

## 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

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			