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I'd like to begin by saying that I disagree with the statement that there are no heroes in today's world and I'm going to give you some reasons why I disagree.

First of all, I believe that it is true that nowadays people use the word *hero* too often. Some newspapers talk about the hero in a football match just because they scored a goal. Or maybe a teenager says that a new pop star or actor is their hero because they really like their songs or films. But I think a hero is much more than just an entertainer or a sports person.

In my opinion, a real hero is somebody who makes a sacrifice to help others, somebody who makes a big difference to other people's lives in difficult situations. So, for example, I believe that doctors or firefighters are heroes when they put themselves at risk to try to save somebody's life. Doctors or firefighters don't do this to become famous or rich. They do it because they believe that we should help others. What's more, people like this are true heroes because they may save lives not just once or twice but perhaps many times.

It's also true that there are some celebrities who can be called heroes because they inspire people and help make the world a better place. One person who I think is a real hero is the actress Emma Watson. She is young and famous, but she has always worked closely with different charities, particularly to help children and young people. Furthermore, she has worked as a Goodwill Ambassador for the United Nations for a number of years and has made very inspiring speeches asking boys and men to do more to achieve equal rights for women around the world.

To sum up, I think that we should be careful when we use the word *hero*. A hero is not just somebody who does something funny, entertaining or exciting. I believe that a hero is somebody who does something extraordinary to save lives or to help and inspire others. In short, in the past there have always been people prepared to do heroic things in difficult situations, and I believe that today is no different.

I'd like to begin by saying that I disagree with this statement. Let me explain why.

First of all, the definition of a genius is someone who is *more* intelligent and skilled than other people. So it's impossible for all children to be geniuses. There are only a few *real* child geniuses in the world.

Secondly, I think that a real genius is usually born with an exceptional talent. They may be very good at maths or art or science. Parents of geniuses often say that they notice their child is different when they are still very young. It isn't something you can learn.

What's more, I believe that parents sometimes put a lot of pressure on their children to be very good at something. They force them to learn, or to practise a musical instrument all the time because they want their child to be exceptional.

It's important to remember that geniuses aren't always successful in life. For example, they sometimes find it difficult to make friends. The point I'm trying to make is that there are more important things than being a genius.

To sum up, I think real genius is something you are born with, and parents shouldn't try to create a genius by putting pressure on their children to be exceptional.

Useful expressions to structure a presentation

Beginning your presentation

- I'd like to begin by saying ...
- To start with ...
- The first thing I'd like to say is ...
- I'm going to talk about ...

Ordering your arguments

- First of all,
- Firstly,
- Secondly,
- Another thing is that,
- Furthermore,
- What's more,
- It's important to remember that ...
- It's also true that ...

Concluding your presentation

- In conclusion,
- Finally,
- To sum up,
- Last but not least,
- The point I'm trying to make is ...
- In short,