

Unit 7, Vocabulary and Listening, exercises 6 and 7

Presenter 1: OK, so on today's show we're talking about two very different heroes. And they're both very talented. The first is Easton LaChappelle from Colorado.

Presenter 2: Easton LaChappelle – what did he do?

Presenter 1: Well, when Easton was a child, he was very good at science. When he was 14, Easton made his first robot hand using Lego and parts from model planes. When Easton was 16 he met a seven-year-old girl called Momo with only one hand. She also had a robot hand and Easton was very angry when he heard the price of it.

Presenter 2: Why? Did it cost a lot?

Presenter 1: Yes, it did. Momo's hand cost \$80 000.

Presenter 2: 80 000!

Presenter 1: Yes, so Easton decided to start a company making robot hands that cost only \$600. Easton is also very generous. He put all his work on the Internet so everyone can use his ideas.

Presenter 2: OK, that's a great story. Let's hear about your second hero. What did she do?

Presenter 1: 13-year-old Amineh Abou Kerech, a school girl from Oxford, recently won £1 000 in the Betjeman Prize for Poetry, one of the most important poetry prizes in England.

Presenter 2: That's great. But why is Amineh special?

Presenter 1: Well, you see, Amineh is from Syria and she only started speaking English when her family moved to England.

Presenter 2: When did they move?

Presenter 1: A year ago.

Presenter 2: No way! So why did she start writing poems?

Presenter 1: Amineh felt very sad about leaving her country. With the help of a very kind teacher Amineh started using words she heard in songs and on TV to talk about her feelings. She worked really hard and her poem won first prize.

Presenter 2: OK, so tell me ...