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### FCCI EXTRA PRACTICE 13

# Famous farewells

**'Please know I am quite aware of the hazards. I want to do it because I want to do it. Women must try to do things as men have tried. When they fail, their failure must be but a challenge to others.'**  
American aviator Amelia Earhart, in a farewell letter written to her husband in case something should happen to her. She disappeared in an attempt to fly around the world in 1937.

**'I have found it impossible to carry the heavy burden of responsibility [...] without the help and support of the woman I love. [...] I now quit altogether public affairs and I lay down my burden. It may be some time before I return to my native land.'**  
King Edward VIII of the United Kingdom on his abdication of the throne in 1936 in order to marry Wallis Simpson, an American divorced woman.

**'And so to bed.'**  
Samuel Pepys, famous London diarist, as the closing line in many of his famous diary entries from 1660–1669.

**'My friends, we have achieved much since 1945, when the United Nations was established. But much remains to be done [...] All civilisation is at stake, and we can save it only if all peoples join together in the task.'**  
Kofi Annan in his final speech as United Nations Secretary General in 2006.

**'We'll always have Paris ... Here's looking at you, kid.'**  
Rick, saying goodbye to Ilsa, the love of his life, in the film *Casablanca*.

**'Good night, good night! Parting is such sweet sorrow, that I shall say good night till it be morrow.'**  
Juliet, speaking to her lover Romeo in *Romeo and Juliet* by William Shakespeare.

**'Either that wallpaper goes or I do.'**  
The writer Oscar Wilde, speaking shortly before his death in 1900.

**'I have sacrificed all of my interests to those of the country. I go, but you, my friends, will continue to serve France. Her happiness was my only thought. It will still be the object of my wishes.'**  
Napoleon Bonaparte, talking to his soldiers in 1814 before he was sent into exile on the island of Elba.



4 Read the text again. Which farewells are ...

- said by real people?
- said by characters from a book or film?
- the person's last words before dying?
- said to a group of people?
- written down?

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