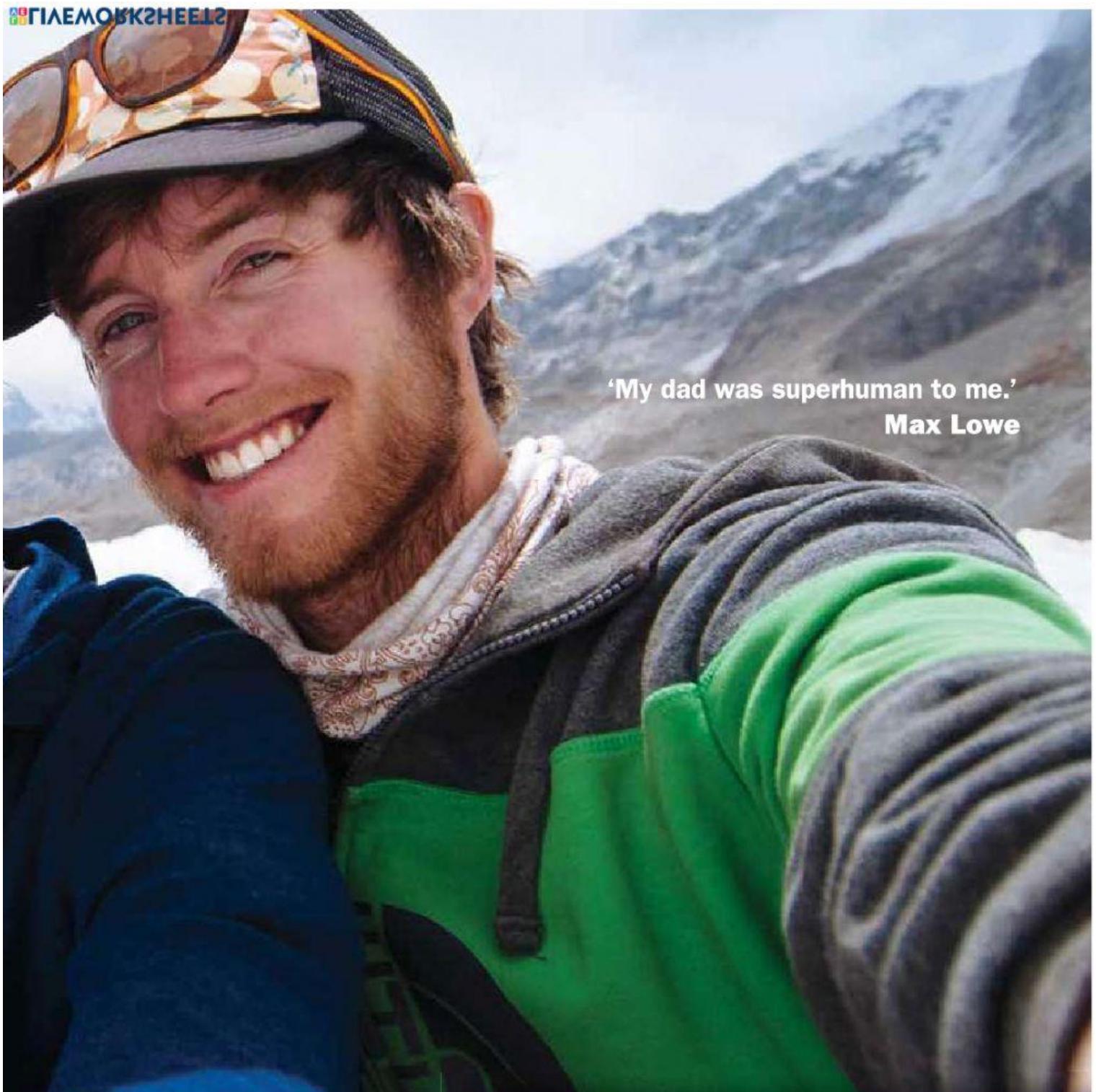


Unit 1

# Family Matters

Explorers Max Lowe and Conrad Anker



**'My dad was superhuman to me.'**

**Max Lowe**

#### **TO START**

1. Look at the photo. Guess. How are the people related?
2. What does 'superhuman' mean to you?
3. Who are your heroes? Are they famous people, friends or people in your family?

## 1 Do you know any famous families?

Discuss. Then listen and read.  025

## The Cousteau Family

Jacques Cousteau was a great marine explorer. Many people enjoy his books and films about the sea. His **son**, Philippe Sr, also loved the sea and made films about it. Now his **grandson**, Philippe Jr, and his **granddaughter**, Alexandra, want to protect the sea. 'My father and grandfather were an inspiration,' says Alexandra.



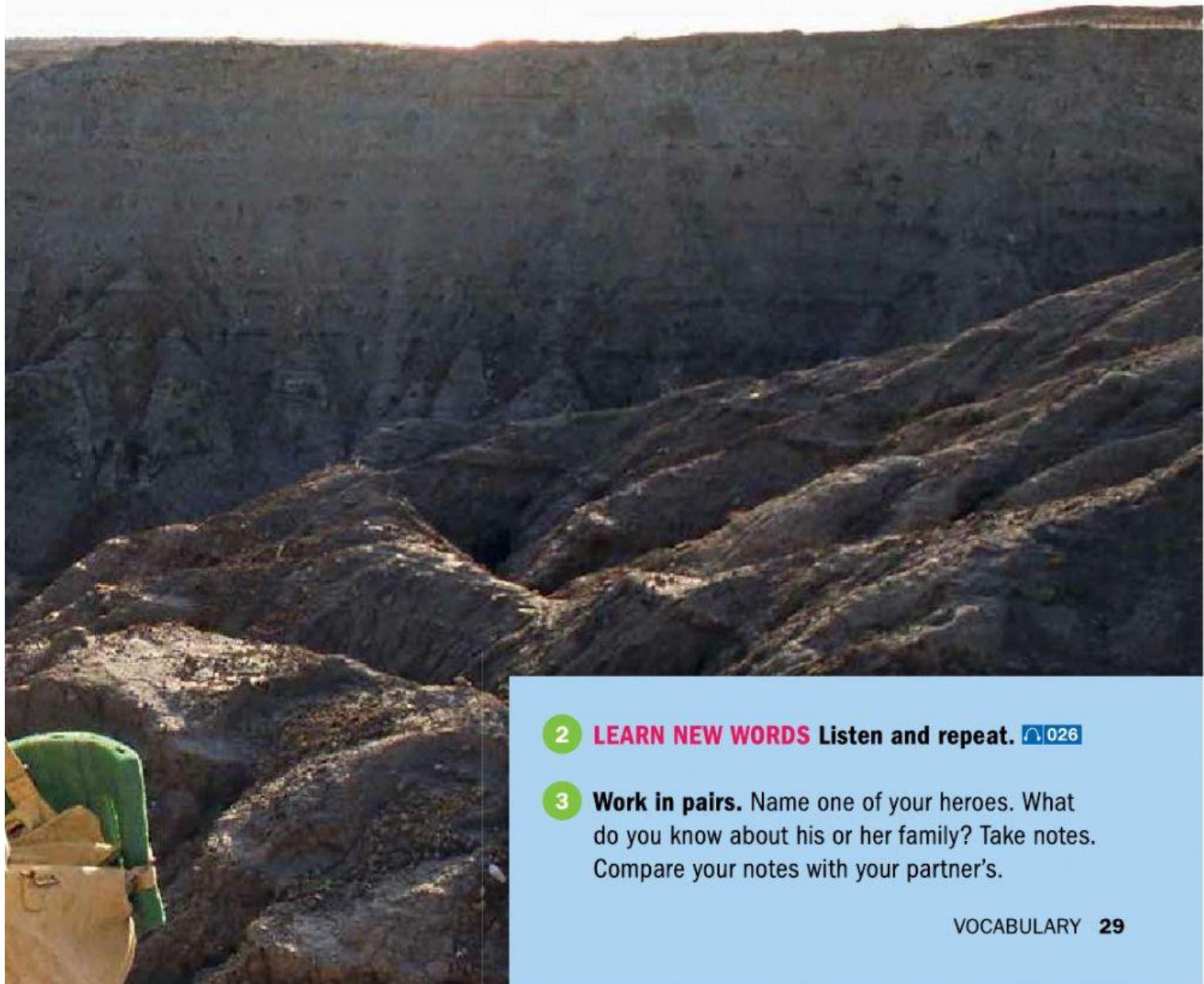
Meave and Louise Leakey  
working together, Kenya

## The Lowe-Anker Family

Conrad Anker is married to Jennifer Lowe-Anker. Jennifer's first **husband**, Alex Lowe, was a very famous climber. He **died** in a climbing accident in 1999. Alex and Conrad were very close friends and Conrad is also very good at climbing. In fact, he's also a professional climber. When Alex died, Conrad helped to **take care of** Jennifer's **children**, Max, Isaac and Sam. Max now works with his **step-father**. 'Conrad is my hero and my mentor,' he says.

## The Leakey Family

Palaeoanthropologists are scientists who are interested in fossils and early human life. There are three **generations** of palaeoanthropologists in the Leakey family. Mary and Louis Leakey were very famous for their important work in the 1940s and 50s. Their son, Richard Leakey, is also interested in early human life. Richard and his **wife**, Meave, have got two **daughters**, Louise and Samira. Meave and Louise now work together.



**2** **LEARN NEW WORDS** Listen and repeat. **026**

**3** **Work in pairs.** Name one of your heroes. What do you know about his or her family? Take notes. Compare your notes with your partner's.