Two inspirational people

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Language Center

Work in pairs. Tell your partner about the teachers who have had the most influence on you. What makes them admirable?

Watch the two videos and answer the questions.
Who are they? What did they do?

Name of the videos:

1. C. Muhammad Yunus, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and Grameen Bank founder- Talks at GS
2. C. Sanjit Bunker Roy on simple solutions for complex problems.



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Inspirational

making you feel hopeful or encouraged.

He gave an inspirational talk on overcoming obstacles in life.



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Devoted

extremely loving and loyal:

a devoted mother



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Illiterate

unable to read and write.

A surprising percentage of the population is illiterate.



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Midwife

a person, usually a woman, who is trained to help women when they are giving birth

6 Match the advertisements with the professions or jobs in the box.

telephone engineer **accountant** **IT worker** **teacher**
marketing manager **nurse** **midwife** ~~**architect**~~

We are looking for an (2) _____ who can work with the latest software programs.

Our successful company is looking for a junior (1) architect to join our team, helping design a new school and hospital. This is an excellent opportunity for a graduate to put their design skills into practice.

Our busy sales and marketing department needs a (3) _____ to lead a team of sales and marketing consultants.

(4) _____ needed to join our voluntary team in Africa, assisting with the delivery of babies in a rural community.

Do you like caring for people who are sick? If you are a qualified (5) _____, or work in healthcare, come and talk to us.

Elementary school has a vacancy for an experienced (6) _____.

Telecommunications company needs (7) _____ to join busy team.

Finance department of busy firm needs an (8) _____ who is brilliant with numbers and budgets.

COMPREHENSION

4 Read the text again and choose the correct answers.

1 Why did Muhammad Yunus want to start a special bank?

- **a** He realized poor people had to pay a lot of money to borrow money from a bank.
- **b** He realized that poor people were making and selling goods to earn money.
- **c** He wanted to help the students he was teaching in college.

2 How has Yunus's bank helped people?

- **a** They can make and sell more furniture.
- **b** Many have become successful in business.
- **c** Many successful businesses also began to help poor people.

3 Why didn't Sanjit "Bunker" Roy become a diplomat or civil servant?

- **a** There was a famine in the part of India where he was from.
- **b** He wanted to help the people he had met on his travels instead.
- **c** He hadn't had the right education for that type of career.

4 What do students from Roy's college do when they graduate?

- **a** They go to other countries to work.
- **b** They work in their local communities.
- **c** They train other village people to do jobs.

Summary

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Speaking

Talk together

7 Work in pairs. Which of these, or other jobs, would you like to do most or least? Why? What skills or personal qualities do you need for each job?

A: You have to be patient and creative to be a teacher.

B: And you have to like working with children!

Speaking

1. What job would you most like to do?
2. What are the names of some of the people with that job?
3. Do you personally know any one with that job?
4. What do you hope to spiritually gain from that job?
5. What do you wish to physically gain; what kind of things would you like to buy with your money?

Homework

Make a presentation.
What are the pros and cons of being a manager?
What are the qualities a good boss should have?
What is a fair wage for the skills you have?