

Public Figures, Past and Present

Task: Mahatma Gandhi

Activity 1: Listening

Welcome to a practice listening task for the ISE 2.

You are going to hear a talk about **Mahatma Gandhi**. 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

Throughout history, there have been many individuals who have left a lasting impact on society. From political leaders to scientists to artists, these figures used to do things that have shaped the world we live in today. It is important to recognize their contributions and understand how the world is influenced by them, despite all the hardships. If they had not stood up for what they believed, they wouldn't have molded the world of today in the way they did.

To continue, one historical figure that stands out, who you may know, had had a significant impact in the past was Mahatma Gandhi. He was a political and spiritual leader in India who fought for Indian independence from British rule in the early 20th century. You ought to know that through his philosophy of nonviolent resistance, Gandhi was able to mobilize millions of people to peacefully protest against British colonialism. His legacy has inspired many other leaders and movements around the world.

Gandhi's impact on the current world could be seen in various ways. First, his philosophy of nonviolent resistance has inspired many other social and political movements, such as the civil rights movement in the United States and the anti-apartheid movement in South Africa. Additionally, his emphasis on self-reliance and sustainable living has been influencing environmental and social movements promoting sustainability and conservation. Furthermore, his ideas on interfaith harmony and religious tolerance have influenced peace movements and interfaith dialogue efforts around the world. Something else is that his advocacy for women's rights has inspired feminist movements and efforts to promote gender equality. As a final thought, his vision of a more just and equal society continues to inspire social justice movements and activists around the world.

As a whole, historical figures like Mahatma Gandhi remind us of the immense impact that individuals can have on society. So, if I were in the shoes of well-known individuals, I would follow Gandhi's steps by challenging the status quo and promoting new ideas, inspiring others to do the same and create positive change. Although their impact may have been in the past, their legacy endures and continues to shape the world we live in today. It's important to remember that even small actions can have an extremely significant impact, and we should strive to make a difference in our own communities, just as these historical figures did in theirs. As Gandhi expressed, we must be the change that we wish to see in the world".

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 the impact that Gandhi had in the past and in the current world.

Now tell me the impact that Gandhi had in the past and in the current world. You have one minute to talk.

This is the end of the listening task.

Answers:

Impact in the past:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Gandhi fought for Indian independence from British rule in the early 20th century.● He mobilized millions of people to peacefully protest against British colonialism.● His philosophy of nonviolent resistance influenced other social and political movements.● Gandhi's advocacy for civil rights and equality inspired many people.● He was a spiritual and political leader in India.
Impact on the current world:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Gandhi's philosophy of nonviolent resistance has inspired many social and political movements.● His emphasis on self-reliance and sustainable living has influenced environmental and social movements.● Gandhi's ideas on interfaith harmony and religious tolerance have influenced peace movements and interfaith dialogue efforts.● His advocacy for women's rights has inspired feminist movements and efforts to promote gender equality.● Gandhi's vision of a more just and equal society continues to inspire social justice movements and activists around the world.

Marks: +_ / +10

Activity 2: Reading

Find grammar in the audio script and highlight it, writing behind the grammar: For example:
You must know that... = You **must [modal verb: must]** know that

Grammar list:

- Second conditional
- Simple passive
- Used to
- Relative clauses
- Modal verb: Must
- Modal verb: Should / Ought to
- Modal verb: May / Might
- Third conditional
- Present perfect continuous
- Past Perfect Simple
- Reported speech / Reported Verb
- Linking expressions: Although
- Linking expressions: In spite of / despite all
- Cohesive devices: So to continue,

Once you have found all the grammar, write down some vocabulary and ideas in the audioscript.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
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- 9.
- 10.

Activity 3: Writing

Write an article for your teacher (150 to 180 words) about a well-known person from the past that you admire.

Piensa en qué tipo de ensayo

- Argumentative Essay → decir las ventajas y desventajas
- Discursive Essay → pide que informan sobre algo, con datos o información
- Descriptive essay → memoria, recuerdo, o experiencia

- >> Describe what this person is known for
- >> Mention why you admire them
- >> Recommend them to other people

Plan your writing with the grammar, writing format, and ideas from the writing prompt before starting.

Activity 4: Speaking

Now, think about having a two minute conversation about: Why are some famous people good role models while others are not? You can use ideas from the listening activity and/or add your own ideas.

What ideas can you use?

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- 2.
- 3.
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- 5.
- 6.

What questions can you ask?

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- 2.
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- 5.
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