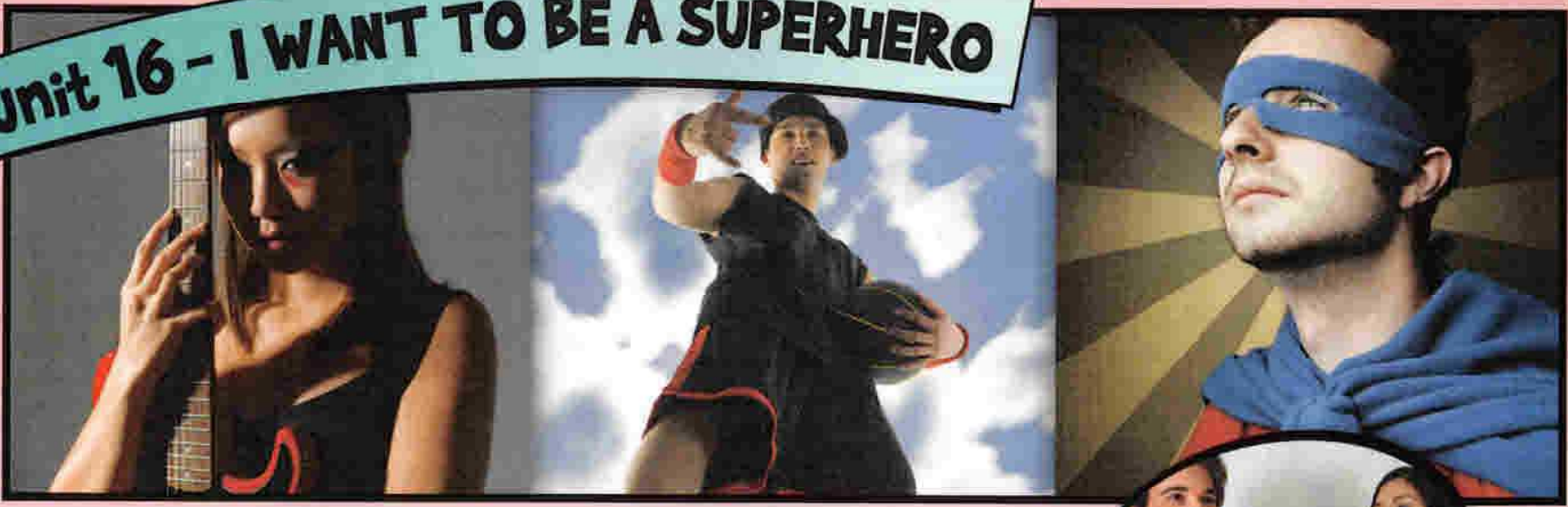


# Unit 16 - I WANT TO BE A SUPERHERO



## CONVERSATION STARTERS

### GOALS AND DREAMS



1



**FIRST LISTENING.** Listen. What do they want to become?  
Use these words:

Athlete  
Musician  
Director

Supermodel  
Stand-up comedian  
Superhero

Politician  
Business person  
Actor

NAME	WANTS TO BE A/AN	BECAUSE HE OR SHE
1. Emma 	_____	a) likes acting. b) likes taking photos. c) wants to make good films.
2. Simon 	_____	a) wants to change things. b) likes to complain. c) likes being important.
3. Soon 	_____	a) wants to be on TV. b) wants to be rich. c) wants to make music.
4. Carlos 	_____	a) wants to make a lot of money. b) wants people to think he's cool. c) wants to be the center of attention.
5. TJ 	_____	a) wants to be loved by people. b) wants to be a millionaire. c) wants to fly.

2

**SECOND LISTENING.**  
Listen again and decide which reasons are true.  
Circle your answers.

**BONUS:**  Discuss with a partner.

- Whose dreams do you identify with most?
- Are their dreams realistic? Why or why not?

Check the script and try the **LANGUAGE AWARENESS** activity on page 96. 

**1 EXPRESSIONS.** Look at the phrases below. Which mean that you desire to do something? Which mean that you don't desire to do something?

### You desire to do something

1. I'd like to...
2. I'd hate to...
3. It would be a pain to...
4. I('d) want to...
5. I wouldn't like to...

### You don't desire to do something

6. I'd love to...
7. It would be fun to...
8. I would never want to be...
9. I wish I was...
10. I would be miserable if I were...

**2 VOCABULARY.** Match these phrases with the best pictures.

- \_\_\_ 1. be rich and famous
- \_\_\_ 2. be good at sports
- \_\_\_ 3. have many friends
- \_\_\_ 4. work in the media

- \_\_\_ 5. be incredibly smart
- \_\_\_ 6. find true love
- \_\_\_ 7. make a lot of money
- \_\_\_ 8. have a glamorous lifestyle



### HOW THE GRAMMAR WORKS:

We often use **would** to talk about **unreal** or **imaginary** situations.

I + WOULD + VERB + INFINITIVE VERB + NOUN/ADJECTIVE

I'd love **to be rich**.

I'd hate **to be a politician**.

IT + WOULD + BE + ADJECTIVE + INFINITIVE VERB PHRASE

It would be fun **to live in the city**.

**3 LET'S PRACTICE.** Tell your partner your future hopes and dreams. Use the expressions in step 1 and the vocabulary in step 2. Make at least 4 sentences.

**Example:**

**A:** You know what? I'd like to be rich and famous.

**B:** Sure. Who wouldn't?/Me too.

**OR**

**B:** Really? I wouldn't./Not me.



# CONVERSATION MODEL

## IN YOUR DREAMS!

1



Track 96

**SITUATION.** Listen to the conversation.



2

**SUBSTITUTION.** Connect the words and phrases in the columns.

(1)

a musician  
an athlete  
a stand-up comedian  
a director

(2)

sports  
comedy  
movies  
music

(3)

run  
tell a joke  
sing  
take a decent photo



**HOW THE PRONUNCIATION WORKS:**

**Stress words for emphasis:**

I'd lo::ve to be rich and famous.

I'm not that bad.

3

**PRACTICE.** Work with a partner.

Practice the conversation.

Use the substitutions.

Then use your own ideas.



# LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

## WHAT WOULD YOU WISH FOR?

**1 GET READY.** Imagine a genie will grant 5 of your wishes. Which of these would you wish 😊 for? Which would you not wish ☹️ for? Think of your reasons.



<b>Be famous</b> 😊 ☹️	<b>Win the lottery</b> 😊 ☹️	<b>Achieve world peace</b> 😊 ☹️	<b>Be a superhero</b> 😊 ☹️
<b>Live forever</b> 😊 ☹️	<b>To be handsome/gorgeous</b> 😊 ☹️	<b>Be the Prime Minister</b> 😊 ☹️	<b>Be loved by everyone</b> 😊 ☹️
<b>Get good grades</b> 😊 ☹️	<b>Happiness</b> 😊 ☹️	<b>Get a new car</b> 😊 ☹️	<b>Have many friends</b> 😊 ☹️
<b>Enjoy good health</b> 😊 ☹️	<b>Get a big screen TV</b> 😊 ☹️	<b>Find true love</b> 😊 ☹️	<b>Your personal wish</b> _____ 😊 ☹️

**2 LET'S TALK.** Work in a group of 3 or 4. Share your wishes. Do you have similar wishes?



**3 FOLLOW UP.** Share your number one wish with the class. What do most people in your class wish for?



### BONUS: Speaking Activity

1. You are stranded on a desert island. What are three things you would want, and why?
2. Do you think it is important to have dreams or to live in reality?
3. What do you think are the good points and bad points of being famous?



### ERIK'S STUDY TIP

#### The importance of having a dream

When studying English (or anything) it is important to have a dream to help you decide *how* and *what* to study. What's your English dream?

I want to be able to watch movies without subtitles. Watch lots of movies with the subtitles in English to pick up informal English expressions!

I want to use English at work. Try studying Business English!