

THEME 5 INSPIRATIONAL PEOPLE READING SKILL (UPLIFT)

A. Skim the text and circle what it is about.

1. It is about hard-working people.
2. It is about the obstacles people face.
3. It is about people's dreams.
4. It is about inspirational people.

Successful Characters

We all love to pursue someone inspiring because their words or actions make us think about our own lives. In particular, when we feel burnt out or on the edge of giving up, their words and actions inspire us. These people's challenging lives and great achievements light a spark inside us; we feel the power in our hearts and feel strong enough to take action.

This person could be a family member, a good friend, or a good person around us. On the other hand, there are a lot of inspirational people with amazing success stories around the world. Most of us think that these people usually come from modest, middle-class, or poor backgrounds, but in fact, they come from all walks of life. We also know them for their inspiring achievements and their comfortable lives, but in fact, they usually face big challenges and obstacles in real life to be successful.

All of these inspirational people have a dream or a goal, and they always try to achieve their dreams and goals. Although something in their lives seems impossible, unrealistic, or far away, they just focus on fulfilling it. In other words, they never give up, and they just move forward despite difficult times and situations.

Maybe most of us have the feeling that we cannot be the next inspirational person, but how very wrong we are! If we follow the lessons that inspirational people teach us, we can realize that we have a chance to make our dreams come true.

B. Scan the text and write the words that complete the words/phrases below.

1. _____ success stories
2. _____ backgrounds
3. _____ challenges or obstacles
4. _____ times and situations
5. _____ inspirational person

C. Answer the following questions according to the text.

1. Why do we love to pursue someone inspiring?

2. What helps us to feel stronger to take action?

3. Where do inspirational people come from?

4. What do they usually face in real life?

5. What do they do despite facing difficult times and situations?

6. What can we realize if we follow the lessons that they teach us?

D. Scan the text and write the required information below.

Age: _____ Characteristic traits: _____

Job: _____ Physical appearance: _____

To me, Karsu Dönmez is one of the most talented singers, pianists, and composers. She is a 32-year-old Turkish-Dutch singer from Amsterdam. She has got long, wavy, brown hair and is a young, talented, and gorgeous woman. I can say that she is more modest about her achievements and respectful of her audience than many celebrities. She says she is working very hard to give her audiences a much better musical performance than the previous ones. She can speak a few languages very well. She is always on tour; she performs in many countries around the world and introduces Türkiye and Turkish culture at her concerts. She also gives a lot of concerts to help refugees.