


Do you have any role models? Why do you admire them?

 **1.01 READING SKILL—Skim a text** Look at the text quickly for one minute. Don't try to read every word. Then close your book and note down any information you remember.

LILA DOWNS

My role model is Lila Downs. She was born in Oaxaca, Mexico, in 1968. She is a Mexican-American singer-songwriter and actress. At the age of eight, she started singing mariachi songs. She became a professional singer when she was at school. Her family emigrated from Mexico to the US when she was 14. While they were living there, her father died. After that, Lila and her mother moved back to Mexico.

While she was working in her mother's store, she met her future husband, the musician Paul Cohen. He had a business in the US, so Lila moved from Oaxaca to Minnesota. She went to the University of Minnesota. While she was studying there, she started a music group called La Trova Serrana. It was very successful, and Lila decided to leave school to focus on music. Lila had a small role in the movie *Frida* and worked on

the music for the movie *Like Water for Chocolate*. Here are three things you probably don't know about Lila:

- ♦ In 2010, while she was traveling the world on her Black Magic Woman Tour, she revealed that she had an adopted son named Benito Dxuladi.
- ♦ In 2014, scientists named an insect after her. The *Liladownsia fraile* is a very colorful grasshopper. They named it after her because Lila often wears colorful, traditional clothes.
- ♦ She sings in Spanish, English, and her native language of Mixtec.

I really look up to Lila Downs because she looks for ways to improve people's lives through music. I'd love to meet her and ask her this question: "What were you singing about in the song 'Shake Away'?"



C Scan the article in **B** and answer the questions.

- 1 Where is Lila from? _____
- 2 How old was Lila when she moved to the US? _____
- 3 When did Lila reveal that she had adopted her son? _____
- 4 What type of animal did scientists name after Lila? _____
- 5 What languages does Lila sing in? _____

D Read the article in **B** in detail to check your answers.

E THINKING SKILL—Evaluate Is it important to have role models? Are most famous people good role models? Discuss and give examples.

VOCABULARY

A Match the bold words from the text in **READING B** to the definitions.

- 1 _____: left your country to move to a different country (verb)
- 2 _____: admire; think someone is a good role model (phrasal verb)
- 3 _____: make something better (verb)
- 4 _____: told a secret (verb)
- 5 _____: a small animal with six legs and wings (noun)
- 6 _____: achieving wealth, admiration, or popularity (adjective)
- 7 _____: pay attention to; concentrate on (phrasal verb)
- 8 _____: a part in a movie or a play (noun)



MAKE IT YOURS

Choose a famous role model that you look up to. Find an article about his or her life. Write down any interesting facts that you find in the article.

A Underline the past progressive verb forms in READING B.

While they were living there, her father died.

B Complete the rules with words from the box.

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- 1 The past progressive describes actions that began in the past and _____ for some time.
- 2 The past progressive always includes the form _____ or _____.
- 3 In the past progressive, add _____ to the base form of the verb.

C Complete the conversation with the past progressive form of the verb in parentheses.

Ben: I called you last night, but you didn't answer. What **1** _____ (you do)?

Ashley: We **2** _____ (celebrate) my great-grandfather's 100th birthday.

Ben: Really? One hundred! That's amazing. Was he your role model while you

3 _____ (grow) up?

Ashley: Yes, definitely. He was my hero! He **4** _____ (open) presents when you called.

Everyone **5** _____ (clap).

Ben: I'm sure he had a great time yesterday.

Ashley: I think so. We **6** _____ (not plan) for the party to end at midnight!

D IN PAIRS Ask and answer the questions.

1 What were you doing ...

a in the summer?

b in 2016?

c last Thursday?

d last night?

A: What were you doing last night?

B: I was visiting my grandparents.

SPEAKING

A Read about Ann Makosinski, a young inventor and role model. Why is she famous?

Ann Makosinski

1997—born October 3, Canada

2011—in Philippines, her friend fails exam because there's no electricity at night

2011—Ann gets idea for flashlight

2012—develops flashlight powered by body heat

B IN PAIRS Discuss the events in Ann's life using information from the notes.

C IN GROUPS Discuss how you think Ann's flashlight works. Use the Confident Communicator box to help you.

**CONFIDENT
COMMUNICATOR**

**START
TALKING**

Use the following expressions to talk about something you are not 100% sure about:

I'm not sure, but I think it may/could be ...

Maybe it works without ...

Perhaps/Maybe you can use it ...

Can you describe the life history of your role model? Get ready because this can be your oral exam for this unit