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Describe someone you would like to study or work with

You should say:

- Who this person is
- How long you have known this person
- What you have done together
- And explain why you would like to study or work with this person

Well, I'm a guy with a lot of experience **when it comes to** studying. Not that I'm a **freeloader** who just **pores over tomes** and does nothing to provide for his family. I mean, since I'm **the bread winner** of the family, I'm expected to put food on the table. Anyhow, I got a whole different level of **knack** for studying, and not everyone **stacks up** to me in this matter. I remember when I had to get ready for the IELTS exam, there was this **dude** that I knew for almost 2 months and he suggested that we study together. **Initially** I was gonna **turn him down**, as, you know, I'm a **beast** when it comes to studying and I knew that the **upshot** would be him getting **messed up** in the head competing with me. But, since he was so **persistent**, I **caved in** eventually. Actually, things didn't go as I expected, and I remember, whenever we set a deadline for finishing a book, he would beat me to it, without miss. What can I say, he was my **nemesis**, but in a good way. Studying with him was actually a **springboard** to discover my own true **potentials** and I **revere** his **diligence**. It takes **moxie** to accept a challenge with a guy who you know has a better **track record** than you and **beat** them in their own. Frankly speaking, by doing so he taught me a lot of things, **least of** which was to study harder.

Language focus

When it comes to

when the specified matter is under consideration.

"it pays to be proactive when it comes to your health"

A freeloader

a person who takes advantage of others' generosity without giving anything in return.

Pore over

to read or study (something) very carefully He pored **over** the map for hours.

Tome

a book, especially a large, heavy, scholarly one.

"a weighty tome"

Breadwinner

a person who earns money to support their family, typically the sole one.

"when Roland's grant ran out, Val became the breadwinner"

Knack

an acquired or natural skill at doing something.

"he had a **knack for** communicating"

Stack up

measure up; compare.

"our rural schools stack up well against their urban counterparts"

Dude

a man; a guy (often as a form of address).

"hey dude, what's up?"

Initially

at first

"Initially, he thought the new concept was nonsense"

Turn someone down

reject an offer or application made by someone.

"the RAF turned him down on medical grounds"

A beast

a person that is extremely talented at whatever they do

upshot

the final or eventual outcome or conclusion of a discussion, action, or series of events.

"the upshot of the meeting was that he was on the next plane to New York"

Messed up

Confused

Persistent

continuing firmly or obstinately in an opinion or course of action in spite of difficulty or opposition.

"one of the government's most persistent critics"

Cave in

capitulate or submit under pressure.

"the manager **caved in to** his demands"

Nemesis

a long-standing rival; an arch-enemy.

"will Harry Potter finally defeat his nemesis, Voldemort?"

Springboard

Something that provides you either with the opportunity to follow a particular plan of action, or the encouragement that is needed to make it successful

Potential

having or showing the capacity to develop into something in the future.

"A campaign to woo potential customers"

Revere

Feel deep respect or admiration for (something).

"Cézanne's still lifes were revered by his contemporaries"

Diligence

Careful and persistent work or effort.

"Few party members challenge his diligence as an MP"

Moxie

Force of character, determination, or nerve.

"When you've got the moxie, you need the clothes to match"

Track record

The best recorded performance in a particular athletics event at a particular track.

The past achievements or performance of a person, organization, or product.

"He has an excellent track record as an author"

Beat

Defeat (someone) in a game or other competitive situation.

"She beat him easily at chess"

Least of

Something of the lowest importance, strength, value, etc.

That is the least of my worries/problems.