

Topic: Leaders (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

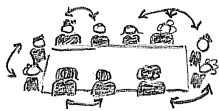
Keyword – Admire – to like very much; to respect

Let’s get started... Interview other people. Ask them: In your native or former country, who are leaders that you admire? Why do you admire them?

Name	Leaders you admire..	Why?

Group Talk – Share something you learned in the interviews.

Group Check-in - If you wish, share something about what’s been happening in your life. Share results from the ‘Keep Talking’ activity and Presentations.



Discuss in pairs or groups of three -

Are leaders born or made? Are some people natural leaders (“born” a leader)? Or can people learn to be leaders (“made” a leader through education and experience)? Give examples.

Story:

On the second Monday in January Americans celebrate Martin Luther King (MLK) Day. Schools, banks, the post office and other government offices will be closed. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was an American civil rights leader. He talked about a dream (a hope) he had. He gave a famous speech in 1963. He said:

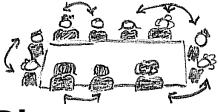


I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

I have a dream that one day . . . little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls and walk together as sisters and brothers.

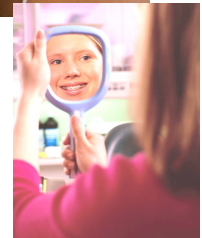
Group Talk - Do you have “brothers” and “sisters” who are not your real relatives? Do you have “mothers” or “fathers” or “children” who are not relatives? Why or why not?

Do you have a dream for the world or for your community or nation? If yes, how will you make your dream come true?



Discuss some of these questions in pairs or groups of three –

- What do you admire about
- . . . your parents?
-your children?
-your siblings (brothers and sisters)?
- a friend?
- yourself?

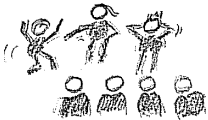


Change groups or pairs and discuss some of these questions.

Do you like to lead (be a leader), follow (be a follower) or both? Explain.

Do you admire celebrities? Why or why not? Would you like to trade places with one? Why or why not?

Group Talk - Share something you learned from the people you listened to.



Role Play: Practice in pairs or groups and then present the role play to the group.

. . . .**For Intermediate and advanced speakers.** Plan a role play about being a leader. (Example: Act out leading a PTA meeting. What do you do and others do and say?)

. . . .**For Beginning speakers.** Practice a conversation script prepared by the facilitator.

Keep Talking - After Talk Time, ask a coworker or friend or store clerk, "Who do you admire?" Write down their answers and share at Talk Time next week.



Presentation – Assign one or two students to prepare a 2-3 minute talk about "Leaders" or another topic and present it in one or two weeks. (Optional)

Internet: Martin Luther King's "Dream Speech" -

<http://www.mlkonline.net/dream.html>

Special Vocabulary – admire, leader, born, civil rights, dream, hope, "gave a speech", judged, skin, content, character, join, "trade places", celebrities, PTA, follower