International Women’s Day: Who inspires you?

Who inspires you? Perhaps it’s a famous woman, or maybe it’s someone from your family … Watch some people talking about this question in the video.

Tasks

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do the exercises.

Preparation task

Match the definitions (a–j) with the vocabulary (1–10).

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<tr>
<th>Vocabulary</th>
<th>Definition</th>
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<td>1. …… to inspire someone</td>
<td>a. to try to get something</td>
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<td>2. …… Congress</td>
<td>b. to behave as if a problem doesn’t worry you</td>
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<td>3. …… a role model</td>
<td>c. treating someone differently because of their skin colour, sex, sexuality, etc.</td>
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<td>4. …… discrimination</td>
<td>d. to give someone a strong feeling of enthusiasm</td>
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<td>5. …… a refuge</td>
<td>e. the protection of animals and plants</td>
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<td>6. …… a slave</td>
<td>f. the elected group of politicians in the USA who make the law</td>
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<td>7. …… to put on a brave face</td>
<td>g. a person who is owned by someone else and has to work for them</td>
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<td>8. …… conservation</td>
<td>h. a person whom you admire and whose behaviour you try to copy</td>
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<td>9. …… to go after something</td>
<td>i. the qualification you get when you finish university or college</td>
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<td>10. …… a degree</td>
<td>j. a place that gives protection from danger</td>
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Task 1

Match the professions (a–f) with the women (1–6).

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<th>Women</th>
<th>Professions</th>
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<td>1. …… Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez</td>
<td>a. a children’s book writer</td>
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<td>2. …… Leslie Feinberg</td>
<td>b. an American journalist</td>
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<td>3. …… Marie Colvin</td>
<td>c. an African American poet</td>
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<td>4. …… JK Rowling</td>
<td>d. a US congresswoman</td>
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<td>5. …… Phillis Wheatley</td>
<td>e. a conservationist</td>
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<td>6. …… Dian Fossey</td>
<td>f. a feminist and gender theorist</td>
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Task 2
Put the words in order to make sentences.

1. a fantastic     She's     women and     role model     young men.     for both young
   going to become

2. the discrimination and violence     brave enough     She was     that she faced.     to live
   as a butch lesbian     despite

3. in a refuge.     who are experiencing     She helps     find     safety     sexual violence
   women

4. loving, amazing     a kind,     She     being.     human     was

5. first and     face, puts her family     She always     puts on     is always super positive.     a
   brave

6. always     to go after     told me     in life and take     what I want     every opportunity.
   She has

7. a degree.     the first     in her     to get     She was     family     person

8. her     inspires me     just     capability.     with     She

Discussion
Which women inspire you and why?
Answers

Preparation task
1. d
2. f
3. h
4. c
5. j
6. g
7. b
8. e
9. a
10. i

Task 1
1. d
2. f
3. b
4. a
5. c
6. e

Task 2
1. She’s going to become a fantastic role model for both young women and young men.
2. She was brave enough to live as a butch lesbian despite the discrimination and violence that she faced.
3. She helps women who are experiencing sexual violence find safety in a refuge.
4. She was a kind, loving, amazing human being.
5. She always puts on a brave face, puts her family first and is always super positive.
6. She has always told me to go after what I want in life and take every opportunity.
7. She was the first person in her family to get a degree.
8. She just inspires me with her capability.