

# **WRITING: Writing a description of a person**

## A WOMAN I ADMIRE

**A** Florence Nightingale was born in 1820 in Florence, Italy, but her family was British. After a year, they moved back to England. Later, Florence became a nurse and helped a lot of people. She was an attractive, slim woman with long brown hair and a lovely smile.

**B** Florence's parents wanted her to get married, but she decided to travel and to learn about the science of nursing. She was a nurse in hospitals in Turkey during the Crimean war against Russia. These hospitals were dangerous and very dirty, and it was extremely difficult working there. Florence tried very hard to make the hospitals cleaner and safer places.

**C** I admire Florence Nightingale because she was strong and one of the bravest women at that time. Women usually stayed at home then, but Florence did what she thought was right. Her story inspired me, and I want to be a nurse, too.



**1** Read the text about Florence Nightingale. Which paragraphs give the information below? Write A, B, or C.

- 1 why the writer admires her \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 facts about her life \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 where she was from \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 what she believed \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 what her job was \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 what she looked like \_\_\_\_\_

**3** Write a description of someone you admire. Include the information below:

Paragraph 1: Where is he/she from? What does he/she do? What does he/she look like?

Paragraph 2: What are the important events and achievements in his/her life?

Paragraph 3: Why do you admire this person?

**2** Complete the sentences about Florence Nightingale. Use a verb from the box in the simple past.

travel   make   do   work   not be  
be (x2)   not want   help   want   become

- 1 Florence Nightingale \_\_\_\_\_ Italian, but she \_\_\_\_\_ born in Italy.
- 2 She \_\_\_\_\_ to get married. She \_\_\_\_\_ a nurse, instead.
- 3 She \_\_\_\_\_ to learn about nursing, so she \_\_\_\_\_ to Turkey.
- 4 She \_\_\_\_\_ in hospitals in Turkey and tried to make them safer.
- 5 She \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of soldiers and \_\_\_\_\_ what she thought was right.
- 6 She \_\_\_\_\_ a brave and attractive woman, and \_\_\_\_\_ a real difference to people's lives.