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## Almost Gave Up, But Didn't!

*An activity of "This overseas Singaporean gets his thrills on snowy hills".*

Read "This overseas Singaporean gets his thrills on snowy hills (page 26, *What's Up* April 2026). The article is about Faiz Basha, a Singaporean skier who kept chasing his dream despite many challenges.

1. In pairs, fill in the following table to describe the setbacks Faiz Basha faced and how he persevered despite them.

|   | Setbacks Faiz Basha faced | How he persevered |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------|
| a |                           |                   |
| b |                           |                   |
| c |                           |                   |

2. Faiz took part in a risky, difficult sport. What fears do you think he may have felt?

3. What lesson can we learn from Faiz's journey?

4. After reading the article, what would you tell someone when life gets difficult?

5. Was there a time you almost gave up, but did not? For example, when learning a skill, finishing something difficult, trying something new, dealing with a failure, etc. Fill in the graphic organiser below to describe your experience in point form..

**A Personal Recount**

A PERSONAL RECOUNT USUALLY HAS 3 MAIN PARTS

**ORIENTATION**

| WHAT HAPPENED? | WHERE/WHEN? | WHO'S INVOLVED |
|----------------|-------------|----------------|
|                |             |                |

**EVENTS**

| WHAT WAS THE CHALLENGE / PROBLEM? | HOW YOU FELT |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| WHAT YOU DID TO KEEP GOING        |              |

**REFLECTIONS**

| WHAT YOU LEARNED                  | HOW YOU CHANGED |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| WHY THE EXPERIENCE WAS MEANINGFUL |                 |

6. Write it out in a short personal recount.

**A Personal Recount**

**A TIME I ALMOST GAVE UP BUT DID NOT**

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7. Exchange your personal recount with your partner. Then, fill in this Peer Review sheet as feedback for your partner.

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| <b>My Response to Your Writing</b>                                 |
| My favourite part of your recount is _____<br>_____                |
| because _____<br>_____   |
| I liked how you described _____<br>_____                           |
| because _____  |
| I liked how you showed your feelings when _____<br>_____           |
| This made your writing feel _____                                  |
| One part that felt very real or honest was _____<br>_____          |
| because _____<br>_____   |
| One thing that can be improved is _____<br>_____                   |
| The lesson or message I learnt from your recount is _____<br>_____ |
| Overall, I enjoyed your personal recount because _____<br>_____    |

8. Read your partner's review of your writing. Guided by the feedback, finalise your personal recount.