

MYTHS & HEROES



1- Definitions :

- **Hero**(oes) :
- 1) a man distinguished by exceptional courage, nobility, fortitude...
 - 2) a man who is idealized for possessing superior qualities in any field.
 - 3) Classical myth: a being of extraordinary strength & courage, often the offspring of a mortal & a god, who is celebrated for his exploits.
 - 4) the main male character in a novel, play...

- **Myth:**
- 1) a story about superhuman beings of an earlier age taken by preliterate society to be a true account, usually of how natural phenomena, social customs,... came into existence.
 - 2) another word for mythology
 - 3) a person or a thing whose existence is fictional or unproven.
 - 4) (philosophy) an allegory or parable (especially in Plato)

- **Icon:**
- 1) an image; a representation
 - 2) a representation or picture of a sacred or sanctified Christian personage, traditionally used & venerated in the Eastern Church.
 - 3) An important & enduring symbol
 - 4) One who is the object of great attention & devotion; an idol.

2- Vocabulaire : à compléter au cours de l'année

Nouns	Adjectives	Verbs
a hero – an all-time hero	iconic / heroic	be hailed as a hero
heroism	mythological	give sb's a hero's welcome
a hero figure	mythical	receive a hero's welcome
an icon	talented	make sb into
a sporting icon	altruistic = unselfish	celebrate / commemorate
a pop icon	genuine // real	honour
a national icon	forgotten	cheer
a myth / mythology	unlikely (hero)	emulate
universality	brave / intrepid	portray
a tale / origins	cult (hero)	risk one's life / risk + V-ing
a protagonist	hometown	embody courage
a narrative	popular	do heroic deeds
a belief	fictional	protect / defend
a symbol	legendary / inspirational	fight for
fame	real-life	save / rescue
a dream	Promethean	defeat
a quest	ancient	take the side of / side with
imagination	classical / Biblical	cultivate / keep alive
achievement	enduring	debunk
	hazardous = dangerous	serve one's country
	fearless / undaunted	set an example
	reliable	
	unrivalled	

SPACES & EXCHANGES :



1- Definitions :

- space: 1) the unlimited three-dimensional expanse in which all material objects are located
- 2) an interval of distance or time between 2 points, objects or events
- exchange: 1) to give up / part with sthg or transfer sthg for an equivalent
- 2) to give & receive / interchange
- 3) to replace unsatisfactory goods with another

2- Vocabulaire : à compléter au cours de l'année

Nouns	Adjectives	Verbs
communication	huge	live / reside / dwell
trade	fair	move to / travel to
globalisation	mutual	cycle to
multicultural society	cultural	drive to
migration	transcontinental	walk to
translation	global	go from ... to...
travel	planetary	arrive in / at
borders / boundary	worldwide	visit sb / call sb
living space	well integrated	e-mail sb
melting pot	open-minded	write to sb
peaceful coexistence		text sb
colonisation		trade with
relationships		phone to
neighbourhood		do business with
county / area		sell... to
outer space		buy ... from
ICT- <i>info</i> ° & <i>communicat</i> ° <i>technology</i>		export to / import from
teleworking		seek political asylum
telemedicine		
network		
alien		
ghetto		
class system		

PLACES & FORMS OF POWER



1- Definitions :

- **power:**
- 1) ability or capacity to do sthg
 - 2) a specific ability, capacity or faculty
 - 3) political, financial, social.. force or influence
 - 4) a state with political, industrial or military strength
 - 5) a military force, military potential

2- Vocabulaire : à compléter au cours de l'année

Nouns	Adjectives	Verbs
influence	powerful	counterbalance
authority	authoritarian	come to power
equality / balance of power	wealthy	get / seize / take power
domination	influential	overthrow
submission	charismatic	be in power
rebellion	absolute	have power
institution	arbitrary	hold power
law & order	legal	be concentrated in the hands of
counter power	legislative	use / abuse power
manipulation	judiciary	wield power / relinquish
legitimacy	executive	give up
censorship	military	get rid of
resistance	political	influence sb
wealth	religious	obey sb ≠ disobey sb
charisma	moral	bribe sb
ally	magical power	corrupt sb
politics	supernatural power	elect sb
party leader	remorseful	appoint sb
minister / Secretary of State	ashamed	acclaim
Member of Parliament	guilty	fail to ≠ succeed in
Congressman	aware	fall from grace / into disgrace
spin doctor	partial ≠ impartial	censor
lobby / lobbying	empowering	gag sb
corruption / bribe / bribery	muckraking	stop sb from + V-ing
CEO	gullible	be biased against
symbol of power	self-appointed	broadcast
consumerism		distort reality
consumer society		entice / lure sb into + V-ing
decision-maker		stick to a code of ethics
movers & shakers		yield to sb's power
tabloid		

IDEA OF PROGRESS



1- Definitions :

- **Progress:**
- 1) movement forward, esp. towards a place or objective
 - 2) satisfactory development, growth or advance
 - 3) advance towards completion, maturity or perfection

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Nouns	Adjectives	Verbs
modernisation evolution / development technology improvement criticism democracy risks tradition regression economic growth discovery invention / inventor scientist / computer ~ research / researcher emerging countries economics freedom human rights social progress poverty joblessness unemployment homelessness pioneers achievement a more caring society breakthrough milestone gender roles generation gap genetics	considerable dramatic impressive significant tremendous limited fast ≠ slow industrial moral technological scientific medical perfect = flawless visionary forward-looking man-made computer-controlled artificial intelligence human-like	make (good progress) observe monitor assess measure block hamper slow down check get better improve get worse deteriorate be on an equal footing carry out an experiment keep up a tradition stick to one's values

