



## Rosa Parks

### Vocabulary

Read the sentences below and try to understand the words in bold. Then match the words with their meanings.

1. The police **arrested** three people after the robbery.
2. You have to be **brave** to learn how to ski.
3. Martin Luther King Jr was an important leader in the American **civil rights** movement in the 1960s.
4. It's not **fair** if you have to do all the cleaning but your brother doesn't do any.
5. My parents wanted me to go to university, and they **motivated** me to study hard.
6. My town has lots of **facilities** for young people, including a swimming pool and library.
7. The students weren't happy with the prices of the food in the school cafeteria so they organised a **protest**.
8. The government is making a plan to fight sexism and **racism** in schools and workplaces.

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| 1. <u>arrest</u>       | a. an event when one or many people show negative feelings about a situation and that they want the situation to change |
| 2. brave               | b. a political idea that says that everyone in a society should be treated equally                                      |
| 3. <u>civil rights</u> | c. equal, correct, right  |
| 4. fair                | d. public places that people use for fun, health or education, eg cinemas, hospitals or schools                         |
| 5. <u>motivate</u>     | e. the belief that people with different skin colours are not equal   |
| 6. <u>facilities</u>   | f. to give someone the feeling that they want to work hard  |
| 7. a <u>protest</u>    | g. to take a person to the police station because they broke the law  |
| 8. <u>racism</u>       | h. without being afraid of difficult or dangerous things  |



## Listening 1

You are going to listen to information about Rosa Parks (1913-2005), a black hero of the American civil rights movement. First, read these questions and predict if the sentences are true or false. Then listen and check your ideas. Be ready to explain your answers.

1. When Rosa Parks was living in the south of the US, black people were not allowed to use buses.
2. In 1955, Rosa Parks was arrested because she didn't follow the rules on the bus.
3. After she was arrested, many black people stopped going to work, to show they were angry.
4. Almost ten years after Rosa Parks was arrested, the US government changed the law so that all black people had exactly the same rights as white people.
5. After the 1950s, Rosa Parks did not do any further work on civil rights.

## Listening 2

Read the questions below. Can you remember the answers? Discuss with your partner. Then listen again and check.

1. How did civil rights groups try to make life better for black people in the US?
2. Why did Rosa Parks refuse to give the white man her seat on the bus?
3. How long did it take for the bus protest to work?
4. In what years did most black and white people in the US finally have the same civil rights in their normal lives?
5. How do we remember Rosa Parks today?

## Speaking

Discuss any of the questions below in pairs or small groups.

1. If you were in the same situation as Rosa Parks, would you refuse to move from your seat on the bus? Would you support a protest and not use the bus? Why/not?
2. Can you think of any people in the world today who are protesting in a similar way to Rosa Parks? Do you think they will be successful? Why/not?
3. In your country, are there any famous people who have done something similar to Rosa Parks? How do you remember these people?
4. Do you think it's possible for one person, or a small group of people, to make a positive change in the world? Why/not?



## **DRIVING BAN ENDS FOR WOMEN IN SAUDI ARABIA**

### **Driving ban to end for women in Saudi Arabia**

- <sup>1</sup> Saudi Arabia's king has announced that women will have permission to drive for the first time. Saudi women showed their joy on social media, calling it a very important moment for the country.
- <sup>2</sup> The Gulf kingdom is the only country that currently bans women from driving. Only men are allowed a licence, and women who drive in public are often fined or arrested.
- <sup>3</sup> Many activists were also happy about the decision, as well as important figures from around the world. US President Donald Trump said it was a "positive step" forward for women in Saudi Arabia.
- <sup>4</sup> The news was announced on Saudi Arabian television and at a media event in Washington at the same time. Some reports say that this was done to show the rest of the world that the country wants to move forward.
- <sup>5</sup> Sahar Nassif, an activist from Jeddah, said that she was "very, very excited" - jumping up and down and laughing. "I'm going to buy my dream car, a convertible Mustang, and it's going to be black and yellow!"
- <sup>6</sup> The driving ban will end on the 24th of June 2018. There will be a special government team to give advice and to make the necessary changes to complete the royal order.
- <sup>7</sup> Because of the law, many families have employed private drivers for their female relatives. Foreign chauffeurs are popular, and families often feed them and give them a place to live.
- <sup>8</sup> The country's US ambassador, Prince Khaled bin Salman, confirmed that women would not need a man's permission to take driving lessons, and they would also be able to drive anywhere they wanted to go. He said it was "a historic and big day" and "the right decision at the right time".
- <sup>9</sup> Groups in Saudi Arabia have campaigned for years to allow women to drive, and some women have even been put in prison for driving in public. Saudi activist Loujain al-Hathloul, who was held by police for 73 days in 2014 for ignoring the ban, tweeted "thank God" after the news.
- <sup>10</sup> Manal al-Sharif, an organiser of the Women2Drive campaign who was also put in prison for driving, said on Twitter that Saudi Arabia would "never be the same again".
- <sup>11</sup> The hashtags "I am my own guardian" and "Saudi Women Can Drive" quickly became popular on social media.
- <sup>12</sup> However, not everyone was happy about the news, as many people said that they thought things should stay the way they are. People also complained about the government changing ancient laws that are about women.
- <sup>13</sup> Others said that even though this is a step forward, Saudi Arabia can still do more to make its society more equal for women.
- <sup>14</sup> With the world's focus on this decision, the Saudi Arabian Crown Prince is also promoting a programme called Vision 2030. The idea is that it will help modernise Saudi society.

Sources: BBC News, The Guardian, The Telegraph



## Before you read

You are going to read an article about the end of the driving ban for women in Saudi Arabia. Before you read, put 'T' (True) or 'F' (False) next to each statement below. Then read the text on the next page to confirm or correct your answers.

1. Saudi Arabia is currently the only country in the world where women are not allowed to drive.
2. The ban will end in December 2017.
3. Currently, in Saudi Arabia, it is very difficult for women to get around.
4. After the ban ends, women will be able to drive anywhere they want.
5. Women will need a man's permission to take driving lessons.
6. Most people are optimistic about how the ban will change things for women in the country.

## Find the words

Find a word or phrase in the article which means ...

1. an official document that says you are allowed to do something (**noun, P.2**): \_\_\_\_\_
2. in a place where people can see you (**phrase, P.2**): \_\_\_\_\_
3. person who is legally responsible for looking after others (**noun, P.11**): \_\_\_\_\_
4. the other countries around the planet (**phrase, P.4**): \_\_\_\_\_
5. important in history (**adj., P.8**): \_\_\_\_\_
6. kept someone in a place so that they couldn't leave (**verb - past participle form, P.9**):  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. said that something was not satisfactory (**verb - ed, P.12**): \_\_\_\_\_





## Verbs

Match the underlined verbs to their definitions below.

1. The manager is going to confirm that the project will begin later in the year.
  2. We want to employ you. You have a lot of experience.
  3. We must campaign harder if we are going to get more votes.
  4. Some women ignore the ban and drive because they want to.
  5. We are going to promote the new policy on recycling.
  6. If you park there the council will fine you. Let's find somewhere else.
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- a. charge someone an amount of money as a punishment
  - b. not obey on purpose
  - c. organise activities to get people to do something
  - d. pay someone to do a job
  - e. tell someone that something is definitely going to happen
  - f. try to get people to support or do something

