

Qualities of a hero

1 Complete the table with the noun forms.

noun	adjective	noun	adjective
1	compassionate	2	humble
3	courageous	4	inspirational
5	dedicated	6	persistent
7	determined	8	resourceful
9	dignified	10	willing

2 Complete the definitions with the adjectives in exercise 1.

If someone is

- 1, they have firmly decided to succeed, even if it is difficult.
- 2, they don't think that they are more important than other people.
- 3, they behave in a calm and serious way that makes other people respect them.
- 4, they are able to control their fear in the face of danger.
- 5, they are happy to do something.
- 6, they make others want to do things.
- 7, they make a lot of effort for things they believe are important.
- 8, they are good at finding ways of doing things.
- 9, they feel pity for others who are suffering.
- 10, they continue doing something even though other people say they cannot do it.

3 Choose the correct answers.

One of the most ¹compassion / inspirational / willing women in history is the founder of modern nursing, Florence Nightingale. Many women have entered the profession because of her. Florence was born on 12 May 1820, and when she grew up, she was ²courageous / determined / resourceful to become a nurse. Her wealthy family opposed her decision, but her ³humble / humility / persistence eventually paid off and in 1851 she went to train in Germany. When the Crimean War broke out in 1853, Florence said she was ⁴inspirational / persistent / willing to oversee the military hospitals in Turkey. Conditions in the hospitals were desperate, and Florence used her ⁵resourcefulness / dignified / humility to write articles to publicize the situation in the press back home. This resulted in increased funds and a newly-designed hospital. Florence showed great ⁶courage / dedication / inspiration to her job by working very long hours. Her patients were grateful for the ⁷compassion / determined / resourcefulness she showed them and many of them wrote home mentioning the woman who made her rounds late at night. She soon became known as 'the Lady with the Lamp'. Florence has gone down in history as the ⁸courageous / compassion / willingness woman who tended the wounds of the injured during the Crimean War.

