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Don't Give Up!

An activity of "Willpower to go to school"

Read "Willpower to go to school" (page 11, *What's Up* August 2021), and find out how an Afghan girl, Rubaba, does everything she can to go to school. Closer to home, Xing En, a Singaporean girl with blindness bravely pursues her dreams. Let's take a closer look at these two incredible individuals.

- To learn more about Xing En's life, watch this video:
"Blind undergraduate lets nothing stop her" ➤ <https://youtu.be/RP6c2SiHix4>
by Eunice Olson (WomenTalk TV, 2017)
- Based on the *What's Up* story and WTTV video clip, name two challenges that Rubaba and Xing En faced:

Rubaba	Xing En
<i>e.g. As a girl, she can't go to school as she has to stay home to help with farming.</i>	<i>e.g. Xing En is blind and needs help or her white cane to move around.</i>

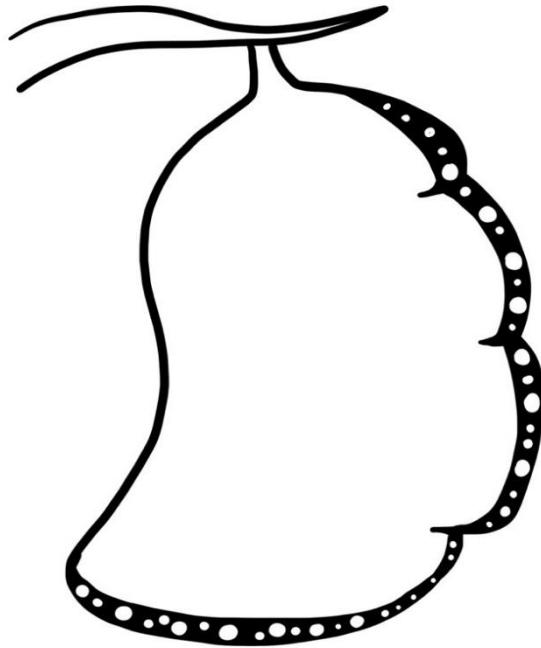
- Respond to these prompts.

a) In what ways do you find Rubaba and Xing En inspiring?

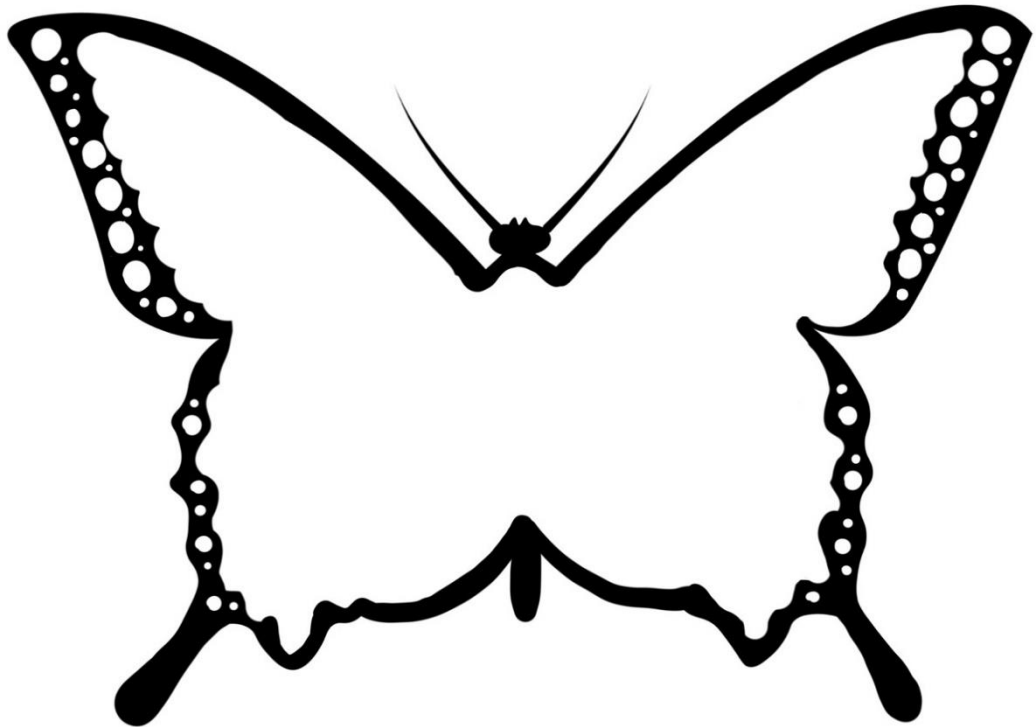
b) What qualities help people to overcome their difficulties? You may refer to specific examples from the article and/or video clip.

4. In the cocoon below, write or draw about a difficulty that you are facing in your life. In the butterfly below it, write a note to cheer yourself on. Rubaba and Xing En did not give up. Neither should we!

My Difficulty



A Note to Myself



“Perhaps the butterfly is proof that you can go through a great deal of darkness yet become something beautiful.” - unknown