

# My Personal Hero



## Discuss with a partner

- Who is your favorite super hero? Why?
- What super power would you like to have?
- Why do people need heroes?
- What makes a hero a hero?
- Who are some heroes in your country?



## a. Look at the numbers and dates below. How do you say them?

1989	40,000	40
1	1965	82
30	1934	

## b. Listen to the story. Put the numbers in the correct order.

## c. Listen to the story again. Why are these numbers important? Take notes.

## d. Work with a partner. Use the notes you took and the words from p.1 to make a short summary of the story.

## My personal hero

The person I'm going to talk about is<sup>1</sup> my grandmother. Her name is Alisa. She was born<sup>2</sup> in Novosibirsk, Russia on December 1, 1934 and graduated from the medical university in 1965.

There are several reasons why I think of her as a hero<sup>3</sup>. Firstly<sup>4</sup>, she did an important job and spent all her life helping people. Her biggest achievement is working as a doctor for 40 years!

When she was 30 years old<sup>5</sup>, Alisa moved to a small Siberian town. There were 40,000 people in the town and only one doctor. That doctor was my grandmother. While she was working there, she saw hundreds of patients every week. Even though she was an ear, nose and throat doctor, people came to her with all kinds of problems – she even helped women who were having babies! Alisa worked long days and sometimes she did not have weekends because her patients needed her.

Secondly<sup>6</sup>, she is the bravest person I know<sup>7</sup>. For example<sup>8</sup>, she wasn't afraid to work with patients who were in prison. One time, she was riding an ambulance when it crashed into a tram! And she even took a helicopter to reach a patient who lived in the countryside.

Finally<sup>9</sup>, I really admire her for<sup>10</sup> learning to use the latest technology. My grandmother retired in 1989 and she is now 82 but has her own smartphone, and she knows how to use Instagram, Facebook, Skype and WhatsApp. She can even take selfies!

**Look at the phrases in bold. Put them in the categories below:**

Structuring your talk

- *The person I'm going to talk about is*

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Talking about a person's life

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Giving reasons

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Giving examples

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## Giving a short talk

You will tell your partner about your personal hero. It can be someone you know, e.g., a friend, a colleague or a family member, or a famous person.

### Think about these topics:

- Who do you want to talk about?
- What do you know about his/her life?
- What achievements has this person made?
- What kind of challenges have they had in their life?
- What words can you use to describe this person?
- Why do you admire him/her?

### Plan your talk.

The person I`m going to talk about is.....