



Splendid
SPEAKING

LANGUAGE

Topic vocabulary

To instil interest/confidence
To be inspirational
To bring a subject to life
To put something across clearly
To be knowledgeable about a subject
To be well qualified
To be an expert in their field
To help people make connections
To develop/create a good rapport
To demonstrate empathy/fairness
To be approachable
To help someone reach their full potential
To get the most out of someone
To be charismatic
To have a good sense of humour
To be firm but fair

Useful quotes:

It has been said that ...

You cannot teach a man anything; you can only help him find it within himself.

Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach him to fish and you feed him for a lifetime.

When the mind is ready a teacher appears.

RECORDING

Listen to Werner from Germany talking on a similar subject. See the January archives (**Interview 9**) at: splendid-speaking.com

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**SUPPORTING
THIS TASK**

The Splendid Speaking Course
Volume 2 Unit 4 'Captive Your Audience'
Splendid Expressions
'Character Traits'

Unit 9: Inspirational Teaching

Task: Presentation (2-3 minutes)

1. **Introduction:** Read the following extract from an educational magazine:

My Top Teacher

We all have a teacher we have fond memories of. Perhaps it's someone who brought a boring subject to life or who helped us through a difficult period. Maybe our life took an interesting turn thanks to the influence of a particular teacher. We'd like to hear

your story and maybe feature your presentation on our website as our 'Podcast of the week'. Simply prepare and practise your short presentation a few times and then call us. We'll record your short talk and if you're one of the lucky ones we'll publish

2. **Planning:** Decide on the person you're going to talk about. Where were you studying when you met? Which subject did they teach and what was it about them that made them so memorable?
3. **Task focus:** Begin with an attention-grabbing introduction. Start by describing a short, personal anecdote that serves as a good example of the person you're going to talk about such as an outline of an incident which sums up one of their particular characteristics. However, remember this is an introduction so keep the story brief.
4. **Language:** Tick any of the vocabulary or quotes on the left you want to use in your talk.

Task: Discussion (15 minutes)

As part of a student panel you've been asked to discuss the following:

Agree on the top six qualities of a great teacher.

First, list some adjectives to describe a great teacher. Then jot down some examples to go with each adjective.

Ex. kind = S/he really listens when you have a problem.

When you're ready share your views with the group.