Women I admire

Listen to Freya and her brother Ollie talking about famous women, then do the exercises to help you understand.

Before you listen

Match the definitions (a–h) with the words (1–8).

Vocabulary	Definitions
1. to admire someone	a) somebody who does gymnastics
2. a gymnast	b) changes in the world's weather
3. a medal	c) to give your opinion about something in public
4. to protest	d) to respect and like someone
5. climate change	e) learning in a school or college and the knowledge that you get from this
6. to speak out	f) to ask someone questions to get information
7. an education	g) a round piece of metal that you get if you win a competition
8. to interview someone	h) to show that you disagree with something by standing somewhere, shouting, carrying signs, etc.

Exercises

Exercise 1

Complete the information (1–4) with the correct person.

Information	People
1. ___ is one of the best gymnasts of all time.	a) Greta Thunberg
2. ___ told world leaders to stop climate change.	b) Freya and Ollie's grandma
3. ___ fought for girls' rights to have an education.	c) Simone Biles
4. ___ helps people learn to read.	d) Malala Yousafzai

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Exercise 2

Are the sentences true or false?

1. Freya has to write about a woman she admires for homework.
2. Freya is looking for information about famous women in a book.
3. Ollie learned about Malala Yousafzai at school.
4. Freya's teacher said that they must write about a very famous woman.
5. Ollie thinks it's a good idea to write about Grandma.
6. Freya writes her grandma an email to ask her some questions.

Write and draw

Which amazing women do you know? Write about a woman you admire and draw a picture.

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Transcript

Freya: [sighs]

Ollie: What's up, Freya?

Freya: I'm doing my homework. I have to write about a woman I admire.

Ollie: So, who are you going to write about?

Freya: Well, that's the problem. I don't know! I'm looking on this website, and there are so many women who have done amazing things. I don't know who to choose.

Ollie: OK. Let's have a look … ooh, what about Simone Biles?

Freya: It says here that Simone Biles is a gymnast. Many people say she's the greatest of all time. Simone Biles has more World Championship medals than anyone else.

Ollie: Oh yeah, I've seen her on TV. Her jumps and flips were amazing.

Freya: Hmm. OK … or what about Greta Thunberg? Did you know she was only 15 when she started protesting against climate change? I think she was really brave speaking up to world leaders, telling them they have to do something to stop it.

Ollie: That's true. Or what about Malala, oh what's her surname? We learned about her at school.

Freya: Ah yes, she's here on the website. Malala Yousafzai. Malala won the Nobel Peace Prize at the age of 17. She spoke out for girls and their right to have an education.

Ollie: You're right, Freya, there are so many important women to choose from.

Freya: You know what, Ollie? I've just had a thought.

Ollie: What?

Freya: Well, our teacher said the woman we write about doesn't have to be a famous person.

Ollie: And?

Freya: Well, I think I'm going to write about Grandma. She's a woman I really admire. She's travelled a lot, she even speaks four different languages … and don't forget, she helps people learn to read at the library every week.

Ollie: Yes, of course! Perhaps you can interview Grandma and find out more about the things she's done!

Freya: That's a brilliant idea, Ollie. I'm going to phone her right now. Hello, Grandma … Can you help me with my homework, please?

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Answers

Before you listen

1. d
2. a
3. g
4. h
5. b
6. c
7. e
8. f

Exercise 1

1. c
2. a
3. d
4. b

Exercise 2

1. True
2. False
3. True
4. False
5. True
6. False

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