

## UNIT 13: OVERCOMING THE ODDS (READING)

**Read aloud the text.**

**Successful People with Disabilities**

**Stevie Wonder**  
Stevie Wonder is one of the greatest singers in the world. He is an American musician, singer and songwriter who is blind. Stevie has been performing since the age of 11. He has recorded more than 30 top ten hits such as 'I Just Called to Say I Love You'.

**Helen Keller**  
Helen Keller is an American author and lecturer. She was the first deaf and blind person to earn a college degree. Although Helen was blind and deaf, she wrote a total of 12 books including her own autobiography. She has received many awards for her achievements.

**Stephen Hawking**  
Professor Stephen Hawking is British and one of the greatest scientists. He is a world renowned lecturer and author. He suffers from motor neuron disease and can only speak at a rate of 15 words per minute. Despite his disability, he has authored numerous books and scientific papers.

**Mark Inglis**  
Mark Inglis is a professional mountaineer from New Zealand. He, a man with two artificial legs, climbed Mount Everest successfully in 47 days. He lost his legs during one of his climbs. He is also a motivational speaker, cyclist, researcher, paralympic medalist, and an author.






Complete the table with correct information.

| Name        | Nationality | Disability     | Profession | Achievement                        |
|-------------|-------------|----------------|------------|------------------------------------|
| Mark Inglis |             |                |            |                                    |
|             |             | blind and deaf |            |                                    |
|             |             |                | scientist  |                                    |
|             | American    |                |            | recorded more than 30 top ten hits |

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|-----------------|-------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Stephen Hawking | blind       | singer                      | authored numerous books and scientific papers | professional mountaineer                             |
| Stevie Wonder   | no legs     | author and lecturer         |                                               |                                                      |
| British         | American    | suffer motor neuron disease | climbed Mount Everest in 47 days              | first deaf and blind person to earn a college degree |
| Hellen Keller   | New Zealand |                             |                                               |                                                      |