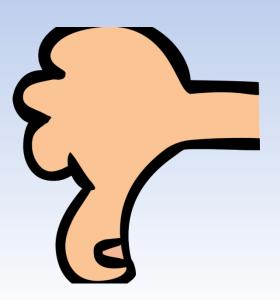
I'm no good at this!

I give up!

This is too hard!

I cant do this!

I'm rubbish at this!



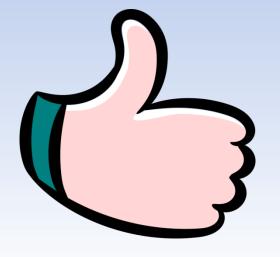
How can we make these negative phrases sound better?



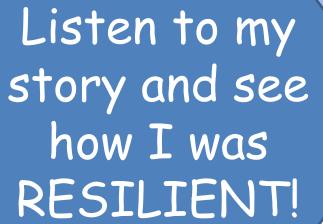
Have another go!

Stick at it!

Keep on trying!



Don't get distracted!





Resilient Rhian and her gerbil, Gerald.



Gerald's Story

It was a sunny morning in Risca. Rhian and her gerbil Gerald were setting off to climb Machen Mountain with a few of their friends.

"I made us some cucumber sandwiches," said Gerald from the safety of Rhian's pocket. "I'm getting the munchies already!"

Twenty minutes later, Rhian and her friends were already out of puff. Their feet hurt and they were fed up. "It's just too hard," they groaned and they turned to head home. But just then, Gerald tutted, "Come on, gang. We can do it. Think how brilliant it will be at the top."

The children thought about this for a minute. They REALLY wanted to get to the top of the mountain and although it was hard work now, it would be worth it in the end.

Taking a deep breath and a nibble of his sandwich, Gerald scampered down Rhian's arm, onto the grass and he led the way up the mountain. The others followed.

"You've got to try, try, keep on trying" Gerald sang cheerfully. It was the song they had learned in school assembly, and everyone giggled happily.

An hour later, red in the face and a little bit sweaty, the friends reached the top of the mountain. As they flopped down on the grass, Rhian gave a whoop of delight. She felt very proud of herself and her friends.

Gerald rested his paws and looked at the amazing view. "Well done everyone." he cheered. "It would have been easy for you to give up but you kept going. Brilliant!"

Every time you think that you cant do something or that something is too hard always remember . . .

You've got to try, try, keep on trying!



