

# Heroes

## ***Welcome to Talk Time!***

Learn one another's names.  
Share: How are you? How is your week going?  
Discuss the idiom of the week: "Look up to"

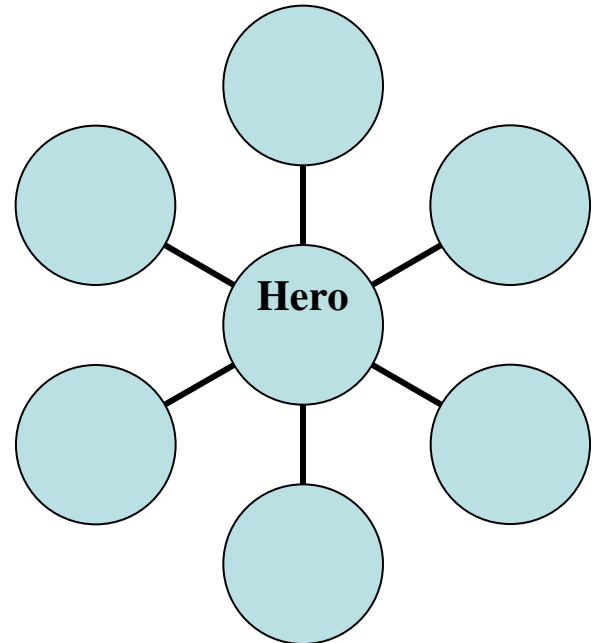


## **Let's get started**

### **Discuss as a group.**

What is a hero?

When you hear the word "hero," what other words do you think of? Write the words in the diagram.



## **Conversation skills**

Ask each other questions using the words *who*, *what*, *where*, *when*, *why*, and *how*. Let's also use the phrase "Tell me more." The best questions are the questions YOU ask!

## **Interviews**

There are two kinds of heroes: famous heroes and personal heroes. A famous hero is someone that *many people* know such as a president, a religious leader, or an author. A personal hero is someone that *you* know such as a friend, a family member, or a teacher. Who are your heroes? Who do you "look up to?" Take a minute to think. Then, write their names in the chart below.

Famous hero	Personal hero

### **1) Interview your leader about his/her famous hero. Take turns asking these questions.**

- Who is your famous hero? Where is he/she from?
- What has this person accomplished? (Has he/she written books, won an award, etc.?)
- Why is this person special to you?
- Other questions?

### **2) Find a partner. Interview one another about your famous heroes. You may use the questions above. Then, share your partner's answers with the group.**

**3) Interview your leader about his/her personal hero. Take turns asking these questions.**

- Who is your personal hero? Where is he/she from?
- How did you meet? How long have you known him/her?
- What do you like about him/her? What qualities does he/she have? (For instance, is he/she kind, courageous, patient, etc.?)
- Why is this person special to you?
- Tell us a story about your hero. What is one of your favorite memories?

**4) Find a new partner. Interview one another about your personal heroes. Then, share your partner's answers with the group.**



**Discussion**

We talked about our famous heroes from around the world. Who are some other famous heroes in the USA? What are their accomplishments? Who are other famous heroes in your country? Please describe them.

To learn more about current heroes around the world, see the additional handout “CNN Heroes.”

Have your heroes changed throughout your life? Did you have different heroes when you were a child? Explain.

Do you think heroism can sometimes be negative? Explain.

Some American superheroes are Batman, Superman, and Spiderman. Are their superheroes in your country? What do children learn from these superheroes?

If you could be a superhero, who would you be? What superpower would you have?

Felix Adler, a man born in Germany in 1851, said, “The hero is one who kindles a great light in the world, who sets up blazing torches in the dark streets of life for men to see by.” What do you think this quote means? Do you agree? Why or why not?

How can we be heroes today? Brainstorm some practical ways we can be heroes in everyday life.

**Group Reflection:**

What did you learn today? What did you learn about yourself or someone in the group? What language did you practice? What do you want to talk about next week?

## *CNN Heroes 2010*

Every year, CNN highlights ten special people. These people are heroes because they help others. On November 25, CNN will announce the “Hero of the Year.” The winner will receive \$100,000 to continue his/her work.” As a group, read about some of the heroes.

Guadalupe Arizpe De La Vega founded a hospital in Juarez, Mexico. The hospital helps 900 people every day.



Linda Fondren helps people in Mississippi to be healthy. Many people in her city are overweight, so she provides free exercise and nutrition classes.

Narayanan Krishnan helps feed homeless people in India. He has served more than 1.2 million meals.



Harmon Parker builds bridges in Kenya. The bridges help people to safely cross dangerous rivers.

### **Discuss as a group:**

Do you think these people are heroes? Why or why not?

Who would you choose as “The Hero of the Year?” Explain your choice. (You can read about the other heroes and vote online at <http://www.cnn.com/SPECIALS/cnn.heroes/index.html>).