

WRITING: Writing a description of a person

A WOMAN I ADMIRE

A Florence Nightingale was born in 1820 in Florence, Italy, but her family was British. After a year, they moved back to England. Later, Florence became a nurse and helped a lot of people. She was an attractive, slim woman with long brown hair and a lovely smile.

B Florence's parents wanted her to get married, but she decided to travel and to learn about the science of nursing. She was a nurse in hospitals in Turkey during the Crimean war against Russia. These hospitals were dangerous and very dirty, and it was extremely difficult working there. Florence tried very hard to make the hospitals cleaner and safer places.

C I admire Florence Nightingale because she was strong and one of the bravest women at that time. Women usually stayed at home then, but Florence did what she thought was right. Her story inspired me, and I want to be a nurse, too.



1 Read the text about Florence Nightingale. Which paragraphs give the information below? Write A, B, or C.

- 1 why the writer admires her _____
- 2 facts about her life _____
- 3 where she was from _____
- 4 what she believed _____
- 5 what her job was _____
- 6 what she looked like _____

3 Write a description of someone you admire. Include the information below:

Paragraph 1: Where is he/she from? What does he/she do? What does he/she look like?

Paragraph 2: What are the important events and achievements in his/her life?

Paragraph 3: Why do you admire this person?

2 Complete the sentences about Florence Nightingale. Use a verb from the box in the simple past.

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- 1 Florence Nightingale _____ Italian, but she _____ born in Italy.
- 2 She _____ to get married. She _____ a nurse, instead.
- 3 She _____ to learn about nursing, so she _____ to Turkey.
- 4 She _____ in hospitals in Turkey and tried to make them safer.
- 5 She _____ a lot of soldiers and _____ what she thought was right.
- 6 She _____ a brave and attractive woman, and _____ a real difference to people's lives.