



# LEADERSHIP

## Discussion

### Basic questions

1 What is a leader?

*\*A Leader is a...*

2 What are the characteristics of a good leader?

*\*The characteristics of a good leader are...*

3 What leadership quality do you most value/admire?

*\*The leadership quality I admire the most is...*

4 Have you ever been a leader? What experiences have you had?

*\*Yes, I've been a leader. / No, I haven't been a leader. The experiences I have were...*

5 Do you consider yourself a leader? Why or why not? What leadership qualities do you have?

*\*Yes, I do. Because... / No, I don't. Because... The leadership qualities I have are...*

### Extended questions

1 Is there a difference between a manager and a leader or are they the same thing?

*\*Yes, there's a difference between a manager and a leader. / No, I think they're the same.*

2 Are there differences between male and female leaders?

*\*Yes, I think male and female leaders are different. / No, I don't think male and female leaders are different.*

**3 Do you think some people are born natural leaders or they must learn it?**

*\*Yes, I think there are some people born natural leaders. / No, I think they must learn it.*

**4 If you were the leader of the company you work for, what changes would you make?**

*\*If I were a leader, I'd...*

**5 Why is good leadership important for business?**

*\*A good leadership is important for business because...*

**6 Do you think some men have difficulty following a female leader? Why?**

*\*Yes, I think some men have difficulty... / No, I don't think some men have...*

## Vocabulary

**1 Decisive (/dɪˈsaɪsɪv/)**

*(adjective) Able to decide something quickly and with confidence.*

*Ex. He must take decisive actions to control the situation.*

**2 Empower somebody (to do something) (/ɪmˈpaʊər/)**

*(verb) To give somebody the power or authority to do something*

*Ex. The courts were empowered to impose the death sentence for certain crimes.*

**3 Inspiring (/ɪnˈspaɪərɪŋ/)**

*(adjective) Exciting and encouraging you to do or feel something*

*Ex. What his boss is doing is really inspiring.*

**4 Proactive (/ˌprɒʊˈæktɪv/)**

*(adjective) (of a person or policy) controlling a situation by making things happen rather than waiting for things to happen and then reacting to them.*

*Ex. Managers must be proactive in identifying and preventing potential problems.*

**5 Commitment (/kəˈmɪtmənt/)**

*(noun) a promise to do something or to behave in a particular way; a promise to support somebody/something;*

*Ex. The company's commitment to providing quality at a reasonable price has been vital to its success.*

**6 Accountable (/ə'kauntəbl/)**

(adjective) responsible for your decisions or actions and expected to explain them when you are asked.

*Ex. The state spends taxpayers' money and should be held accountable.*

**7 Streamline something (/ 'stri:mlaɪn/)**

(verb) to make a system, an organization, etc. work better, especially in a way that saves money

*Ex. The production process is to be streamlined.*

## Idioms / Useful Expressions



**1 Lead from the front – to take an active part in what you are telling or persuading others to do**

*Ex. Jim was not satisfied because his colleague led from the front that time.*

**2 Think big – to set high goals**

*Ex. Think big if you want to win!*

**3 A big cheese – an important and powerful person, especially in an organization**

*Ex. Anita Roddick is a big cheese in Body Shop.*

**4 Be in control – to direct or manage an organization, a area,..**

*Ex. He's reached retiring age, but he's still firmly in control.*