

Vocabulary: personality and behaviour

Complete the forum with words from the box.

afraid calm crazy embarrassed ordinary selfish



Topic: Heroes



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.

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*.