

20 Heroes and villains

A Personal heroes

My **heroine** is my aunt Georgia, who worked with homeless teenagers. She was deeply **spiritual**, and I admire her **courage** and **dignity**. More than anyone, she has **inspired** me to **dedicate** my life to looking after people.

I really **looked up to** my grandfather. He was a lifeboat **captain** for 20 years, and showed remarkable **bravery** on many occasions – at times he was truly **heroic**.

GLOSSARY

heroine	a woman who you admire for doing sth brave or good. A man is a hero . heroic <i>adj</i> showing extreme courage heroism <i>n</i>
spiritual	connected with your spirit, rather than the physical world
courage	the ability to do sth, even though it is dangerous, frightening or very difficult SYN bravery ; courageous , brave <i>adj</i>
dignity	the ability to behave in a calm and serious manner in a difficult situation dignified <i>adj</i>
inspire	give sb the enthusiasm and desire to do sth inspiration <i>n</i> ; inspirational <i>adj</i>
dedicate yourself/sth to (doing) sth	give a lot of time and effort to a particular activity or purpose because you think it is important
look up to sb	admire and respect sb, often sb older or in a higher position
captain	the person in charge of a ship or plane

- 1 Is the pronunciation of the underlined letters the same or different? Write S or D.
Use the **APP** to help you.

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| 1 hero <u>h</u> eroism | 5 captain <u>ai</u> n spiritual |
| 2 cour <u>a</u> ge cour <u>ag</u> eous | 6 <u>di</u> gnity cour <u>a</u> ge |
| 3 <u>i</u> ns <u>pi</u> re <u>i</u> ns <u>pi</u> ration | 7 <u>di</u> gn <u>i</u> fied br <u>a</u> very |
| 4 <u>i</u> ns <u>pi</u> ration <u>d</u> edic <u>a</u> te | 8 <u>h</u> er <u>oi</u> ne <u>h</u> er <u>oi</u> c |

- 2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the word in capitals.

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|-----------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| 1 He was so _____. | COURAGE | 5 I admired her _____. | DIGNIFIED |
| 2 She's a personal _____ of mine. | HERO | 6 His behaviour was _____. | HERO |
| 3 She showed great _____. | BRAVE | 7 She was an _____ leader. | INSPIRE |
| 4 He _____ me in my work. | INSPIRATION | 8 He is a very _____ person. | SPIRIT |

- 3 Complete the texts.

- The person who has always been my _____ is my mother. She looked after us all throughout the war. I was born during the war, and when the government tried to take us children away to another part of the country, she was very _____ and fought to keep us with her.
- I always _____ up to my uncle. He was a _____ in the navy and he _____ me to join the navy myself when I grew up. On several occasions he rescued migrants who were lost at sea. To me he was a _____.
- Rosa Parks is a personal _____ of mine. She refused to give up her seat on the bus in Alabama, a protest which eventually led to the end of 'white only' buses. She acted with great _____. She said of herself, 'I was a person with _____ and self-respect, and I should not set my sights* lower than anybody else just because I was black'.

* = decide that you want sth and try very hard to get it

- 4 **ABOUT YOU** Write your answers, or ask another student.

Do you have a personal hero or heroine? Who?

Who do you look up to? Why?

Do you know anyone who you would describe as courageous? Who?



B Personal villains

Pop stars often start off as **rebels** with strong moral **principles**. But when they achieve **fame** and become rich, their **values** can change completely. I **loathe** that.

A few boys **bullied** me at school, and since then I've always **despised** bullies.

I can't bear all the rich, **greedy** people who seem to run the country. They are responsible for such **misery**.

I don't **approve** of drivers who **lose** their **temper** with other road users.

SPOTLIGHT *principles and values*

Principles are strong beliefs that influence how you behave. **Values** (pl) are beliefs about what is right, wrong and important in life.

The words are very similar in meaning but are used in different expressions.

- Eating meat is **against my principles**.
- I won't go there **on principle**.
- She has a different **set of values**.

GLOSSARY

villain	a person who is morally bad or responsible for causing trouble or harm	bully	use your power to hurt or frighten a weaker person, or make them do sth. The person who does the bullying is a bully .
rebel	sb who opposes people in authority rebel v ; rebellious adj	despise	hate and have no respect for sb/sth despicable adj (usually in negatives and questions) If you can't bear sth, you cannot accept or deal with sth because it is unpleasant. SYN can't stand
fame	the state of being famous	can't bear	
loathe	dislike sb/sth very much SYN detest	greedy	wanting more food, power, etc. than you need greed n
approve (of sb/sth)	have a positive feeling towards sth/sb OPP disapprove (of sb/sth); approval n OPP disapproval	misery	great suffering of the mind or body SYN distress
lose your temper	become very angry		

5 Circle the words which are verbs.

rebel approve detest fame principles despise lose your temper disapprove loathe greed bully

6 Complete the sentences.

- The opposite of **approval** is
- Detest** means the same as
- The related adjective for **despise** is
- The related adjective for **rebel** is
- Distress** is another word for
- The related adjective for **greed** is
- Can't stand** means the same as
- Approve** is followed by the preposition
- The noun related to **famous** is
- Values** and have a similar meaning.

7 Complete the questions with words from the box in the correct form.

against	disapprove	rebellious	temper	villain	bear
greedy	rebel	values	bully	principle	despise

- Do brothers sometimes their sisters, or can the opposite be true?
- Is there anything you won't eat on?
- Do you often lose your?
- Are there any types of car drivers that you can't?
- As a teenager, were you a? If so, what were you about?
- Is it your principles to borrow money from friends?
- Do you of any of your friends' partners? Why?
- In your country, do young people and older people have different sets of?
- Do you think rich people are and just want more and more?
- Is there anyone you and would consider a?

8 ABOUT YOU Write your answers to the questions in Exercise 7, or ask another student.



TEST YOURSELF