

Resource 1

Family legend has it my great-grandma was a daredevil

1.1 Vocabulary (words related to personality)

Worksheet A



I've been told that one of my great-grandmas was a family doctor. Family legend has it that she was very tolerant and would always see the best in people, no matter what nationality they were or what background they came from. Apparently, she helped ex-prisoners find jobs and places to live, which was quite unusual in those days. She always challenged stereotypes and she remained faithful to her principles until her death at the ripe age of 95.

unprejudiced



I've been told that one of my great-grandmas ran a small shop. Family legend has it that she was a kind, unassuming person who always put others first. She was also well-known for her great tact. Not only did she do her best to make her customers happy, but she also cared for those suffering hardships. Apparently, every week she would give away food to needy families. In those days even an apple or fresh bread was a real treat.

considerate



I've been told that one of my great-grandmas was a pilot. Family legend has it that she was brave and always talked about her dreams in a forthright manner. Apparently, her parents strongly disapproved of her plans to learn to fly but she put her foot down and fulfilled her ambition. You definitely need an iron will and a bit of stubbornness to reach your goals when everyone else thinks you're a bit unreasonable.

obstinate



I've been told that one of my great-grandmas was an actress. Family legend has it that she was eccentric and rebellious, and she didn't care much about rules. When she was seventeen, she ran away from home. Apparently, the owner of some kind of touring theatre had offered her a role in his show and she took the offer without batting an eyelid. It goes without saying that her parents didn't nod in approval. I reckon these days we'd say she was simply independent.

irreverent



I've been told that one of my great-grandmas was a lawyer. Family legend has it that she was a quick learner and a real high-flier. Apparently, she was known for her sharp responses in the courtroom and quickly made a name for herself. In those days reaching the dizzy heights of a lawyer was an enormous achievement for a country girl.

quick-witted



I've been told that one of my great-grandmas was a dressmaker. Family legend has it that she was very sensible and pragmatic. Apparently, she worked her fingers to the bone and managed to build quite a profitable business from scratch. I know for sure that she was widowed young and she raised her three children all by herself. She would never complain. She just put on a brave face and got on with it.

down-to-earth

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Student A

1 Last year I went hiking in the mountains with my friends. We were **on / at** the point of reaching a mountain top, when we heard a crack of distant thunder. We knew there was a storm coming but we were so close to the summit that we decided to continue the climb. We thought we'd done the right thing because when it eventually began to rain, we were already about halfway down the mountain.

Would you have done the same?

2 Last month I had a multiple-choice history test. I hadn't prepared well for it because I thought it **will / would** be easy. It was only **supposed / supposing** to cover the material from the previous lessons. As it turned out, it covered everything we'd learnt. I didn't know the answers to most of the questions and I didn't want to take wild guesses so I handed a blank test back to the teacher.

Would you have done the same?

3 Last week a friend of mine was throwing a big party. I was really looking forward to it. When I was **about / due** to get ready to go out, another friend called me and said that some people I really, really don't like were going to be at the party. So I decided to give it a miss and stay home.

Would you have done the same?

4 When I was in the first class of secondary school, I wasn't actually planning **on / of** taking a part-time job. But when my parents' friends asked me to babysit for them three times a week, I said yes. All I had to do was keep an eye on their two children, aged 5 and 7. I was paid 10 zloty an hour, which wasn't bad, I think.

Would you have done the same?

Student B

1 Last year I entered a radio competition and, much to my surprise, I won the main prize – two plane tickets to New York. The catch was that I couldn't get the tickets unless I did a bungee jump at a charity event organised by the radio station. I was a bit frightened about the prospect and I was *at/on* the verge of pulling out when my mum said I should give it a go. So in the end I took part in the event and I did the jump.

Would you have done the same?

2 A couple of weeks ago I signed up for yoga classes. I'd never done yoga before. I thought it *will/would* be quite easy, though. It was *supposed/supposing* to be a class for complete beginners but I actually found it pretty advanced and difficult. I felt self-conscious as everyone in my group was way better than me. After that class I simply gave up and I haven't been to another one since.

Would you have done the same?

3 Yesterday I was going to give a presentation in my first lesson. I left home for the bus stop at the last minute as usual. And I was *about/due* to get on the bus when I realised I'd left my wallet and bus ticket at home. I've already paid two fines for travelling without a ticket this month and my parents are still angry with me. I didn't want to take the risk of being caught again so I went back home to pick up the wallet. Sadly, I missed the next bus and the first class and got a grade one for absence.

Would you have done the same?

4 Just the other day a friend of mine asked me to go with her to a shopping centre. I'm completely broke so I wasn't actually planning *on/of* buying anything. But then I saw a pair of trainers I'd always wanted and I just couldn't resist buying them. I thought it was a real bargain because they were reduced by 20 percent. So I borrowed the money from my friend and bought them.

Would you have done the same?

Resource 3

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AVOID:

spoken discourse markers	• •
question tags	•

- 1 Actually, friends have a big influence on us, because they determine the sense of direction in our lives. (2)
- 2 It's obvious that friends can inspire us to pursue our interests and hobbies. (1)
- 3 Anyway, close friends stand by us both when we are successful and when we are feeling down-in-the-mouth. (3)
- 4 We need to cultivate our relationships by having loads of chats and spending time in each other's company. (2)
- 5 Although in times of trouble friends don't always have all the solutions or answers to our problems, we can pour our hearts out to them without hesitation and they will always listen to us. (2)
- 6 It is natural for people to differ in their opinions, which may sometimes result in rows, but a good friend knows how to forgive, so arguments do not harm the friendship in any way. (1)
- 7 Tell your friends how much you appreciate their time and their efforts to make you happy, will you? (1)
- 8 I must stress that friends need to show an interest in each other's lives really often. (2)
- 9 If you need any more info, please get in touch with me. (2)