



ENGLISH

Chapter 1 Week 1

3rd
SECONDARY

AMAZING PEOPLE



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**Amazing
people**





WDYT?
(What do you think?)

Who inspires
you?

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Describing people

- 1**   Work in pairs. Use the adjectives in the box to describe inspiring characters from TV shows or movies. Can you add any more personality adjectives to the list?

careful friendly funny kind pleasant quiet

Bart Simpson is very funny.

I think ... is friendly.

2 What are the opposites of the adjectives? Complete the table.

Opposites with a negative prefix (<i>un-</i>) or negative suffix (<i>-less</i>)	Other opposites
kind <i>unkind</i>	funny <i>boring</i>
careful <input type="text" value="careless"/>	quiet <input type="text" value="noisy"/>
friendly <input type="text" value="unfriendly"/>	
pleasant <input type="text" value="unpleasant"/>	

Personal qualities

3 Read the introduction to the show and look at the photos. What personal qualities do you think are important for the winner?



Could you be an astronaut?



In the exciting series *Astronauts: Do you have what it takes?* astronaut Chris Hadfield and a team of experts choose one winner from 12 incredible contestants. The lucky winner gets a recommendation to join the European Space Agency program.

Now there are only three contestants left, Suzie, Tim and Kerry. Who will win?



4 Read the comments and check the meaning of the words in **bold**. Who do you think is the best candidate? Why?

Could you be an astronaut? comments

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I expect it will be Suzie or Kerry. Suzie seems **confident** and **reliable**. She's **hard-working** too. Kerry's **enthusiastic** about becoming an astronaut.

Suzie is my favorite. She's **brave** and not afraid to try new things. She's **sensible** – she wouldn't do anything silly.

Tim is intelligent, **calm** in a crisis and **positive** when things go wrong. I imagine he's **generous**, too.

It could be Kerry. She's a **talented** pilot. She seems friendly and **sociable** and **patient**, too.

Tim is **curious** and **creative**. He loves science and new ideas.

5 Complete the definitions with personality adjectives in bold in the text. Then think of someone you know for each adjective.

- 1 A **patient** person can wait for a long time without getting angry or upset.
- 2 A **generous** person gives more of their time and money to others than most people.
- 3 A **curious** person is very interested in learning more about something.
- 4 A **sensible** person is reasonable and practical.

- 5 A **hard-working** person always puts a lot of effort into their work.
- 6 You can trust a **reliable** person to do what they say they will do.
- 7 A **sociable** person loves meeting new people.
- 8 A **talented** person is very good at something.

6 Write definitions for the other six words.

A confident person believes in his or her own abilities and doesn't feel worried or frightened.

7 Complete the sentences using personality adjectives.

- 1 I'm _____ but I'm not _____ .
- 2 My best friend is _____ .
- 3 My brother/sister is _____ .

8  Work in pairs. Ask and answer about the sentences in exercise 7.

What are you like?

I'm creative but I'm not patient.

to be like, to look like, to like

What **is** Sam **like**? He's generous and confident.

What **does** Sam **look like**? He's tall and blond.


What **does** Sam **like**? He likes soccer.

Unique strengths

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CELEBRITY CORNER



Poet Amanda Gorman overcame a speech disorder to perform on TV. Find the song she used to prepare for this.

2 Read the text quickly and choose the best summary.

- a It is an article about how technology can improve people's lives and help them in their careers.
- b It is an article on how people have recovered from accidents and adapted to change.
- c It is an article that gives information about the abilities people wish they could have.

Unique strengths

We might all dream of being famous, but ordinary people are incredible in so many different ways. We can adapt to new things and learn and grow, as these two interesting people show.

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Subskill: Reading for gist/skimming

Read a text quickly to understand the main message. Titles, headings and content words help you focus on the information that is most useful and relevant.

Orlando Serrell has an amazing memory for dates. He's unusual because he didn't have this ability until he was ten. While he was playing baseball with friends one day, the ball hit his head hard. He **recovered** quickly, but had a bad headache for weeks. Then Orlando discovered that he instantly knew what day of the week any date was – but only dates after his accident. Years later, he can still do it. Not only that, but he also knows exactly what he did and what the weather was like on any date since the event! Orlando was surprised when scientists, newspapers and TV shows were all interested in his experience and called him a 'genius'. He thinks he's ordinary.

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3  4 Read and listen to the article. Are the sentences true or false? Correct the false sentences.

- 1 Chiara has modeled for many years.
- 2 She learned to walk again just a month after her accident.
- 3 Chiara asked a designer to make her a decorative leg.
- 4 When she was modeling, Chiara hid her prosthetic leg.
- 5 Orlando had no physical effects from his accident at all.
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4 Complete the sentences with the correct name Chiara or Orlando.

- 1 didn't think he/she would ever do something he/she is doing now.
- 2 knows things that most people are not able to remember.
- 3 is able to do something as the result of a change in his/her brain.
- 4 lost part of his/her body but didn't let that stop him/her doing things.

5 Answer the questions in your own words.

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- 1** What happened when Chiara was coming home from a dance show?
- 2** When the designer wrote to Chiara, what was she working on?
- 3** Why is Chiara studying hard?
- 4** What was Orlando doing when he had his accident?
- 5** Did Orlando lose his ability after a few years?
- 6** Does Orlando think he's special now?

6 **Word work** Match the definitions to the words in bold in the article.

- 1 the job of working as a model _____
- 2 occasions when professional photographers take photos _____
- 3 not willing to let anything stop you from doing something you want to do _____
- 4 became healthy again after an sickness or accident _____
- 5 replaces a missing body part _____