



## Role Models

### Task: Female Pop Stars as Role Models

#### Activity 1: Listening

Welcome to a practice listening task for the GESE 11.

You are going to hear a talk about **female pop stars as role models**. You will hear the talk twice. The first time, just listen. Then I'll ask you to tell me generally what the speaker is talking about. Are you ready?

#### Audio Script

It isn't surprising as much as youths love and are influenced by music, that pop stars end up becoming role models for these young people. Female pop stars make a huge impact in many areas of young ladies' lives. **Having said that**, should we really expect that they will always be a positive role model?

Many female pop stars express themselves in such a way that they are **not only using negative ideas, but also** vulgar language, such as cuss words. As a whole, this is often not appropriate for most young people to hear. Furthermore, most parents stare in **jaw-dropping** disdain when they see their daughters trying to wear the same type of clothes as some of these pop stars do. This can range from elements of nudity, to dark clothing, extreme fashion and clothing options that are for a more mature body. On top of that, most of these music role models are seen by the media living questionable lifestyles that they **perfectly well** know isn't good for them. With some of them, you can see **relatively quickly** how going to many parties, doing drugs and not having good diets have harmed their lives in more than one way. However, at the moment it all seems like just fun, which gives the wrong idea to youthful minds. It doesn't help that they are always under pressure from the media to act a certain way. It isn't unheard of to see some of these pop stars say a certain thing and **sadly enough** do another, which shows young people that it is alright to give a false appearance. It is fair to point out that most of these music stars are usually pretty young themselves and are still learning about how they should be acting themselves. One of these aspects that they are often seen experimenting with is that of their own sexuality. They may dress **extremely** provocatively, dance in a sensual way and say lyrics that provoke these thoughts in others. Basically, what most parents don't want their daughters learning at a young age, if ever.

On the upside, **surprisingly enough**, there are some very excellent qualities that young ladies can learn from their favourite singers. One of **the most wanted qualities** that parents want for their daughters is learning how to be successful. It is safe to say that all pop stars have **absolutely** met this goal. In tandem with that, young women are able to see that they can express themselves in a creative way, by way of example of seeing it through their role models. Something else **a confused girl**, that is having difficulty in finding her place in the world, may see is that she could also be inspired by seeing these famous women fight for a place in the limelight and therefore gain equality amongst male pop stars. Ultimately, the



best possible outcome that a female singer can **totally** have with their music is the impact that they can make in the world. It is **incredibly** encouraging when you hear lyrics that speak to you and makes you realize that others think and feel the same way as you do. For a young lady this feeling of connection is very important.

In a nutshell, it appears to be that some young ladies who have female pop stars as role models, follow their lead in how to live their life. They ought to have learnt the difference between right from wrong, and not depend on their favourite pop stars to show them the way. That being said, **if female pop stars had realized how important their actions are for their youngest female fans, it would be** amazing what a great influence they would have over these young ladies growing into women.

Can you tell me in one or two sentences what the speaker was talking about?

Now listen to the talk again. This time make some notes as you listen, if you want to. Then I'll ask you to tell me **about the point of view of the speaker, pros and cons of having a female pop star as a role model for young ladies.**

Now tell me **about the point of view of the speaker, pros and cons of having a female pop star as a role model for young ladies.** You have one minute to talk.

This is the end of the listening task.

**Answers:**

Point of View	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Young women follow pop stars in how to live their lives and ought to learn the difference between right from wrong, and not depend on their favourite pop stars to show them the way</li></ul>
Cons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• express negative ideas, vulgar language, cuss words</li><li>• wear the same type of clothes as some of the pop stars</li><li>• questionable lifestyles: parties, doing drugs, not having good diets</li><li>• pressure from the media to be a certain way, and give a false appearance</li><li>• experimenting with the influence of their sexuality: provocatively, dance</li></ul>

	in a sensual way and say lyrics provoking thoughts
Pros	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• learning how to be successful</li> <li>• expressing creativity</li> <li>• fighting for their place and gain equality</li> <li>• impact with lyrics</li> </ul>

Marks: +\_ / +10

**Grammar Used in the listening task:**

- **inversions: not only....but**
- **compound adjectives: jaw-dropping / well-to-do**
- **modifiers: absolutely / extremely / incredibly / totally**
- **Past participle as adjective: the most wanted player / a written document / a confused girl**
- **superlative + postmodifier + noun: best possible location / highest possible level**
- **adverb + enough: surprisingly enough / sadly enough / luckily enough**
- **adverb + adverb: perfectly well / extremely well / relatively quickly**
- **Mix Conditional: If society had realized this mistake earlier, it would be a different world today.**
- **Perfect Infinitive: Having said that,...**