

## **Someone You Wanted to be Similar To**

### **Version A**

**Describe a person who you wanted to be similar to when you were younger.**

You should say:

who this person was

how you knew (about) this person

what impressed you about this person

and explain why you wanted to be similar to this person.

or

and explain in what ways you wanted to be similar to this person.

**Another likely (old) version:**

### **Version B**

**Describe a person you know who you would like to be similar to.**

You should say:

who this person is

how you know this person

what impresses you about this person

and explain why you would like to be similar to this person.

or

and explain in what ways you would like to be similar to this person.

### **Part 3**

#### **Role Models**

- In general, what kinds of people do children and teenagers want to be similar to when they grow up?
- Can you explain how the use of movie stars in advertisements influences people?
- Do you think there are any negative influences from using movie stars in advertisements?
- Would you say the influence of parents on their children today is as strong as it used to be in the past?

Other questions you might be asked:

#### **Role Models and Influences on Young People and Children**

Here, if the examiner says "young people", they are probably including "children" in that group. Strictly speaking, we are no longer "children" after about the age of 13, although people up to the age of about 18 are sometimes referred to as "children" in the media and when talking about law.

- Do you think young people today are the same as young people were

in the past?

- What influences affect the way children / young people behave and think? \*
- How is the way children are brought up today in your country different to when your parents were young?
- Do you think they are affected very much by the other students at school?
- Do you think advertising in general has much influence on the buying habits of young people?
- Some companies use celebrities (such as sports stars and film stars) in their advertisements. What effect do you think that has on young people?
- (Similar to above) Why do you think celebrities such as pop stars are used in advertisements?
- Do you think product endorsements by celebrities should be banned?
- What kinds of people do children or young people in your country want to be similar to when they grow up?
- Do you think it is good for children and young people to use entertainment stars or sports stars as role models?
- Do you think the stars of popular culture such as pop singers and film stars influence the habits of young people?
- Would you say this is a good thing? \*
- Do you think these celebrities have a responsibility to set good models of behaviour, considering the fact that children and teenagers might try to emulate them?
- (Similar to above) Do you think this puts a lot of pressure on these stars (to be good models of behaviour)?
- Will you be able to forgive Michael Jackson for taking drugs?

## **Independence**

- Do you think it's important for children to learn to think independently?
- In your opinion, at what age do young people become independent of their parents?
- (Similar to above) In your culture, at what age do people think adulthood starts?