

## **Worksheet 1**

### **Verbs**

1. **Do you think it would be a good thing to be a role model? Why/why not?**
  
2. **Look at the following sentences. Complete them with the verbs in brackets. Either use the -ing (eating) form of the verb, the infinitive (to eat) or the bare infinitive (eat)**
  - a. I don't think I would enjoy \_\_\_\_\_ a role model. **BE**
  - b. Role models help parents \_\_\_\_\_ their children **TEACH** about the right way to live their life
  - c. My son is studying dance because he's planning on **BECOME** \_\_\_\_\_ a professional dancer when he's older.
  - d. I don't mind my son \_\_\_\_\_ a football team, as long **SUPPORT** as the players are good role models.
  - e. We decided not \_\_\_\_\_ our daughter go to the **LET** concert as some of the songs are unsuitable for kids.
  - f. My son wants \_\_\_\_\_ a teacher when he's older. **BE** We've got his incredible science teacher to thank for that.
  - g. I can't stand my daughter \_\_\_\_\_ reality TV. The **WATCH** people on it are awful!
  - h. I'm so happy my neighbour's son offered \_\_\_\_\_ **HELP** my son with his maths homework. I think he really looks up to him.
  - i. Janet stopped \_\_\_\_\_ interested in pop stars a while **BE** ago. She gets much more excited about tennis players these days.
  - j. She practises \_\_\_\_\_ every day now. She wants to **SING** be like Beyonce when she's older.

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### **3. Complete the gaps using a verb in the correct form.**

**Listen - do (x2) - settle - marry - spend**

**play - sing - be - pay**

- a. Is there anything you can't stand \_\_\_\_\_ in your job?
- b. What are you planning \_\_\_\_\_ this weekend?
- c. Do you mind people \_\_\_\_\_ late?
- d. If a stranger offered \_\_\_\_\_ for your coffee, would you accept?
- e. Do you enjoy \_\_\_\_\_ time alone?
- f. If your best friend decided \_\_\_\_\_ you didn't like, what would you do?
- g. Have you ever learned \_\_\_\_\_ a musical instrument?
- h. How can you help someone \_\_\_\_\_ in to a new city?
- i. If you practise \_\_\_\_\_ every day, is it possible to become as good as Mariah Carey?
- j. At what age do you think people usually stop \_\_\_\_\_ to pop music?

### **4. Discuss the questions with your partner.**

## **Worksheet 2**

### **Vocabulary**

#### **Independence**

reliant - bossed - freedom

1. I want to have the \_\_\_\_\_ to do what I want to do.
2. I don't like being \_\_\_\_\_ around by other people.
3. I don't like to be too \_\_\_\_\_ on other people.

#### **Ambitions**

set my sights - high achievers - far

1. She'll go \_\_\_\_\_. She's a hard worker and she wants to succeed.
2. It's hard coming from a family of \_\_\_\_\_. I always feel like a disappointment to them.
3. I've \_\_\_\_\_ on being a director by the age of 30.

#### **Stereotypes**

reinforce - portrays - perception

1. It frustrates me when people just \_\_\_\_\_ stereotypes. They should be trying to fight against them!
2. I don't care what people's \_\_\_\_\_ of me is. If they want to make assumptions about me based on my nationality, that's fine by me.
3. The way the media \_\_\_\_\_ people from my country doesn't help to break stereotypes about us at all.

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### **Role models**

set a good example - inspired - a good example

1. It must be difficult always trying to be \_\_\_\_\_. Everyone messes up sometimes.
2. I was really \_\_\_\_\_ by my maths teacher at school. That's why I'm a teacher now.
3. I think sports people in the public eye have to \_\_\_\_\_ to young people.

### **Competitiveness**

pit against - team spirit - one-upmanship

1. I don't like the way students are \_\_\_\_\_ each other at university. They need to learn how to work together.
2. I left my old job because I couldn't stand the \_\_\_\_\_. I want to work in a less competitive environment from now on.
3. I like football as it teaches you to compete against the other side, but you also have a great \_\_\_\_\_ with your fellow players.

### **Rights of the individual/young people**

legal aid - know your rights - gets arrested

1. I think \_\_\_\_\_ is a good thing. Everyone should have access to a lawyer, even if they don't earn enough money.
2. It's so important to \_\_\_\_\_. If you don't, people can take advantage of you.
3. When someone \_\_\_\_\_, they have the right to have a lawyer present when they are questioned.

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### **The media**

biased - columnist - propaganda

1. Almost every paper in England is politically \_\_\_\_\_. It's important to know whose side they're on when you're reading one.
2. Any celebrity can become a \_\_\_\_\_ these days. I don't know why anyone would be interested in reading what most of them have to say!
3. The media is full of \_\_\_\_\_. I never trust anything I read without checking a few different sources. They're all trying to brainwash us!

### **Advertising**

jingles - advertising agency - product placement

1. I've always wanted to work for an \_\_\_\_\_. I'd love to sit around all day thinking up ideas for adverts.
2. Hollywood films are full of \_\_\_\_\_ these days. Every 5 minutes you see someone drinking a Starbucks coffee!
3. I think the people who write \_\_\_\_\_ are so clever! You hear a song on an advert one time, and you can't get it out of your head!

### **The arts**

performance - exhibition - masterpiece

1. His latest painting is a real \_\_\_\_\_. It's definitely the best work of his career.
2. I'd like to go to an \_\_\_\_\_ this weekend. I want to do something cultural
3. I wasn't very impressed by his \_\_\_\_\_. I didn't think he was a very convincing Macbeth.

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### **Economic issues**

loaded - Building society - pay day loans

1. I think \_\_\_\_\_ are immoral. They are taking advantage of desperate people and charging them ridiculous amounts of interest.
2. I don't trust banks. That's why I put all my money in a \_\_\_\_\_ account.
3. He must be \_\_\_\_\_. It's his 3<sup>rd</sup> holiday of the year.

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### **Answers:**

#### **Independence**

1. Freedom
2. Bossed
3. Reliant

#### **Ambitions**

1. Far
2. High achievers
3. Set my sights

#### **Stereotypes**

1. Reinforce
2. Perception
3. Portrays

#### **Role Models**

1. A good example
2. Inspired
3. Set a good example

#### **Competitiveness**

1. Pit against
2. One-upmanship
3. Team spirit

#### **Rights of the individual/young people**

1. Legal aid
2. Know your rights
3. Gets arrested

#### **The media**

1. Biased
2. Columnist
3. Propaganda

#### **Advertising**

1. Advertising agency
2. Product placement
3. Jingles

#### **The arts**

1. Masterpiece
2. Exhibition
3. Performance

#### **Economic issues**

1. Pay day loans
2. Building society
3. Loaded