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ROLE-MODEL: model example, person according to whom somebody else tries to live, look like, wear... because of his character or skills. Importance of role-models: some people need no role-models, they want to go their way, but many people are influenced by role-models (good look, intelligence, humour, talent, skills, success, lifestyle, character...) who inspire people, are their ideal (vzor).

PARENTS, FAMILY: our first role models, they brought us up, taught us to be polite, friendly, to greet and respect people, to help other..., family is important for shaping our personal qualities (if a child is loved, he/ she will love, if he/ she is criticized, he/ she will be very hit...)

SCHOOL: nearly as important as family, entering to school we become a part of society; here we learn to cooperate with other people, to compromise with others to be tolerant, patient, self-disciplined, hard-working (these qualities are necessary if we want to be successful), for some of us our teachers became our role models

CELEBRITIES: role models mostly among teenagers, they love music, movies, sport – they choose people they read about in newspapers and magazines – **pop singers, movie stars, famous sportsmen**. Young people idolize them, try to imitate them in clothing, make-up, hairstyles, lifestyles. Famous personalities influence young generation a lot, negatively (drugs, alcohol addiction, eccentric/wild behaviour, no respect – we become selfish, unhelpful, rude, mean, fall into addiction...) and positively (hard-working to achieve success, performances and concerts to raise money for charities, suffering people...)

LITERALY HEROES: found in literary works (stories, novels), most literary heroes are people with high moral standards with whom readers can identify and whose example they may follow. **EXAMPLE:** Božena Nemcová – Babička – Grandmamma, about simply Czech woman, she comes to help her daughter with growing up of 4 grandchildren and with household works. She is intelligent, clever, has experience, every time good mood, helps with a will, she loves nature, work, habits and traditions...

EVERYDAY HEROES: we can find in our daily life - **lifeguards, fire-fighters, doctors, soldiers**... - brave, do not hesitate do risk life and help the victims of natural and man-made disasters (earthquakes, floods, droughts, war), they have courage and high moral standards. It can be absolutely simply person, real heroin was also **mother Teresa** (helped her whole life to poor and ill people in India).

MY ROLE-MODEL: who, why, some info about him/her, his/her positive and negative character features **Positive features - virtues:** kind (milý), regardful

(ohľaduplný), grateful (vd'ačný), optimistic, humorous, natural, helpful (ochotný), honest (čestný), brave (odvážny), responsible (zodpovedný), reliable (spoľahlivý), hard-working, generous (štedrý), hospitable (pohostinný), conscientious (svedomitý)...**Negative features – vices:** be deceitful (zákerný, podvodník), mean (lakomý), cheeky (drzý), stubborn (tvrdohlavý), envious (neprajný, závidiaci), jealous (žiarlivý), treacherous (nespoľahlivý, klamný, zradný, zákerný), rude (hrubý)...