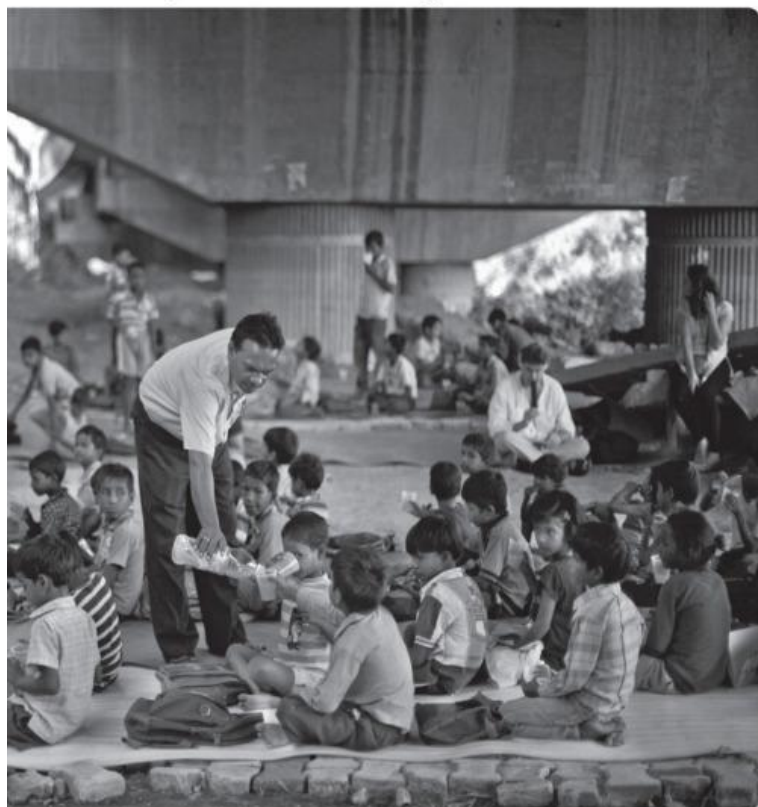


8.2 What makes a hero?

Vocabulary personality and behaviour

- 1 Choose the two adjectives that describe the people who performed these real-life good deeds.



- a Teacher Rajesh Sharma gives free lessons to poor children under a bridge in India. *embarrassed / educated / kind*
- b Fourteen-year-old Marcos Ugarte saved a child from a burning building. *brave / selfish / heroic*
- c Glen James, who was homeless, found a backpack with \$42,000 in it, and gave it to the police. *honest / calm / responsible*
- d Allen and Violet Large won \$10.9 million in the lottery and donated 98% of it to charity. *lucky / generous / ordinary*
- e Seven-year-old Diego Pimentel didn't panic and called the emergency number when his babysitter had a serious epileptic fit. *calm / crazy / responsible*
- f *Star Wars* fans all over the world are raising money to help a baby called 'Princess Leia', who has a mystery illness. *kind / afraid / generous*

- 2 Complete the forum with words from the box.

afraid calm crazy embarrassed ordinary selfish

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- suzy23: What jobs do you consider heroic?
- catlover: I think it depends. Even the most ¹ *selfish* person is capable of being a hero in some circumstances.
- jessicasw: Mums! I used to be ² _____ by mine, but now I'm older I know she's a real hero!
- tokyo_girl7: 'Someone can display courage by doing the out-of-the-ordinary, another by doing the ³ _____.' Søren Kierkegaard
- rstewart: In my opinion, anyone who feels ⁴ _____ and still acts is a hero.
- skate4ever: I really admire people who can stay ⁵ _____ in dangerous situations, like people who do extreme sports.
- caleb45: Sorry, skate4ever, but I don't agree with you. I think these people are just ⁶ _____. Real heroes, like fire-fighters or policemen, risk their lives to help other people.

- 3 Choose the best words to complete the article.

Four great heroes of the big screen (and the biggest villain!)

Who doesn't love a hero? Well, not everybody ... Some people are not ¹ *embarrassed* / *calm* to confess they prefer the bad guy! Here are four heroes and a villain:

James Bond This ² *ordinary* / *heroic* secret agent is always ³ *afraid* / *calm* and charming, even in end-of-world situations.

Severus Snape All the students were ⁴ *afraid* / *brave* of this strict teacher, but in the end he was a hero.

Erin Brockovich Julia Roberts plays an ⁵ *ordinary* / *selfish* woman who fights against a big corporation.

Sanjuro Tsubaki The samurai played by Toshiro Mifune is an example of the ⁶ *lucky* / *brave* warrior who is always ⁷ *honest* / *embarrassed*, no matter the cost.

Hannibal Lecter Forget the dark Darth Vader or the ⁸ *crazy* / *responsible* Joker in *Batman*. The worst villain of all movies, according to the American Film Institute, is this highly ⁹ *heroic* / *educated*, psychopathic psychiatrist from *The Silence of the Lambs*.