

## KONU MODERN HEROES AND HEROINES

### Reading Time

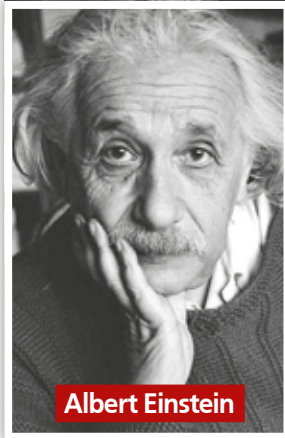
#### MODERN HEROES AND HEROINES

Albert Einstein, one of the scientific heroes for humanity, once said "Imagination is more important than knowledge." because the path to success and happiness in reality starts by dreaming or imagining. This is so if one goes after dreams or things in their imaginations. Most **ordinary** people fail here. They just dream of something, but do not **go after** them because of the fear of failure. If you pursue your dreams, you may fail or you may become a hero. However, if you do not even try to **fulfill** them, there is only one result; failure. Then, things in your imagination become only imaginary things or situations. Heroes and other **noted** people make their differences here. They work hard for their dreams. Some may even dedicate their lives to their dreams.

Most people talk about imaginary things or situations often in everyday life and they utter sentences like "If I had money, I would buy a villa, a sports car, etc." A



Ömer Halisdemir



Albert Einstein



Elon Musk

modern hero, Elon Musk, has them all. He did not inherit a fortune to get what he has. He just pursued his dreams. Even when he was a child, in 1984, he wrote and sold a video game. Each time he earned money, he invested in new projects and now he is the owner of a fortune. However, this doesn't stop him. Most ordinary people say "If I had the chance, I would make the Earth a green place." Musk thinks so, but unlike most, he makes effort to do it. He doesn't let the river run. He works day and night and he has his environment-friendly project, the electric car, for the sake of this. He also has other mega projects with eco-friendly purposes.

Another hero is Ömer Halisdemir. Most people claim that they are **patriots**, people who love their countries. They say "If the country were in danger, I would fight for freedom." He didn't just believe in this. When it was the time, he didn't think for a moment to try to stop terrorists of 15th July, when Turkey was attacked by terrorists in a coup attempt. He lost his life and became a **martyr** as he died for his country. Thanks to heroes like him, the enemy was defeated.

Canan Dağdeviren can

be seen as a young heroine, as well. Most people of her age keep saying "If my parents sent me to better schools, I could achieve big success." However, when it comes to studying for exams or doing academic work, they may feel lazy and postpone doing things. Canan still pursues her dreams. For now, she is one of the scholars who was named to the 'Top 35 Innovators Under 35' by MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology).

**Study the words in bold in the text and match them to their meanings below, using contextual clues.**

- To follow, to try to get or do: **go after**
- A person who is killed for religion, country, etc.: **martyr**
- Famous or well-known: **noted**
- Normal or usual, not unusual: **ordinary**
- A person who loves and strongly supports his/her country: **patriot**
- To make (something such as dream) true or real: **fulfill**

#### DID YOU KNOW?

- Aziz Sancar has won the Nobel Prize for Chemistry.
- İdil Biret has performed with the world's major orchestras and won France's Golden Diapason Award.
- Dilhan Eryurt was the first Turkish astrophysicist at NASA.
- Taha Akgül has won Olympic, World and European championships.
- Usain Bolt is the holder of world records for 100 m & 200 m. and won 9 gold medals in 3 Olympic Games.
- Oktay Sinanoğlu is known as Turkish Einstein. He developed a theory of the electronic structure of molecules and won numerous scientific awards.

## SORULAR:

**Aşağıdaki soruların cevaplarını verilen parçaya göre işaretleyiniz.**

I am really into history. I like learning about ancient times. My biggest dream is to visit the seven ancient wonders of the world. If I were a millionaire, I wouldn't buy fancy cars or houses, I would visit those ancient wonders instead. The Great Pyramid in Egypt comes first in my wish list. It is huge. Until the 20th century, it was the highest man-made structure in the world. I think a week in Egypt would be enough to discover the pyramids. Then, I would continue to see the other wonders of the world.

- 1. According to the paragraph the author - - - - now.**
- hasn't got the money to visit Egypt
  - wants to see only the pyramids
  - would bring some souvenirs
  - would like to live in Egypt
  - comes from Egypt

**Cevap: A**

- 2. According to the paragraph - - - - .**
- The Great Pyramid is the tallest building in the world now.
  - we still don't know how The Great Pyramid was built
  - the author didn't have enough time to go on holiday
  - the author wants to have an expensive sports car
  - one week would be enough to learn about the pyramids

**Cevap: E**

- 3. Verilen cümleye anlamca en yakın seçeneği işaretleyiniz.**
- Cheetahs are the fastest land animals in the world.**
- No other land animal is faster than cheetahs.
  - Some animals can't run as fast as cheetahs.
  - Cheetahs are wild animals and hunt for food.
  - Cheetahs are not the fastest land animals.
  - Not all cheetahs live on the lands.

**Cevap: A**