Nadia's Study Plan (B1 · English B1)

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Nadia had always liked school, but her final year felt different. Every teacher talked about exams, and the classroom walls were full of timetables. She wanted to graduate from her college in July with a good result. Her mother often said that a strong academic record opens many doors. Nadia was not sure about that, but she still worked hard every evening.

One morning, the principal of the college invited the final-year students to the hall. He was a calm man with grey hair and a quiet voice. He told them that the school's main job was to educate young people, not to frighten them. Then he asked each student to write a short summary of their study plan. Nadia wrote hers on one page during the lunch break. She explained when she would study, and where, and with whom.

Her history teacher, Mr Owen, read it and smiled. He asked her to summarize the plan again in front of the class, in only three sentences. Nadia felt nervous, but she did it successfully enough. Afterwards, Mr Owen suggested one change. He said her plan was too general and needed to name the topics specifically. So Nadia went home and wrote a new version with dates, chapters and page numbers. She decided to revise one subject every evening, and to rest completely on Sundays.

The new plan worked much better than the old one. Her grade in history rose from a C to an A within two months. Her friend Leo made a prediction that she would finish top of the year, and he was almost right. Nadia came second, which she thought was wonderful. At the end of term she chose to specialize in modern history at university, because that period interested her most. She also joined an educational trip to Berlin with twenty other students. Standing in front of the old buildings, she finally understood why she had studied so hard. Her father, who had left school at sixteen, said he had never met such a well educated young woman. Nadia laughed and told him that she was only just beginning.

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