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Speaking and Listening – Discussion

40 Famous People from the Bible – Discussion Words

A. Work with a partner or small group. Print this page onto thin card, then cut out the discussion word cards and lay them on the desk printed side up. Mix them up, then answer questions from the following page.

1. Jesus	2. Mary	3. David	4. Abraham
5. Moses	6. Paul	7. Jeremiah	8. Elijah
9. Eve	10. Rachel	11. Elizabeth	12. Isaiah
13. Delilah	14. Deborah	15. Leah	16. Anna
17. Jacob	18. Martha	19. Adam	20. Esther
21. Peter	22. Mary Magdalene	23. Bathsheba	24. Rebecca
25. Ruth	26. Noah	27. Goliath	28. Miriam
29. Joseph	30. John	31. Sarah	32. Daniel
33. Solomon	34. Jonah	35. Hannah	36. Rahab
37. Pontius Pilate	38. Salome	39. Stephen	40. Dorcas

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Language Questions

1. Put the names into... a) alphabetical order, b) reverse alphabetical order.
2. a) Put the names into groups according to how many syllables each one has.
b) Mark the strong stressed syllable on each card.
c) Write the stressed vowel sound on the card with Clear Alphabet.
d) Put the names into sound groups according to their strong stressed vowel sounds.

Ask questions, e.g. *'Whose name has three syllables?'* *'Whose name is stressed on...'*

3. Which names have a schwa sound on the: a) 1st syllable, b) 2nd syllable, c) 3rd syllable, d) 4th syllable? Which name(s) do not contain a schwa sound?

Comprehension Questions

1. Take a card. Describe the person without saying their name. Your partner has to guess.
2. Which person... a) wrestled with God, b) ate forbidden fruit, c) waited her whole life to meet Jesus, d) composed poetry and ruled Israel, e) had a brother called James, f) was the mother of two nations, g) predicted the restoration of Israel, h) was too busy to listen to Jesus?
3. Take a card. Retell the story of the person: a) through mime, b) through sounds and gestures, c) through pictures, d) through song, e) through words, f) through video.
4. Put the people into groups: a) male and female, b) heroes and villains, c) leaders and followers, d) Old Testament and New Testament.
5. Order the people by how familiar you are with their stories: from most familiar to not previously known.
6. Which person is also known as: a) Simon, b) Saul, c) Immanuel, d) Abram, e) Tabitha, f) Israel, g) Governor of Judaea, h) Queen of Persia?
7. Pick a card and... a) say an adjective you associate with that person, b) describe the person in exactly five words, c) give a clue in one word. Your partner has to guess.
8. Find a person connected with each place: a) Jericho, b) Bethlehem, c) Ninevah, d) Eden, e) Egypt, f) Babylon.
9. Find a person connected with... a) wisdom, b) height, c) miracles and prophecy, d) crying, e) a dove carrying an olive branch, f) a burning bush, g) the cross.
10. Who is... a) the first Christian martyr, b) a first wife, c) a second wife, d) 127 years old, e) 'well advanced in years', f) the only female judge, g) having a bath, h) Moses' sister?
11. Find the person who... a) dedicated her miracle baby to God, b) laid her baby in a manger, c) ordered a haircut for her lover, d) demanded the head of a prisoner, e) discovered the empty tomb, f) was faithful to her mother-in-law Naomi.
12. How many people can you remember in one minute when all the cards are turned over?

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Answers:

Language Questions

1.

a) and b) Abraham, Adam, Anna, Bathsheba, Daniel, David, Deborah, Delilah, Dorcas, Elijah, Elizabeth, Esther, Eve, Goliath, Hannah, Isaiah, Jacob, Jeremiah, Jesus, John, Jonah, Joseph, Leah, Martha, Mary, Mary Magdalene, Miriam, Moses, Noah, Paul, Peter, Pontius Pilate, Rachel, Rahab, Rebecca, Ruth, Salome, Sarah, Solomon, Stephen.

2.

a), b), and c) Stressed syllables are underlined:

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1 syllable: Eve, John, Leah, Paul, Ruth

a a a ei e or e aiy a aiy ei ee eu eu

2 syllables: Adam, Anna, Daniel, David, Deborah, Dorcas, Esther, Goliath, Hannah, Isaiah, Jacob, Jesus, Jonah, Joseph,

ar eir i eu eu ee ei ei eir ee

Martha, Mary, Miriam, Moses, Noah, Peter, Rachel, Rahab, Sarah, Stephen

ei ee ai ai aiy e eu o

3 syllables: Abraham, Bathsheba, Delilah, Elijah, Jeremiah, Rebecca, Salome, Solomon

i ai

4 syllables: Elizabeth, Pontius Pilate

a

5 syllables: Mary Magdalene

d)

a Adam, Anna, Daniel, Hannah, Mary Magdalene

ai Delilah, Elijah, Pontius Pilate

aiy Goliath, Isaiah, Jeremiah

ar Martha

e Esther, Deborah, Rebecca

ee Eve, Jesus, Peter, Stephen, Bathsheba

ei David, Jacob, Rachel, Rahab, Abraham

eir Mary, Sarah

eu Jonah, Joseph, Moses, Noah, Salome

i Miriam, Elijazabeth

iy Leah

o John, Solomon

oo Ruth

or Paul, Dorcas

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3.

a) *1st syllable*: Delilah, Elizabeth, Goliath, Salome. b) *2nd syllable*: Abraham, Adam, Anna, Deborah, Dorcas, Esther, Hannah, Jacob, Jeremiah, Jesus, Jonah, Joseph, Martha, Moses, Noah, Peter, Pontius Pilate, Rachel, Sarah, Solomon, Stephen.
c) *3rd syllable*: Bathsheba, Delilah, Elijah, Elizabeth, Rebecca, Solomon. d) *4th syllable*: Elizabeth, Mary Magdalene, Pontius Pilate. e) *No schwa sound*: Daniel, David, Eve, Isaiah, John, Leah, Mary, Miriam, Paul, Rahab, Ruth.

Comprehension Questions

1. Answers will vary.

2. a) Jacob, b) Eve, c) Anna, d) David, e) John, f) Rebecca, g) Isaiah, h) Martha.

3. Answers will vary.

4.

a) *Male*: Abraham, Adam, Daniel, David, Elijah, Goliath, Isaiah, Jacob, Jeremiah, Jesus, John, Jonah, Joseph, Moses, Noah, Paul, Peter, Pontius Pilate, Solomon, Stephen. *Female*: Anna, Bathsheba, Deborah, Delilah, Dorcas, Elizabeth, Esther, Eve, Hannah, Leah, Martha, Mary, Mary Magdalene, Miriam, Rachel, Rahab, Rebecca, Ruth, Salome, Sarah.

b) Answers will vary. Suggested answers. *Heroes*: Abraham, Anna, Daniel, David, Deborah, Dorcas, Elijah, Elizabeth, Esther, Hannah, Isaiah, Jacob, Jeremiah, Jesus, John, Jonah, Joseph, Leah, Martha, Mary, Mary Magdalene, Miriam, Moses, Noah, Paul, Peter, Rachel, Rahab, Rebecca, Ruth, Sarah, Solomon, Stephen. *Villains*: Adam, Bathsheba, Delilah, Eve, Goliath, Pontius Pilate, Salome.

c) Answers will vary. Suggested answers. *Leaders*: Abraham, Daniel, David, Deborah, Elijah, Esther, Eve, Jacob, Jesus, Joseph, Moses, Noah, Paul, Peter, Pontius Pilate, Rahab, Solomon. *Followers*: Adam, Anna, Bathsheba, Delilah, Dorcas, Elizabeth, Goliath, Hannah, Isaiah, Jeremiah, John, Jonah, Leah, Martha, Mary, Mary Magdalene, Miriam, Rachel, Rebecca, Ruth, Salome, Sarah, Stephen.

d) *Old Testament*: Abraham, Adam, Bathsheba, Daniel, David, Deborah, Delilah, Elijah, Esther, Eve, Goliath, Hannah, Isaiah, Jacob, Jeremiah, Jonah, Joseph, Leah, Miriam, Moses, Noah, Rachel, Rahab, Rebecca, Ruth, Sarah, Solomon.
New Testament: Anna, Dorcas, Elizabeth, John, Martha, Mary, Mary Magdalene, Paul, Peter, Pontius Pilate, Salome, Stephen.
Both: Jesus.

5. Answers will vary.

6. a) Peter, b) Paul, c) Jesus, d) Abraham, e) Dorcas, f) Jacob, g) Pontius Pilate, h) Esther.

7. Answers will vary.

8. a) Rahab, b) Jesus, Mary, c) Jonah, d) Adam and Eve, e) Joseph, Jesus, Mary, f) Daniel.

9. a) Solomon, b) Goliath, c) Elijah, d) Jeremiah, e) Noah, f) Moses. g) Jesus.

10. a) Stephen, b) Leah, c) Rachel, d) Sarah, e) Elizabeth, f) Deborah, g) Bathsheba, h) Miriam.

11. a) Hannah, b) Mary, c) Delilah, d) Salome, e) Mary Magdalene, f) Ruth.

12. Answers will vary.