

Main Reading

私たちの周りでは、失敗だと思われたことが実は成功への第一歩であったということがときにあります。これから読む英文は、まさにそのような事例、つまり「災い転じて福となす」ということわざが当てはまりそうなエピソードです。

次の英文を読んで、設問に答えよ。

(1) A lot of people have dreamed of inventing something that will make them rich quickly. Some people have realized their dream.

Sometimes (2) [someone / an idea / gives / an accident]. Clarence A. Crane made chocolates. There was no way to keep them cool during the summer, so
5 Crane had to shut down his business for three months every year. In 1911, he decided to make hard candies during the summer. The candies could be stamped out by a pill company. But something went wrong (3) the machinery. It did not stamp out nice little round candies. It stamped holes in the middle of them.

10 (4) The candies with the holes looked like the floating ring which was used on boats to save drowning people, so he named them (5). People liked “the candy with a hole.” Since 1912, over 29 billion rolls of them have been sold.