Unit 1 People of Achievements

Lesson 4 Listening and Speaking

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Learning objectives
At the end of this lesson, you will be able to:
1. listen for general ideas and specific information
    and listen for reasons.
2. learn how to give time to think in conversation.
3. talk about greatness and achievements.

Lead-in

Explore the meaning of greatness

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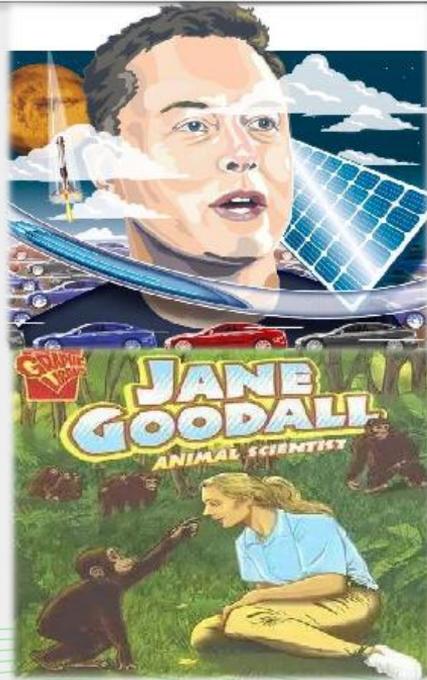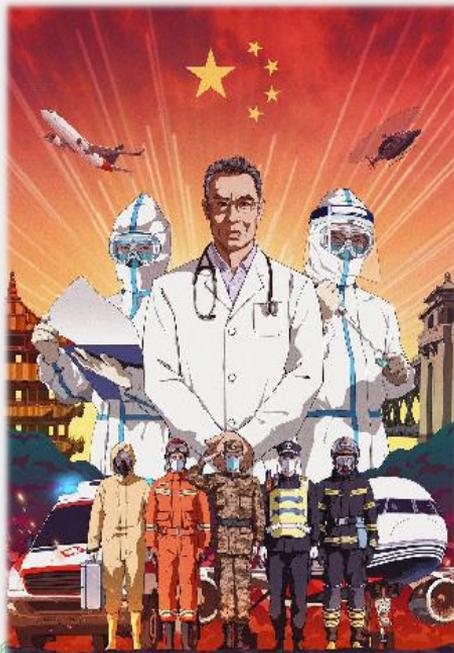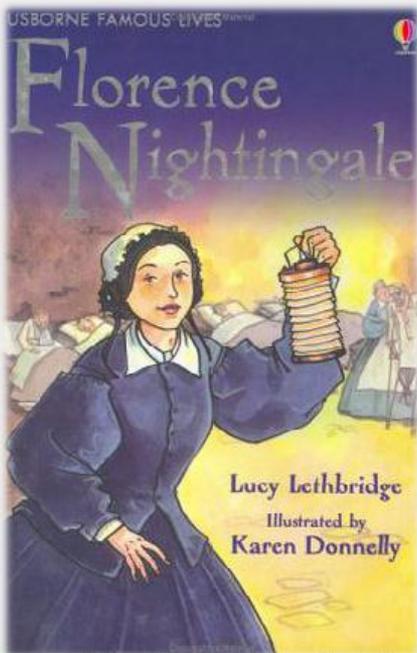
What's the meaning of greatness?

(persistence, sacrifice, devotion; make positive contributions to society, have great discoveries, inspire others to ...)
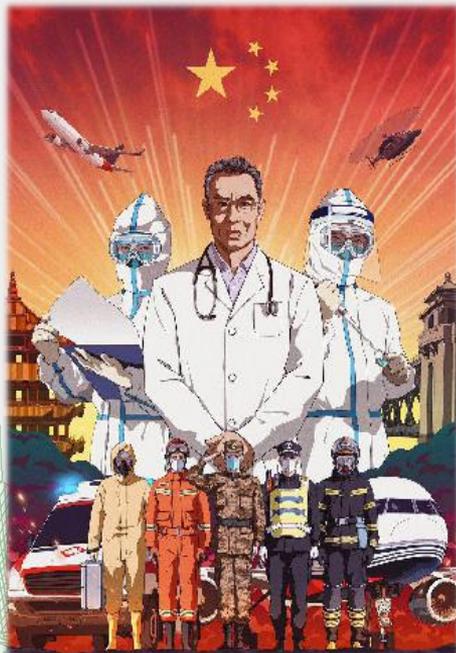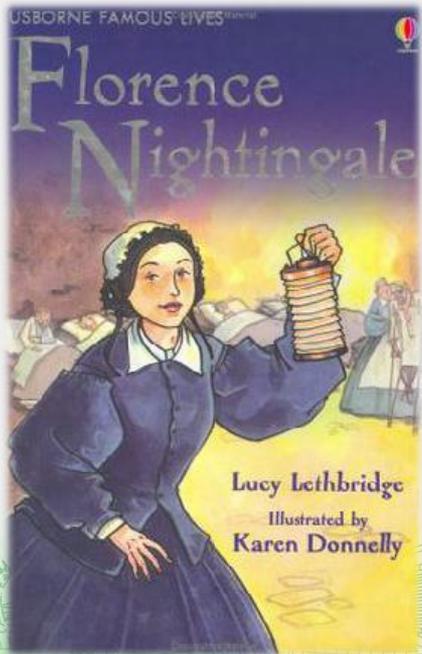
Try to become not a man of success, but a man of value.

Tu Youyou

We know Tu Youyou was awarded Nobel Prize in 2015.
Her greatness lies in her discovery of artemisinin, a crucial new treatment for malaria.
She made great achievements in medicine.
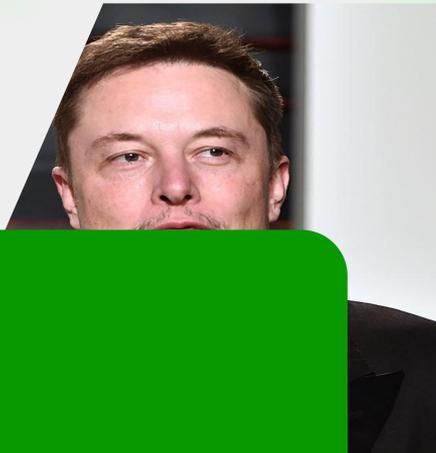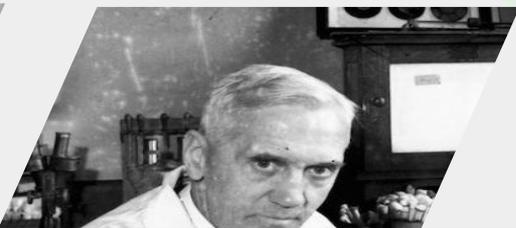
- **Do you know these people?**

- **Who are they?**

Florence Nightingale

Alexander Fleming

Elon Musk

Who are they?

Bill Gates

Jack Ma

Zhong Nanshan

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While-Listening---Task 1

1. Match the people with their achievements.

1 Elon Musk

2 Bill Gates

3 Jack Ma(Ma Yun)

4 Alexander Fleming

5 Florence Nightingale

6 Zhong Nanshan

A founder of modern nursing

B founded high-tech and futuristic companies

C managed the SARS outbreak

D made great advancement in online shopping

E made home computing accessible

F discovered penicillin

2. Listen to the conversation and check your answers.

While-Listening---Task 2

Listen to the conversation again. Who does each speaker admire? Tick in the table below.

	Dr Wang	Wang Lin	Anna Smith
Elon Musk		√	√
Bill Gates		√	√
Jack Ma		√	√
Zhong Nanshan	√		
Florence Nightingale	√		
Alexander Fleming	√		
Dr Wang		√	

Strategy Listen for reasons

When people give their opinions or decisions on a matter, they often give reasons for them. Sometimes, the reason is introduced by words such as *because* or *due to*. At other times, the reason is given right after the opinion or decision, and the link can be *inferred*.

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While-Listening---Task 3

Listen again and answer the questions.

1. Why does Dr Wang say "money isn't everything" ?

2. What is the real reason Anna admires the famous people, and what examples does she give ?

3. What kind of person do you think Wang Lin admires? Why ?

1. Why does Dr Wang say "money isn't everything" ?

Because he doesn't believe that money alone is a true measure of success.

2. What is the real reason Anna admires the famous people, and what examples does she give ?

The real reason is that those people have worked so hard to achieve their goals and have positive contributions to the society.
She gives the examples of Elon Musk and Bill Gates.

3. What kind of person do you think Wang Lin admires? Why ?

She admires people that do good things to inspire her and her life, because she mentions these two things when she talks about how wonderful her father is.

Revision: try to fill in the blanks according to the content you learned just now.

Dr. Wang.

Well, you two, it's great that they've been able to become so successful and make all that money, but 1) **money isn't everything**. Just look at people like Alexander Fleming, who 2) **discovered** penicillin, and Florence Nightingale, 3) **the founder** of modern nursing, and my own 4) **personal hero** , Dr Zhong Nanshan, who 5) **managed** the SARS outbreak—they never made millions of dollars, but their contributions to 6) **health care** have saved 7) **countless** lives.

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Anna Smith: Yes, exactly! And Dr Wang, I think you misunderstood me just now. I agree with you. I like those people because they 8)<u>have worked so hard</u> to achieve their goals and 9) <u>have positive contributions to society</u>. It's not just 10)<u>due to</u> how much money they make. Elon Musk, for example, is trying to help 11) <u>the future of humankind</u>, and Bill Gates has given us home computers. I think we need 12) <u>more creative</u> people like them.

Post-Listening---Groupwork

1. Work in groups. Brainstorm the names of some great people and write them in the table below.

Ordinary people	Scientists
Su Bingtian, Lin Qiaozhi, ...	Tu Youyou, Newston, Einstein, ...
Environmentalists	Explorers
Li Guibai, Liu Peitong, ...	Marco Polo, Columbus, Xu Xiake, ...
Inventors	Politicians
Thomas Edison, Bi Sheng, ...	Mahatma Gandi, Mandela, ...

2. Discuss what makes these people great. Try to use the following language fillers to give yourself time to think.

Giving time to think

(Er/Oh/Um,) let me see/think…

Well, er, …

Yeah, I mean, I understand what you're saying …

Anyway, …

Just a moment.

Hang on a second.

May I think about that for a moment?

How can/shall/should I put this/it?

Let me think about this/that for a moment.

Right. /Sure

Really?

Well, I guess…

You see/know, …

So, …

Well, it's on the tip of my tongue.

I've nearly got it, er, …

What I want to say is …

Bob: To me, Bill Gates and Zhou Enlai are great men.

Jack: Bob, what makes these people so great ?

Bob: Um, May I think about that for a moment ?

Jack: Lucy, what's your opinion about it ?

Lucy: I think it's the persistence that makes them great just like the father of India, er, ... It's on the tip of my tongue, but ...

Bob: Mohatma Gandi.

Lucy: Right.

Bob: Besides, I guess it's also their wisdom that keeps them free from the danger till success like Mao Zedong.

Lucy: What's more, they work very hard and concern people a lot.

Jack: I totally agree with what you guys said.

Bob: To me, Bill Gates is a great man.

Greta: Why do you think that?

Bob: Well, I guess, because he's one of the world's most successful businessmen. You see, almost everyone uses his products on their computers.

Greta: Let me think about that for a moment. I guess that's true, but I don't think that makes him great. When Gates started out, there were many other computer systems that were just as good or better than Windows. He didn't invent something completely new. He was just lucky.

Bob: Well, er, maybe luck had something to do with it, but great people make their own luck because they're clever and work hard.

Greta: I don't really think that's true. A lot of clever people work hard and never have good luck.

Bob: Then who do you think is great?

Greta: Thomas Edison, because he had so many inventions that helped mankind. The light bulb, the record player, films... The world we live in now is a world that Edison made for us. Without his original ideas, we would not have much of the modern technology we have today.

Bob: I'm not sure that his ideas were really that original. For example, Edison didn't really invent the light bulb. Rather, he invented the first successful light bulb. The idea for the light bulb had been around for a long time, but because Edison worked harder and was cleverer than everyone else, he was able to succeed where many people had failed.

Greta: Hang on a second. I believe that Edison's inventions have helped far more people than Bill Gates's.

Bob: I simply disagree.

Jill: You know, I think that I have to disagree with both of you. The greatest person I know of is John Watson.

Bob: Really? Who's he? I've never heard of him.

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Jill: How shall I put this? He's just a regular guy. One night he was taking his dog for a walk when he saw a house on fire. A woman was standing outside the house screaming because her two kids were trapped inside and were going to burn to death. John didn't even think twice but just ran into the burning house to look for them. He found both kids upstairs in their bedroom, hiding in a closet. He took them one by one, and dropped them out of the window to safety. But the fire became too strong, so he wasn't able to make it out himself.

Greta: Wow! He gave up his own life to save others. What a brave man!Well, I guess you don't have to be famous to be great.

Bob: I guess not.

3. Use your discussion to draw conclusion about the meaning of greatness. The following expressions may help you. Then report back to the class.

The greatest person I know of is..., who...

To be great, a person should ...

To me, greatness means ...

Why do you think that ?

That's true, but ...

I want to be like _____ because he/she ...

has achieved financial success

has invented new products

has made great discoveries

serves as a good role model

brings happiness to other people

makes great contributions to society

Good morning, everyone! I want to introduce a great man to you. **The greatest person I know of** is Dr. Zhong Nanshan, who sucessfully dealt with the SARS outbreaks in China in 2003. Now **it's he who** prevented the COVID-19 from quick spread all over the country once again. **To me, greatness means sacrifice and devotion.** Dr Zhong Nanshan **risks himself in entering** the isolated area to cure the patients, summarizing the infected but recovered cases and sharing his successful experience with other doctors at **home and abroad**. These days, he still **works tirelessly to improve** the health of our Chinese People and he always takes responsibility of helping others. Dr. Zhong Nanshan **serves as a good role model** and **makes great contributions to** society. That's all. Thank you!

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Homework

1. Listen and repeat the listening materials covered in this period once;

2. Finish the supplementary exercises.

Thank you!

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答疑课

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Practice and Review Time

1. Listen and repeat the listening materials covered in this period once.

2. Finish the following supplementary exercises.

Review

What kind of people are people of achievement?

People who_____ are people of achievement

✓ set a good example/ serve role models

✓ make contributions to the society

✓ make a difference to the world

✓ bring happiness to others

✓ have a great discovery or invention

What do you know about her ?

Jane Goodall

- Jane Goodall is a pioneering scientist who began her research on chimpanzees 60 years ago.

- She is famous for the observation of wild chimps in their natural habitat.

- She inspires more people to protect animals and achieve their dreams.

Chimp/chimpanzee 黑猩猩

Observe/observation 观察

Inspire/ inspiration 鼓舞

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Activity 1

Locate the key words in each question.

1. How was Goodall's research method different, and how did it benefit her study?

2. In what way did Goodall's work change the way people thought about chimps?

3. What does the Roots and Shoots program do?

4. Why is Goodall an inspiration to the speaker?

◆ Locate key words in the question

How can we listen effectively? ◆ Predict information

◆ Listen for main idea

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Listen and find answers to the questions.

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1. How was Goodall's research method different, and how did it benefit her study?

She didn't number the chimps, but rather gave them names so she could see them as individuals.

2. In what way did Goodall's work change the way people thought about chimps?

She discovered they also eat meat rather than just nuts and berries, and also that they are capable of making their own tools.

3. What does the Roots and Shoots program do?

It teaches young people around the world how to protect environment.

4. Why is Goodall an inspiration to the speaker?

She inspires the speaker through her love for the environment and her desire to educate young people.

Activity 3 Talk about your hero

1. Who is your hero?

2. What do you know about the person's life?

3. What stories do you know about your hero? They can help your audience to form

    an impression of your hero.

4. Why do you like or admire the person?

5. How does this person inspire you?

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Give a speech about your hero.

➢Greet your audience.

➢Use the points from your discussion.

➢Use a quote where necessary.

➢Form an emotional connection through stories of your hero.

➢Make eye contact with different people in the audience.

➢Provide a clear and concise conclusion.

Homework

Finish the speech about your hero after class.

A Sample

Hello, everyone. I'd like to talk to you about my hero, Yuang Longping.

Yuan Longping is a great scientist who is devoted to agriculture. Born in Beijing in 1930, Yuan graduated from Southwest Agricultural College. After graduation, finding ways to grow more rice has been his life goal. Thanks to his research on hybrid rice, we have more ways to increase the rice output and rid ourselves of hunger, for which he is honoured as the "father of hybrid rice".

Yuan Longping lives a simple life and he cares little about money or being famous. As for hobbies, he enjoys listening to music as well as swimming.

Yuan Longping has made great contributions not only to China, but also to the whole world. Therefore, in my eyes, he is more than a scientist; he is a pioneer for all people.

Thank you!