

## International Women's Day: Who inspires you?

Who inspires you? Perhaps it's a famous woman, or maybe it's someone from your family ... Watch some people talking about this question in the video.

### Tasks

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do the exercises.

### Preparation task

Match the definitions (a–j) with the vocabulary (1–10).

#### Vocabulary

- ..... to inspire someone
- ..... Congress
- ..... a role model
- ..... discrimination
- ..... a refuge
- ..... a slave
- ..... to put on a brave face
- ..... conservation
- ..... to go after something
- ..... a degree

#### Definition

- a. to try to get something
- b. to behave as if a problem doesn't worry you
- c. treating someone differently because of their skin colour, sex, sexuality, etc.
- d. to give someone a strong feeling of enthusiasm
- e. the protection of animals and plants
- f. the elected group of politicians in the USA who make the law
- g. a person who is owned by someone else and has to work for them
- h. a person whom you admire and whose behaviour you try to copy
- i. the qualification you get when you finish university or college
- j. a place that gives protection from danger

### Task 1

Match the professions (a–f) with the women (1–6).

#### Women

- ..... Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez
- ..... Leslie Feinberg
- ..... Marie Colvin
- ..... JK Rowling
- ..... Phillis Wheatley
- ..... Dian Fossey

#### Professions

- a. a children's book writer
- b. an American journalist
- c. an African American poet
- d. a US congresswoman
- e. a conservationist
- f. a feminist and gender theorist

**Task 2**

Put the words in order to make sentences.

1. a fantastic She's women and role model young men. for both young  
going to become
2. the discrimination and violence brave enough She was that she faced. to live  
as a butch lesbian despite
3. in a refuge. who are experiencing She helps find safety sexual violence  
women
4. loving, amazing a kind, She being. human was
5. first and face, puts her family She always puts on is always super positive. a  
brave
6. always to go after told me in life and take what I want every opportunity.  
She has
7. a degree. the first in her to get She was family person
8. her inspires me just capability. with She

**Discussion**

Which women inspire you and why?

## Answers

### Preparation task

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

### Task 1

1. d
2. f
3. b
4. a
5. c
6. e

### Task 2

1. She's going to become a fantastic role model for both young women and young men.
2. She was brave enough to live as a butch lesbian despite the discrimination and violence that she faced.
3. She helps women who are experiencing sexual violence find safety in a refuge.
4. She was a kind, loving, amazing human being.
5. She always puts on a brave face, puts her family first and is always super positive.
6. She has always told me to go after what I want in life and take every opportunity.
7. She was the first person in her family to get a degree.
8. She just inspires me with her capability.