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Reading and Vocabulary

Teenage role models

Mikaila and Mateusz: our role models



Mikaila Ulmer, from the USA, is my role model because she's helping to save bees.



Mateusz Mach, from Poland, is my role model. He's a young entrepreneur whose best app helps deaf people.

Last month we asked our readers who their role models are. Here are our favourite replies.

Who is your role model? Why?

Describe this person's career so far.

When two bees stung four-year-old Mikaila in one week, she decided to learn about them. She found out that bees help the environment, but they are in danger, so she sold home-made lemonade to make money for bee charities. It started as a small part-time job, but her business grew after she met a famous entrepreneur on a TV show. Now her company Me and the Bees is doing brilliantly. Mikaila is her own boss and she's still a teenager.

When Mateusz was at high school, he was interested in rappers' hand signs. This gave him the idea for his app. At first, Mateusz and his friends made funny new hand signs with the app. Then deaf people found that Mateusz's app was useful because it was like sign language. Mateusz worked hard to make his app better. Now the Five app is a popular way to send messages in sign language.

Will your career be similar?

Francesco, 13, Italy

I'd also like to work with food and drink. My mum's a chef, so she got me a temporary job as a waiter. I work well in a team, so I might be a manager for a food company one day, but I don't think I will have my own business.

Alexandra, 14, Russia

I'll probably study computer programming. I'd like to get a college diploma or a university degree. I'll be excited when I start my first full-time job as an IT specialist. But for now I'll probably get a part-time summer job as a lifeguard because I love swimming.

- 1 A role model is a person who you'd like to copy. Who is your role model and why?
- 2 8.6 Read the article. Which person helped people and which person helped the environment?
- 3 Read the article again and answer the questions.
 - 1 Why did Mikaila become interested in bees?
 - 2 What happened after Mikaila was on TV?
 - 3 Who helped Francesco get a temporary job?
 - 4 What gave Mateusz the idea for his app?
 - 5 Why did deaf people find the app useful?
 - 6 What full-time job will Alexandra do?
- 4 8.7 Study the Vocabulary box. In pairs, find the words in the article. Check you understand them.

VOCABULARY World of work

qualifications	college diploma	university degree	
people	boss	entrepreneur	role model
types of work	full-time job	part-time job	
	summer job	temporary job	

- 5 8.8 Complete the text with words from the Vocabulary box. Listen and check.

This year I'm studying part-time for a ¹college diploma in tourism management. One day I'd like to have my own tour company. I don't think I'm an ² because I don't have new ideas, but I'd like to be my own ³. My aunt is my ⁴. She's got a university ⁵ in tourism and she speaks four languages. She works ⁶ (eight hours a day) as a tour guide in Rome, Italy. I hope I can have a career like hers!

YOUR WORLD

- 6 In pairs, discuss three summer jobs you would both like to do in the future.

A: I'd like to work as a lifeguard at a swimming pool. What about you?

B: No, I can't swim very well.