

Wayne Gretzky

Quotes

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The day I stop giving is the day I stop receiving. The day I stop learning is the day I stop growing. You miss 100% of the shots you don't take.

~Wayne Gretzky

I skate to where the puck is going to be, not where it has been.

~Wayne Gretzky

Only one thing is ever guaranteed, that is that you will definitely not achieve the goal if you don't take the shot.

~Wayne Gretzky

Hockey is a unique sport in the sense that you need each and every guy helping each other and pulling in the same direction to be successful.

~Wayne Gretzky

You'll never catch me bragging about goals, but I'll talk all you want about my assists.

~Wayne Gretzky

The highest compliment that you can pay me is to say that I work hard every day, that I never dog it.

~Wayne Gretzky

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~Wayne Gretzky

No matter who you are, we're creatures of habit. The better your habits are, the better they will be in pressure situations.

~Wayne Gretzky

Procrastination is one of the most common and deadliest of diseases and its toll on success and happiness is heavy.

~Wayne Gretzky

Maybe it wasn't the talent the Lord gave me-maybe it was the passion.

~Wayne Gretzky

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~Wayne Gretzky

I couldn't beat people with my strength; I don't have a hard shot; I'm not the quickest skater in the league. My eyes and my mind have to do most of the work.

~Wayne Gretzky

The Power of WHO provides great lessons about how to succeed in business and in life. If you surround yourself with quality people and great friends, the sky's the limit.

~Wayne Gretzky

You know, I've held women and babies and jewels and money, but nothing will ever feel as good as holding that Cup.

~Wayne Gretzky

It's easier to lose than to win.

~Wayne Gretzky

One hundred percent of shots not taken don't go in.

~Wayne Gretzky

It doesn't matter what I think. It doesn't matter what other people think. You have to get on the ice and participate and play and the best team wins.

~Wayne Gretzky

Sometimes people ask, 'Are hockey fights real?' I say, 'If they weren't, I'd get in more of them.'

~Wayne Gretzky

The biggest difference between L.A. and Edmonton was that instead of people looking at me I was looking at them.

~Wayne Gretzky

You miss every shot you don't take.

~Wayne Gretzky

When I was 5 and playing against 11-year-olds, who were bigger, stronger, faster, I just had to figure out a way to play with them.

~Wayne Gretzky

Everything I did in hockey, I worked for.

~Wayne Gretzky

I don't think any one person will ever be bigger than the game.

~Wayne Gretzky

I'm probably the only guy in hockey who can win a scoring title and everybody is saying I had a bad year. I don't worry about it.

~Wayne Gretzky

The only shot I ALWAYS miss, is the one I don't take!

~Wayne Gretzky

It's kind of ironic when I broke in at 17, I was told I was too small, too slow and I wouldn't make the NHL

~Wayne Gretzky

When you're playing an exhibition, you're kind of letting everyone get an opportunity.

~Wayne Gretzky

Not doing it is certainly the best way to not getting it

~Wayne Gretzky

I think a lot of parents live their lives through the kids. Because they didn't make it [achieve something], they want their kids to make it. It puts a lot of undue pressure on the kids.

~Wayne Gretzky

One of the key qualities that you need to be a great hockey player is fantastic anticipation and feel for the game - if you know where the puck is going before it is hit, that is half the battle.

~Wayne Gretzky

I think the Americans are ready to play, they want to beat us. I think that players like Chris Chelios and his leadership over there goes a long way.

~Wayne Gretzky

A lot of times, I can turn and pass without even looking.

~Wayne Gretzky

It really doesn't matter or concern me what people are saying or who thinks who is the favorite. The bottom line is you have to play.

~Wayne Gretzky

I can remember hockey. It was my life, my passion. It's what I love the most.

~Wayne Gretzky

The greatest thing about playing obviously is winning, and you can't

replace that experience with anything.

~Wayne Gretzky

Gordie Howe and Bobby Hull and Jean BÉliveau probably looked at us in the '80s and said, "These guys are soft. We used to take the train."

~Wayne Gretzky

Hockey is my life. I love every minute of it.

~Wayne Gretzky

People in general want to build somebody up and then try to knock them down. They always root for the underdog.

~Wayne Gretzky

Nothing can replace the Olympics. I love the Olympics. I was so proud when I played in '98 and I was so proud when we won in 2002.

~Wayne Gretzky

By no means could I play at the level of these kids who play in the NHL now but as 50-year-olds go, I feel really good and I feel blessed that I'm still healthy.

~Wayne Gretzky

That's the hardest part of this whole process. The best part is picking the players and the worst part is telling basically five players they are not going to play tonight.

~Wayne Gretzky

It's just amazing how many companies suddenly want you to hold up their products after you've held up the Stanley Cup.

~Wayne Gretzky

I grew up such a fan. It was my life. Everything I did was hockey related

and everything I have is because of hockey and the NHL.

~Wayne Gretzky

The only way a kid is going to practise is if it's total fun for him... and it was for me.

~Wayne Gretzky

There's no perfect coach in the world. Coaches are human, too. Mistakes are made. But, fundamentally, if you're sound, you eliminate as many mistakes as possible.

~Wayne Gretzky

I wasn't naturally gifted in terms of size and speed; everything I did in hockey I worked for, and that's the way I'll be as a coach.

~Wayne Gretzky

Most players go where the puck is. I go where the puck will be.

~Wayne Gretzky

Most people marry their mother. I married my father.

~Wayne Gretzky

In one sense we are a favorite because we won a gold medal in 2002.

~Wayne Gretzky

Skating alone is an art. Doing it on a substance? I don't know. That's got to be tough.

~Wayne Gretzky

He brings something special. I don't know what it is, but if you ask him, you couldn't understand his answer.

~Wayne Gretzky

It's an honour and a thrill and a privilege just to play in the NHL.

~Wayne Gretzky

The game is played out of instinct, but everyone on the ice has habits - good and bad. So the key to the game is to exploit the bad habits of your opponent.

~Wayne Gretzky

Listen, everything I have in my life is because of the NHL and because of hockey, and I love the game and I loved every minute of being a player, I loved coaching, I loved being involved in the NHL.

~Wayne Gretzky

I think the greatest thing about playing obviously is winning, and you can't replace that experience with anything.

~Wayne Gretzky

Competitive spirit is still at a premium. The more you win, the better you play, the more money you make, so they all have that in mind.

~Wayne Gretzky

I love everything about hockey.

~Wayne Gretzky

I can't remember the last time I went to a game and there was a fight. I think they fight more in baseball now than they do in hockey.

~Wayne Gretzky

At the end of the day everybody lost. We almost crippled our industry. It was very disappointing what happened.

~Wayne Gretzky

We're in a tough situation because of teenage children, and then we have a 2-year-old and a 5-year-old, so my family and my responsibilities is sort of a juggle.

~Wayne Gretzky

I miss all the shots I don't take.

~Wayne Gretzky

Growing up, I was always the small guy.

~Wayne Gretzky

You miss the ball you do not hit 100%

~Wayne Gretzky

Hullie's a lot like a garbage can. You step on the pedal with your foot and the top opens up.

~Wayne Gretzky

We feel fortunate [with Canada hockey team]. We have got a lot of guys who love to play, but they also love to win even more. We are pretty happy. Although we are young, we like our group of players.

~Wayne Gretzky

When emotions are high, things are said, things are done. Ultimately, these players want to play. I know too many of them love the game too much.

~Wayne Gretzky

Good players skate to the puck. Great players skate to where the puck is going to be.

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If I had to pick three players to start a franchise, I'd choose Hasek, Peter Forsberg and Eric Lindros.

~Wayne Gretzky

We played in an era where you were taught to hate your opponent. But life changes. I raise my kids differently than my mom and dad raised their kids.

~Wayne Gretzky

I heard people say, 'Why would he want to do this?' My answer is 'Why not?' It is what I love. It's what I know.

~Wayne Gretzky

Your friends, family, and kids have to understand that's your priority. It's the only way you can be successful.

~Wayne Gretzky

My kids are no different than anyone else's - they tend to disagree with everything I say!

~Wayne Gretzky

Eight days ago, we were the toast of the town. Eight days later we're Thanksgiving turkeys.

~Wayne Gretzky

And people who know me would tell you that away from hockey I'm really not that competitive.

~Wayne Gretzky

I'm very proud of our NHL players. I think they all handle themselves extremely well and they all work really hard.

~Wayne Gretzky

I just like to keep my money in the bank; I'm not a big risk-taker. I don't know anything about the stock market... I stay away from things I don't know anything about.

~Wayne Gretzky

Kids don't fight in minor hockey anymore. There's very few fights in junior and college hockey. So growing up, all these guys are not fighting.

~Wayne Gretzky

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