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Do You Have a Role Model?

Good evening, everyone. This week a new semester has started in most schools.

Many students have probably set goals and plans for the new semester already.

According to a study, it may be easier for you to stick to them if you have a role model.

Our reporter went to a high school and asked students about their role models.

Let's listen to what some of the students said.



Take notes

Do I have a role model? Yes, I do.

I think role models influence our lives in a positive way by giving us dreams, hopes, and lessons. My role model is Roald Dahl.

He helped me dream of becoming a children's book author. I have read a lot of his books and loved all of them. Reading his books such as *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and *Matilda*,

I found myself fascinated by his interesting stories and creative characters. I especially like the messages and lessons in his books. Many of his characters are in unfortunate situations.

However, they do their best to break free from their bad situations, and their dreams finally come true. I learned that we should always believe in our abilities and dreams.

As a result, I became more confident and hopeful about my future. Like Roald Dahl, I want to be a writer who can have a positive influence on readers, too.



Take notes

My role model is Kim Mandeok, a female merchant during the Joseon Dynasty. The reason she's my role model is not because she earned a lot of money.

I want to follow her challenging spirit and sharing mind. During her era, there were many restrictions on women's activities. In addition, she lost her parents early in life.

However, she overcame all of her difficulties and created her own destiny as a merchant all by herself. That's not all. After making a large fortune, she willingly donated almost all of her wealth to her starving neighbors.

I think she was a true example of *noblesse oblige*. I really respect her way of life. Whatever job I have in the future, I'll try to overcome the obstacles around me rather than complain about them.

Above all, I want to be a person like Kim Mandeok who shared what she had with others.



Take notes

I have role models, too. They are the main characters in the film *Cool Runnings*. The movie is about Jamaican bobsledders who hoped to win an Olympic medal.

However, Jamaica is an island country where it never snows. They were laughed at by others, but that didn't stop them from trying. Every scene where they practiced riding their bobsled was really funny and touching.

That may be because their situation seemed very similar to mine. Actually, I'm a cross-country ski athlete. Sometimes I feel frustrated when my colleagues and I don't get attention or support from people.

However, when this happens, I motivate myself by thinking about the characters in *Cool Runnings*. They make me set a clearer goal and keep challenging myself. Their story ended in the film, but my story won't be over until I get an Olympic medal..

Actually, I've never thought about my role model. However, if a role model means someone who is worthy of my respect, then I have that kind of person. Her name is Lee Yura and she is one year older than me.

I met her when she was a sophomore mentor at a study mentoring club. When I was a freshman, I didn't have any idea about how to study.

However, she always answered my silly questions kindly, waiting for me to understand her explanations completely. In addition, once she taught me something, she made me explain it back to her in my own words.

That method really helped me understand difficult concepts better. I became interested in and more confident about studying. I don't think a role model needs to be someone famous or special. Role models are not that far away. Your parents, sisters, brothers, or friends can all be role models!

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