

People who make a difference

1 Read the descriptions. Choose one word to describe each person.

forerunner • humanitarian • iconoclast • mentor
pioneer • philanthropist • role model • trailblazer

- 1 He was incredibly generous in his time – his overriding concern was for the wellbeing of his students. He is a/an
- 2 Not many people have heard of Amy Fearn, but she was the first woman to referee in an English football league match. She was a/an for other women because she allowed other women a path to becoming referees.
- 3 She was a librarian, but what most people didn't know was that she was also a rebellious, controversial street artist, who used her art to express her political views. She was a/an
- 4 Howard Gardner developed the theory of multiple intelligences, which has been used ever since as a broader way to study intelligence. He was a/an in his field.
- 5 In the story, Robinson is a successful businesswoman who gives every dollar she earns to environmental charities. She is a true
- 6 Ever since I started in my job, my boss has taken time to support me and give me advice. He has also taken responsibility for guiding me in my career path. He has been a to me.
- 7 Our basketball manager is someone who everyone looks up to. She is a fair and kind person and the whole team respect her. She is a wonderful
- 8 The German electronic music band Kraftwerk is widely considered to be the to modern electronic bands.

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Words with prepositions

2 Make collocations with the words in Group A and the prepositions in Group B to give synonyms of the words below. You can use the words in Group B more than once and there may be more than one possible answer.

Group A

abstain • attitude • capacity • comparison
concentrate • gifted • intention • object
praise somebody • satisfied • sensitive
suspicious

Group B

about • as • between • for • from • in • of • on
to(wards) • with

- 1 position as
- 2 desire to
- 3 doubtful about
- 4 focus on
- 5 content to/with
- 6 talented in
- 7 compliment somebody on
- 8 hold back from
- 9 express disapproval of
- 10 diplomatic to(wards)
- 11 perspective on
- 12 contrast between

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Skills and qualities

3 Choose the best option to complete each sentence.

- 1 One thing I love about Daisy is her persistence/optimism. She always believes things will be OK, even in difficult situations.
- 2 Our company CEO has amazing flexibility/networking skills – he knows everyone in the industry.
- 3 One of the most important skills you need as an actor is resilience/optimism. If you get rejected for a role, it's vital that you can move on to the next audition without getting downhearted.
- 4 The reason Jack is the team leader is because of his ability to motivate others/see the big picture. Even when a project is going badly, his enthusiasm inspires others to keep going.
- 5 If it wasn't for her persistence/flexibility, she wouldn't have become a lawyer. She kept applying to law firms until one finally offered her a job.
- 6 People are surprised when you tell them that resilience/flexibility is one of the most important skills for a doctor. You quite often have to cancel plans to work late, or come in on your day off.
- 7 Wow, I admire your ability to see the big picture/think outside the box – I would never have thought of doing it that way. It's a brilliant idea!
- 8 The reason why Manuel is such a successful football manager is because of his ability to see the big picture/think outside the box. He's always looking ahead to how he can strengthen the team and improve things for the future.

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Unit review

4 Replace the words in bold with vocabulary from 1–3 on the previous page.

Random Acts of Kindness

You may have heard of the book, movie and movement named *Pay It Forward*. The expression challenges people to be their own hero, as well as a (1) **person who sets an example** to others. The idea is that instead of paying back a person for giving you help, you pay it forward by helping others. Many people have (2) **said nice things about** this form of 'spreading the love' for creating communities of (3) **people who help people**.

The concept was actually first used in an ancient Greek play, and later became a personal (4) **charitable** policy of the American President, Benjamin Franklin. He said: 'This is a trick of mine for doing a deal of good with a little money.' Author Robert A. Heinlein developed the concept by publishing a book and founding a society to promote the idea. In his (5) **position** as a (6) **person who helps guide other people** to another author Ray Bradbury, he was able to pass on this concept to him. As a result, Bradbury used the idea in a book, *Dandelion Wine*, in which the main character had the (7) **aim** of paying help forward to others. The concept became a popular movement after the book was adapted to become a successful movie. The positive (8) **view of** the movement grew, and now 70 countries have a Pay it Forward day each year when people (9) **think carefully about** performing random acts of kindness.

Naturally, some people are (10) **untrusting** of the idea and think that some people will take advantage of their goodwill. But next time you have a chance, try to pay something forward. I guarantee you will feel (11) **content** with what you've done. And remember, the more people that take part in these kinds of positive movements, the more (12) **hope** we feel about the world we live in.

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