

English

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Class: 8

Level: A2

Topic: Good role models

Objectives:

to introduce vocabulary and structures related to a good role model description and give students practice in using the structures and vocabulary;

to give students practice in reading for gist;

to give students practice in watching a short video and discussing it;

to give students practice in writing a description of their role model

Outcomes: by the end of the lesson students will be able to use the new expressions to tell about their role models and prove that this or that person can be a good role model for other people

Equipment needed: a laptop, a smartphone

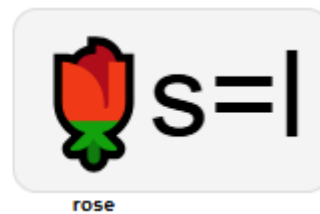
Digital Tools and Resources: Zoom, PowerPoint, Festisite AI Rebus Generator, Genially, WordArt, YouTube

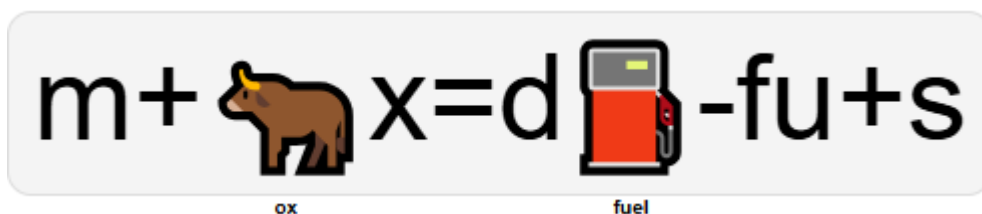
Procedure

Introduction. Warm-up:

***Aim:** to introduce the topic of the lesson in an engaging way, stimulate students' curiosity; encourage critical thinking*

Teacher: Good afternoon, dear students! It's great to see you all in our Zoom lesson today. How are you today? I would like to present the rebus generated by AI to introduce the topic of our lesson. Look at the screen and decode the rebus. (share the screen to present the rebus) <https://www.festisite.com/rebus/>

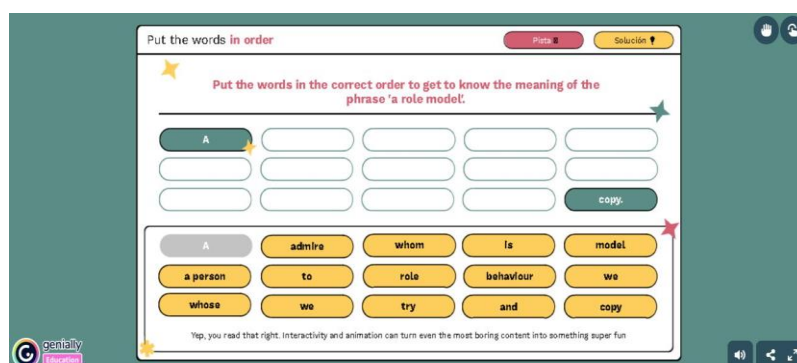




Students: Is it “Good Role Models”?

Teacher: Yes, you are right. Our topic today is “Good role models” (PowerPoint slide 1). At this lesson we will develop a list of qualities good role models possess and identify people who can be good role models for others. By the end of the lesson you will be able to tell about your role model and prove that this or that person is a good role model.

Before we start speaking about role models, let’s identify the meaning of the phrase “A role model”. I’ve just sent you the link, use your gadgets to open the link and put the words in the correct order to get to know the definition of a role model. <https://view.genially.com/65f5c61d0ca4f800149135f3/interactive-content-put-the-words-in-order>



Now let’s check. I’ll press the pink button in the top right corner and you’ll hear the correct variant.

Key: A role model is a person whom we admire and whose behavior we try to copy.

Vocabulary

Aim: to present vocabulary and structures related to the description of good role models, give students practice in using them, develop a list of valuable qualities

Teacher: You see, someone can be a good role model when they influence people in a good way with their actions, behavior, lifestyle. Look at some useful expressions on the

screen which will help you tell about people who influence others in a good way: (slide 2)

1. look up to somebody for something (phrasal verb) –to admire or respect someone for a particular quality, skill

e.g. I've always looked up to Bill for his courage and determination.

2. set a good / positive example for somebody by doing something – show by your own behavior how other people should behave

e.g. Parents should set a good example for their children by being active and keeping fit.

3. be a good/positive influence on somebody – to have a positive impact on someone's behaviour

e.g. Helen is a good influence on him. / Her kindness and patience are a good influence on her children.

Look at the next slide (slide 3) and complete the sentences with the expressions from the box:

look up to	/	set a good example	/	be a good influence
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1. Does she _____ for teenagers?
2. How can parents _____ on their children's academic success?
3. Many students _____ their teachers for academic guidance.
4. His bravery can _____ on his friends.

Let's check.

Key: 1) set a good example; 2) be a good influence; 3) look up to; 4) be a good influence

Teacher: As we already know, a good role model is a person whom we admire and whose behavior we try to copy. Now brainstorm the qualities good role models possess.

(Suggested answers)

Students: kind, creative, generous, brave, honest, responsible, caring, intelligent

Teacher: Well done! All of them describe good role models. Now look at the word cloud to find those qualities you haven't mentioned yet. As part of your homework, use this link to write down the new adjectives and learn them.

<https://wordart.com/bs2pnkuojvzw/role-model>



(Suggested answers)

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| motivational | dedicated | inspiring | unselfish |
| committed | courageous | compassionate | empathetic |

Teacher: Now let's see how well you understand the meaning of some of these adjectives. Read the sentences below and match the adjectives in bold with the definition a-h (slide 5)

1. Oliver is an **inspiring** leader who motivates his team every day.
2. Mary is a kind and **empathetic** friend.
3. Alice is a **compassionate** woman who is always ready to give a helping hand to those in need.
4. I admire Bill because he is a really **courageous** person.
 - a. having the ability to understand other people's feelings and problems
 - b. feeling sympathy for people who are suffering
 - c. having the ability to confront fear, take risks and act in the face of danger
 - d. giving people a feeling of excitement and a desire to do something great

Key: 1d; 2a; 3 b; 4c

Let's check your answers

Reading

Pre – reading

Aim: to engage students in visual analysis, to stimulate curiosity, to foster critical thinking before revealing the names of the admired figures

Teacher: We have already learned what it means “to be a good role model” and we know a lot of qualities role models might possess. Now I want to present some people who can be good role models for other people but first look at the four items on the screen, each image is associated with a person admired by a lot of Ukrainians. Let’s identify each item. (slide 6)

1



2



3



4



(Suggested answers)

Students: Picture 1 is a Barbie doll. Picture 2 is an Oscar. Picture 3 is a newspaper cover. Picture 4 is a mural.

Teacher: Which spheres of life might each item represent?

(Suggested answers)

- Students:** - The first item refers to the world of sport because a Barbie doll looks like a sportswoman because of her sportswear and a light narrow sword.
- An Oscar represents the film industry and it is given for the best film, actor, actress.
 - We can see the cover of *The Mirror* and in the foreground of the picture we can see the doctors, nurses and rescue workers near the debris of Okhmatdyt children’s hospital.
 - A mural outside a block of flats represents a Ukrainian defender.

Teacher: You are right. Do you know the names of these people these items are associated with?

Students: No

While –reading

Teacher: Now I am ready to reveal the identity of each admired figure along with a brief story highlighting their achievements and contributions. Scan the QR code to read the key facts about these people and match the people to the items associated with them.



1. **Serhii Volynskyi** is a Ukrainian officer, Hero of Ukraine (2022), known for his role during the siege of Mariupol, in which he commanded the 36th Separate Marine Brigade that made its



way to Azovstal on April 20, 2022. He was called “Voice from Azovstal hell”. On April 18, Volynskyi wrote a letter to Pope Francis and two days later an appeal to the four world leaders: Joe Biden, Boris Johnson, Recep Erdogan and Volodymyr Zelensky. He asked to de-blockade Mariupol, to evacuate civilians including children, wounded and dead who stayed in Azovstal dungeons. The mural featuring Serhii Volynskyi is on the side of an eight-storey block of flats in Poltava, the city where the famous Ukrainian defender was born.



2. **Olga Kharlan** is a Ukrainian sabre fencer. She is a four-time individual women’s world sabre champion, six-time Olympic medalist. In July, 2023 Olga Kharlan refused to shake the hand of her Russian opponent but held out her saber towards her at the

Fencing World Championship knowing that she could be disqualified. In 2020, Kharlan made history as the first Ukrainian woman to be honored as a prototype for a Barbie doll created by Mattel. In 2023, Kharlan auctioned this unique Barbie doll and raised over \$10,000 for a rehabilitation clinic assisting Ukrainian soldiers affected by the ongoing Russian war.



3. Okhmatdyt surgeon **Oleh Holubchenko** was performing surgery on a child when a Russian missile struck the hospital building on July 8th, 2024. The operating team managed to survive and they promptly switched the baby to a manual

ventilator before taking him to the bomb shelter. After that, Holubchenko rushed towards the destroyed toxicology building to clear the rubble. While doing this, he did not notice the pain and did not pay attention to the large blood stain on his surgical clothes.

After-reading

***Aim:** to give students the opportunity to have a further discussion on the topic of the reading texts, to encourage critical thinking, to foster reflective thinking*

Teacher: Now when we know what these people do and have already done for other people, let's concentrate on their personal characteristics and provide reasons why they can be role models for others. (slide 7)

(Suggested answers)

Students: - Oleg Holubchenko is a doctor who is dedicated to his work, the situation was life-threatening but he completed the operation.

- He is unselfish because continued helping others without thinking about his injuries.
- I look up to him because he is a courageous and supportive doctor.

Teacher: I am sure you have noticed that we didn't identify one more person. I want you to watch a video to learn about this person.

Watching a video

Pre-viewing

***Aim:** to present the topic of the listening task by relating to the students' prior knowledge*

Teacher: You are going to watch the video which presents a person who is associated with an Oscar. But before viewing, answer my questions:

What do you know about the Oscars?

Why do you think this award is significant in the film industry?

What qualities or achievements might a film director need to receive such recognition?

(Suggested answers)

Students:

- An Oscar is a prize that is given each year in the US for the best film, actor, in the film industry.
- This award is significant because it shows that their work is special and appreciated by many people around the world.
- A film director might be creative, hard-working, talented to make exciting movies that people love.

While - viewing

Aim: to engage students in the viewing process encouraging them to focus on specific details



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SN_ArrwkU9U&ab_channel=Oscars

Look at the screen (slide 8) and while watching the video tick (✓) the true statements

1. It was *20 Days in Mariupol* that won the first Oscar in Ukrainian history.
2. Mstislav Chernov climbed to the stage alone to make his thank-you speech.
3. Mstyslav Chernov said that he wished he had never made this film.
4. Mstyslav Chernov believes that while making his films he can change the history and the past.
5. In his speech Chernov noted that talented people can record history and make the truth prevail.

Look at the screen and check the correct answers (slide 8)

Keys: 1. ✓ 2. 3. ✓ 4. 5. ✓

After-viewing

Aim: to encourage students to reflect on what they have seen, to foster critical thinking

Teacher: You have just watched a small excerpt from the 96th ceremony of the most prestigious American film awards, so let's discuss some questions:

1. Which events does the documentary depict?
2. Why do you think it was so important for Mstyslav Chernov and his team to make that film in March 2022?
3. Which words can describe Chernov's speech? How did the audience respond to what he said?
4. What qualities does the Ukrainian film director possess?

(Suggested answers)

Students: - The documentary is about the city of Mariupol in February – March 2022 in the first weeks of the full-scale russian invasion of Ukraine.

- It was so important for Mstyslav Chernov and his team to show the truth to the civilized world about the invasion.

- Chernov's speech was emotional, powerful, inspiring. The audience applauded standing

- He is a courageous man dedicated to his work. It was dangerous for them to stay in Mariupol and make a film in March 2022.

Writing

***Aim:** to encourage students to reflect on positive role models in their life, to give them practice in writing a description of their role model*

Teacher: Now you know the examples of good role models. Choose one person you find inspirational and write a few sentences about who this person is and why they inspire you. You will complete your composition as your home assignment.

(Suggested answers)

Students: My dad is my role model. He sets a good example for my brother and me by being brave. From the first days of the war in February 2022, he entered the Armed Forces of Ukraine to defend our homeland.

Teacher: I'm delighted to see a wide variety of role models you have chosen with different backgrounds and qualities but as we can see they have some things in common. They are Ukrainians and the qualities which all of them possess are courage, empathy, determination, ...

Summary of the lesson

***Aim:** to consolidate learning objectives, to promote reflection on the lesson's content, to give students the opportunity to check their progress*

Teacher: During this lesson we have discussed some people who inspire us and the valuable qualities they possess. Now reflect on which valuable quality you would like to develop within yourself and write it down in our chatbox.

(Suggested answers)

Students: bravery, generosity, compassion, courage, ...

Teacher: Let's imagine we are growing a plant and its leaves are valuable qualities we want to grow within ourselves. Remember, when we learn, we grow. Try to grow these valuable qualities within yourselves. Ready, set, grow!

Evaluating.

Self-assessment

Read the following and choose the appropriate points (slide 9)

Now I can

- explain what a role model is
- use the vocabulary related to the description of good role models
- prove that this or that person is a good role model for other people
- describe a person who I admire

Home assignment: complete your composition on “Good Role Models” and prepare to present the person you have chosen. Use the following questions to help you:

- What qualities does he/she possess that you admire?
- Can you provide examples that illustrate his/her impact on you and others?
- Is he / she a good influence on society?

Our lesson has come to an end. Thanks for being enthusiastic, hard-working and creative today.

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Example of student –created PowerPoint Presentation on Good Role Models completed as part of students’ home assignment

PEOPLE WHO INSPIRE US



by Grade 8D Students



My Role Model

by Liza

Every teenager finds a role models in different people, whether it's their mother, father, teacher or even people beside them. Ukrainian soldiers have already proved to the world that they are heroic people, they are superheroes of our time.

My dad is one of them, he is my role model. He sets a good example for my brother and me by being brave. From the first days of the war in February 2022, he entered the Armed Forces of Ukraine to defend our homeland. In April my father was taken to the front line. He got serious injuries and from that time he's at home. My father fought violently to retake the territory taken by russia.

He's also a loving and wonderful dad. I know he's brave and strong and he could be a good role model for all of us. I want to be like him, brave and independent.

My Role Model

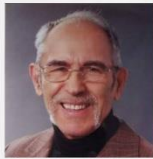

by Maksym

The person I admire is my grandfather. His name is Stanyslav Ivanovych Oliynyk. He is genuinely intelligent, and well educated. He is a philologist and a passionate patriot. And I can tell the same about his friends and colleagues. He only deals with nice and decent people. He used to work as a Ukrainian language teacher and principal in two local schools. He speaks German very well and keeps learning it.

He is currently retired, but he is still engaged in his favorite things. His life is dedicated to art. He has been drawing paintings and writing poems nearly for most of his life. He released his collection of poems "Belated Confession" in 2014. He often writes and edits articles for newspapers. It is clear from his stories that he highlights the fact that he considers himself as an active contributor to patriotic magazines such as "Invocation", "Maidan Nezalezhosti", "Young Ukraine", and I believe that these actions are really important to him in his life. I am genuinely proud of him for that.

He also maintains a healthy lifestyle. He is engaged in sports, namely exercises with dumbbells. He does morning exercises every day.

In my opinion my grandfather is a nice example of a great role model.

My Role Model



by Daryna

My role model is my uncle. I have known him all my life. He is my mother's brother. His name is Oleg.

He sets a good example for me and my relatives by his kindness, courage and honesty. I also look up to him for his bravery and unselfishness. When the war started, he went to the front line. He was there for almost two years. Unfortunately, he went missing on January 15th. We were told this terrible news three days later.

I believe, he is alive and will be back soon. I think he is held hostage. I want many people to know about him.

He is a good influence on me. I know he is a wonderful person and he is an example to follow. I want to be like him.

My Role Model



by Karina

My role model is a brave Ukrainian girl whose name is Ruslana Danilkina. Before the war started, she was an ordinary 18-year-old girl from Odessa. I could have never heard about her but for the war.

Now most Ukrainians look up to Ruslana Danilkina for her courage and determination. At the age of 18 she was not afraid to become a volunteer in the Armed Forces of Ukraine. Then she got the position of communications operator. When her military vehicle came under fire during a combat mission, the girl lost her leg and even risked losing her life.

It was a difficult decision for her but she made herself continue to fight. Today, the girl sets a positive example for everyone who, just like her, lost limbs in this war. Ruslana has her own page in Instagram where she shares her experience on how to appreciate everything people have and value every moment of life.

In my opinion, Ruslana's bravery and courage are a good influence on Ukrainian youth.

My Role Model



by Vika

My role model is Dmytro Komarov, a Ukrainian war correspondent who was the first journalist to witness and film the horrors in recently liberated cities of Bucha, Irpin, Kharkiv and Kherson regions. I look up to him for his bravery and talent. The documentary project "Year" by the team "Upside Down World" is Dmytro Komarov's personal view of the war.

I had known him as a popular Ukrainian TV host long before the war started. And I can say I have some reasons why I respect him and everything he does during wartime. Before February 2022, he was a famous TV presenter of the program called "Upside Down World". At that time, he was my favorite presenter. His sense of humour and intelligence were a good influence on me.

After the full-scale invasion in 2022 he becomes a volunteer, a war journalist who is often in the hottest spots of Ukraine filming the horrors of war and saving people. He sold his brand new car for 1 million hryvnias and donated the money to the army.

In my opinion he sets a positive example for young people by being a person with a very kind heart and a courageous personality.

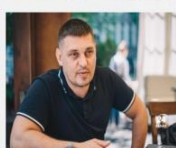
My Role Model

by Denys

My role model is Volodymyr Zolkin, a famous Ukrainian YouTuber and activist. I have looked up to him since March 2022 when he was the first journalist who interviewed russian prisoners of war and telephoned their relatives to tell them the truth about the war.

Since his first interviews, his YouTube channel became extremely popular not only among Ukrainians but also among people from russia and other countries as well. Thanks to these interviews millions of people saw how cruel and stupid the invaders from russia are.

In my opinion it is very difficult to speak to people whom you hate because they destroy your country so Volodymyr Zolkin sets a good example for other people by being patient, intelligent, responsible while speaking to those who are enemies. Volodymyr is also well-known for his collecting money and buying drones for our Army. He often goes to the front line and interviews our defenders as well. He is one of those people who do a lot for the prisoner exchange.

A Role Model

by Sofia

It is difficult for me to say who my role model is but the person who I really admire and who inspires other people is Lesya Nikityuk.

She is a very popular volunteer, TV presenter and a blogger in Ukraine. Together with her film group they travel across Ukraine to highlight the work of volunteers who find creative Ukrainian ways to support their communities and country during wartime. Lesya says that for her, the purpose during wartime is to shine a light on the unknown Ukrainian heroes who are defending and rebuilding the country, but also to bring joy and humor to those who have suffered because of the war.

I know that she collects money to buy a lot of things for people who lost their homes due to the war and collects money to buy more drones. She also visits schools and other places in towns in the pre-frontline areas.

In my opinion she sets a positive example on her fans by being optimistic, unselfish and kind and supportive. Her most powerful message is "And I want other countries to never have to know what war is."

