

# 20 Heroes and villains

## A Personal heroes

My **heroine** is my aunt Georgia, who worked with homeless teenagers. She was deeply **spiritual**, and I admire her **courage** and **dignity**. More than anyone, she has **inspired** me to **dedicate** my life to looking after people.

I really **looked up to** my grandfather. He was a lifeboat **captain** for 20 years, and showed remarkable **bravery** on many occasions – at times he was truly **heroic**.

### GLOSSARY

<b>heroine</b>	a woman who you admire for doing sth brave or good. A man is a <b>hero</b> . <b>heroic</b> <i>adj</i> showing extreme courage <b>heroism</b> <i>n</i>
<b>spiritual</b>	connected with your spirit, rather than the physical world
<b>courage</b>	the ability to do sth, even though it is dangerous, frightening or very difficult SYN <b>bravery</b> ; <b>courageous</b> , <b>brave</b> <i>adj</i>
<b>dignity</b>	the ability to behave in a calm and serious manner in a difficult situation <b>dignified</b> <i>adj</i>
<b>inspire</b>	give sb the enthusiasm and desire to do sth <b>inspiration</b> <i>n</i> ; <b>inspirational</b> <i>adj</i>
<b>dedicate yourself/sth to (doing) sth</b>	give a lot of time and effort to a particular activity or purpose because you think it is important
<b>look up to sb</b>	admire and respect sb, often sb older or in a higher position
<b>captain</b>	the person in charge of a ship or plane

- 1 Is the pronunciation of the underlined letters the same or different? Write S or D.  
Use the **APP** to help you.

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| 1 hero <u>h</u> eroism                                   | 5 captain <u>ai</u> n                              |
| 2 cour <u>a</u> ge cour <u>ag</u> eous                   | 6 <u>di</u> gnity cour <u>a</u> ge                 |
| 3 <u>i</u> ns <u>pi</u> re <u>i</u> ns <u>pi</u> ration  | 7 <u>di</u> gn <u>i</u> fied <u>br</u> avery       |
| 4 <u>i</u> ns <u>pi</u> ration <u>d</u> edic <u>a</u> te | 8 <u>h</u> er <u>oi</u> ne <u>h</u> er <u>oi</u> c |

- 2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the word in capitals.

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|-----------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| 1 He was so _____.                | COURAGE     | 5 I admired her _____.       | DIGNIFIED |
| 2 She's a personal _____ of mine. | HERO        | 6 His behaviour was _____.   | HERO      |
| 3 She showed great _____.         | BRAVE       | 7 She was an _____ leader.   | INSPIRE   |
| 4 He _____ me in my work.         | INSPIRATION | 8 He is a very _____ person. | SPIRIT    |

- 3 Complete the texts.

- The person who has always been my \_\_\_\_\_ is my mother. She looked after us all throughout the war. I was born during the war, and when the government tried to take us children away to another part of the country, she was very \_\_\_\_\_ and fought to keep us with her.
- I always \_\_\_\_\_ up to my uncle. He was a \_\_\_\_\_ in the navy and he \_\_\_\_\_ me to join the navy myself when I grew up. On several occasions he rescued migrants who were lost at sea. To me he was a \_\_\_\_\_.
- Rosa Parks is a personal \_\_\_\_\_ of mine. She refused to give up her seat on the bus in Alabama, a protest which eventually led to the end of 'white only' buses. She acted with great \_\_\_\_\_. She said of herself, 'I was a person with \_\_\_\_\_ and self-respect, and I should not set my sights\* lower than anybody else just because I was black'.

\* = decide that you want sth and try very hard to get it

- 4 **ABOUT YOU** Write your answers, or ask another student.

Do you have a personal hero or heroine? Who?

Who do you look up to? Why?

Do you know anyone who you would describe as courageous? Who?





## B Personal villains

Pop stars often start off as **rebels** with strong moral **principles**. But when they achieve **fame** and become rich, their **values** can change completely. I **loathe** that.

A few boys **bullied** me at school, and since then I've always **despised** bullies.

I can't bear all the rich, **greedy** people who seem to run the country. They are responsible for such **misery**.

I don't **approve** of drivers who **lose** their **temper** with other road users.

### SPOTLIGHT *principles and values*

**Principles** are strong beliefs that influence how you behave. **Values** (pl) are beliefs about what is right, wrong and important in life.

The words are very similar in meaning but are used in different expressions.

- Eating meat is **against my principles**.
- I won't go there **on principle**.
- She has a different **set of values**.

### GLOSSARY

<b>villain</b>	a person who is morally bad or responsible for causing trouble or harm	<b>bully</b>	use your power to hurt or frighten a weaker person, or make them do sth. The person who does the <b>bullying</b> is a <b>bully</b> .
<b>rebel</b>	sb who opposes people in authority <b>rebel</b> v; <b>rebellious</b> adj	<b>despise</b>	hate and have no respect for sb/sth <b>despicable</b> adj
<b>fame</b>	the state of being famous	<b>can't bear</b>	(usually in negatives and questions) If you <b>can't bear</b> sth, you cannot accept or deal with sth because it is unpleasant. SYN <b>can't stand</b>
<b>loathe</b>	dislike sb/sth very much SYN <b>detest</b>	<b>greedy</b>	wanting more food, power, etc. than you need <b>greed</b> n
<b>approve</b> (of sb/sth)	have a positive feeling towards sth/sb OPP <b>disapprove</b> (of sb/sth); <b>approval</b> n OPP <b>disapproval</b>	<b>misery</b>	great suffering of the mind or body SYN <b>distress</b>
<b>lose your temper</b>	become very angry		

### 5 Circle the words which are verbs.

rebel approve detest fame principles despise lose your temper disapprove loathe greed bully

### 6 Complete the sentences.

- The opposite of **approval** is .....
- Detest** means the same as .....
- The related adjective for **despise** is .....
- The related adjective for **rebel** is .....
- Distress** is another word for .....
- The related adjective for **greed** is .....
- Can't stand** means the same as .....
- Approve** is followed by the preposition .....
- The noun related to **famous** is .....
- Values** and ..... have a similar meaning.

### 7 Complete the questions with words from the box in the correct form.

against	disapprove	rebellious	temper	villain	bear
greedy	rebel	values	bully	principle	despise

- Do brothers sometimes ..... their sisters, or can the opposite be true?
- Is there anything you won't eat on .....?
- Do you often lose your .....?
- Are there any types of car drivers that you can't .....?
- As a teenager, were you a .....? If so, what were you ..... about?
- Is it ..... your principles to borrow money from friends?
- Do you ..... of any of your friends' partners? Why?
- In your country, do young people and older people have different sets of .....?
- Do you think rich people are ..... and just want more and more?
- Is there anyone you ..... and would consider a .....?

### 8 ABOUT YOU Write your answers to the questions in Exercise 7, or ask another student.



### TEST YOURSELF