

## Reading Activity

### WHO DO YOU ADMIRE MOST?

**Jackie, 14** Sofia Marconi, my friend Bia's mum, is probably the most amazing person I know. She's also extremely brave. She's a wildlife photographer and she travels to some of the most dangerous places on Earth to take photos of the world's most endangered animals. She's just come back from Papua New Guinea. I haven't seen her photos yet, but I bet they're amazing. She's quite famous and she's already been on TV. Although she spends quite a bit of time away from home, she's also a really cool mum. She's really charming and all of Bia's friends think she's fab. Bia's really lucky to have such a great mum.

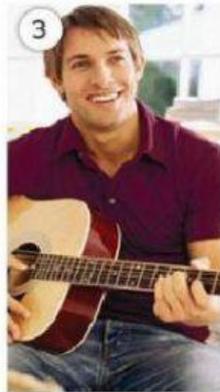
**Jacob, 16** One of my heroes is Mr. Donaldson, our music teacher. First of all, he's a brilliant teacher. He's really laid-back but we all respect him, and no one ever messes about in his class. He's so creative and finds different ways to get us interested in his lessons. He's also a really amazing guitar player – I mean he is seriously talented. He's in a band. They haven't made any recordings yet, but they've already attracted lots of interest and I'm sure they're going to be famous one day. I'll be really happy for him, but I hope it doesn't happen too soon. I don't want to lose my teacher!

**Alex, 15** The person I admire more than anyone is my grandmother Gwen. She's 78 and looks just amazing. Many people think she's my mother when they see us together. But she doesn't just look young, she is young. She's one of the most active people I know. She spends a lot of her time doing things for charity. For example, she's just done a parachute jump to raise money for a children's charity in India. A parachute jumps! At her age! She's such a positive person, always seeing the good in other people. 'Life is for living,' she tells me. I hope I have that much life in me when I'm her age.

**Oliver, 17** The greatest person I know is my uncle Jack. He and my aunt Alice had the perfect life: good jobs, a lovely house and three young children. Then one day their life changed forever. My aunt had a terrible car accident. It left her in a wheelchair. From that day on, my uncle has devoted his time to looking after her and the family. But I have never heard him complain. He's still the same lovely person he always was. I know life is hard for him but he's always so cheerful with a huge smile on his face. He's such a warm person – someone you want to spend time with.

## Activity 1

Read and match.



Sofia Marconi

Gwen

Mr Donaldson

Jack

## Activity 2

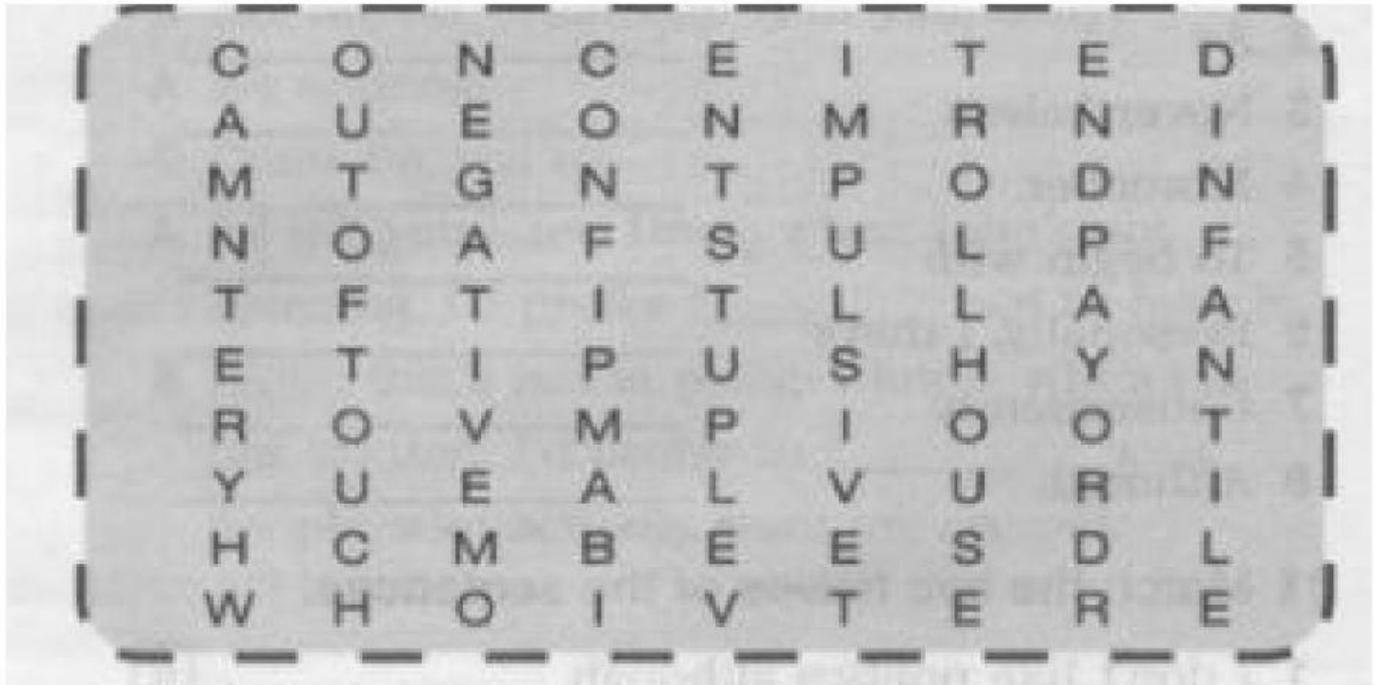
Read and choose.

- 1 Mrs Marconi has a dangerous job.
- 2 She isn't very popular with Bia's friends.
- 3 Mr Donaldson has a problem controlling his students.
- 4 Jacob thinks Mr Donaldson will be famous one day.
- 5 Alex's grandmother is older than she looks.
- 6 Gwen thinks it's important to enjoy life.
- 7 Oliver's aunt had a car accident.
- 8 Oliver's uncle changed after the accident.

True

False

**Task 3 Find 6 character adjectives**



**Task 4 Match the type of people to the (из предыдущего задания)**

- 1 Wet blanket \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Space cadet \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Loose cannon \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Bossy-boots \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Cry baby \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Know-it-all \_\_\_\_\_

## Task 5 Listen to seven speakers and choose the right answer

- 1 Speaker 1 cannot start a business because
  - a he lost his job.
  - b his friends are on holidays.
  - c his money is gone.
- 2 Speaker 2 didn't pass his A level exams because
  - a he didn't make enough effort to succeed.
  - b no one controlled his work.
  - c he had too much reading to do.
- 3 Speaker 3 has become more careful about safety because
  - a he had an accident during water rafting.
  - b he was without friends doing bungee jumping.
  - c he ignored the rules of extreme sports.
- 4 Speaker 4 had not had her own gallery until she was 46 because
  - a she did not do well at university.
  - b her friend failed her.
  - c she was not interested in marketing.
- 5 Speaker 5 had to leave the job of a waiter because
  - a he didn't get enough money.
  - b he failed to do his job properly.
  - c he couldn't work in the mornings.

- 6** Speaker 6 and Jerry have stayed friends though
- a** they had different jobs.
  - b** the speaker was his supervisor at a factory.
  - c** the speaker criticised Jerry's professional performance.
- 7** Speaker 7 is unhappy because
- a** she regrets not having accepted her friend's proposal.
  - b** her friend found another partner.
  - c** she was in debt and had to borrow a lot of money.