

An inspiring person

Action video note

Instruct Ss to make their own video about someone who inspired them.

Write the script

- **Preview the activity:** Tell Ss they will make a video about someone who inspired them. Point out that the person can be someone the Ss know or someone they admire, like a famous person. Explain that Ss will describe who the person is and how that person inspired them. Tell Ss to talk about things that happened in the past that show how the person influenced them. If helpful, elicit examples from volunteers. Next, tell Ss to decide if they want to do an interview video like Unit 9 (if the person who inspired them speaks English, too) or their own videos in which they talk to the camera and possibly show pictures.
- **Write the script:** Go over the sample script below. Then have Ss decide who inspired them and write their scripts. Remind Ss to describe how the person inspired them.

Sample script

Norma, my piano teacher, inspired me. Even though I was never very good at playing the piano, she was very patient with me. She made piano lessons fun and not boring. The lessons were hard work, but I always enjoyed them. Norma taught me the value of trying.

Now that I play guitar in a band, I'm glad I studied music with Norma! Thanks, Norma. This song is for you!

- **Option:** If Ss are making an interview video, tell them to write questions or prepare topics to talk about with the person who inspired them.
- **Check the script:** Have Ss rehearse their scripts. Go around the room and give help as needed.

Make the video

- **Plan the video:** Have Ss plan where and how they will make their videos. Remind them to rehearse again if they need to.
- **Make the video:** Have Ss make their videos.
- **Option:** If Ss enjoy working with video, they can edit their videos and add any music or graphics they like.

Share the video

- Ss share their videos with the class.
- **Option:** Have a group or class discussion about the videos.
- **Optional preview activity:** If you have an opportunity to preview the videos, make a list on the board of all the relationships between the Ss and the people that have inspired them, for example, *piano teacher, basketball coach, grandmother*, and so forth. Have Ss guess which classmate was inspired by each person. Then show the videos for Ss to check their guesses.