**Real-life superheroes - transcript**

**Pupil B:** ‘You have been given some pictures of people who could be regarded as real-life superheroes. Your task is to sort the pictures in order of importance. The pictures should be arranged in a diamond-9 with the most important at the top of the diamond. As you are completing the task, remember to think about what quality discussion looks like and sounds like.’

Here we have a policewoman, and a parent/guardian, a paramedic, a fireman, a nurse, a soldier, coastguard, surgeon and vet.

**Pupil A:** Right. I think soldier should be first…

**Pupil C:** So do I.

**Pupil A:** Because soldiers save all the countries quite a lot and soldiers are generally good people.

**Pupil B:** He saves every country?

**Pupil A:** Uh-huh. Except from some, which is the one which they’re fighting against.

**Pupil B:** Oh, yeah.

**Pupil C:** I think it’s soldier because he goes out his life and things to fight bad people and that’s why I just think he should be first.

**Pupil D:** I think a soldier because he goes out of his way to defend this country and to keep us safe.

**Pupil B:** And doesn’t he sacrifice him? So we’ll put soldier at the top. Now let’s get on to the difficult part.

**Pupil A:** Right, I think vet should be the next one because they help soldiers by sniffing out bombs which can save the soldiers’ lives. And also you get guard dogs which… Not guard dogs, guide dogs - and guard dogs I guess - which can be used to save people quite a lot of the time.

**Pupil B:** Well, I think a coastguard should be next because he saves people out on the water. That’s why I think the coastguard should go second.

**Pupil C:** I would say the coastguard because he goes to pick the people. If someone’s going to sink he goes out on the boat and saves the people.

**Pupil D:** I think the police. Police because she goes out and tries to find you when you’re hurt or damaged or kidnapped.

**Pupil B:** Right, so we have three decisions, so…

**Pupil A:** I think a vet, because a lot of people rely on pets and stuff because I know a lot of people who love their pets too much and it would just be sad if they died because there wasn’t any vets around.

**Pupil B:** I think I would have to agree on Luke, and say that a vet should go second as well.

**Pupil D:** Yeah, I agree on Luke as well.

**Pupil C:** I agree on Luke.

**Pupil B:** So a vet goes second. So what’s our second one?

**Pupil A:** Third. I think maybe paramedic maybe?

**Pupil B:** Paramedic?

**Pupil A:** Because I know a lot of people who’ve just fell or they’ve maybe had a seizure or something like that and a paramedic always comes to help them, and an ambulance.

**Pupil B:** I think it should be a surgeon because if you have a heart attack, he’s the one to help you and do all the fancy stuff that helps you and then you can go out nice, healthy and good. Leon, do you agree?

**Pupil D:** No, Calum, I don’t. I agree with Luke because the paramedic rushes to the accident and then takes them to the surgeon.

**Pupil A:** Nicky, what do you think?

**Pupil C:** I think the…paramedic now? Because she drives so quick to save the people and she saves all the people and some people might die. And that why I think the paramedic.

**Pupil B:** OK, so paramedic will go in the second one. So what is our third row going to be?

**Pupil A:** Calum, what do you think?

**Pupil B**: Well…

**Pupil D:** I think the police officer.

**Pupil B:** Depending on which one, I think… I think the parent should be the third one because they look after you for as long as you want, and they feed you and they’re just… They give you lots of treats.

**Pupil A:** I think maybe a nurse, because nurses do really great things in hospitals these days.

**Pupil D:** I’m going to agree with Luke again because the nurse would help you and take care of you in hospital and help you get your dinner, get your food, get in bed and everything. So what do you think, Nicky?

**Pupil C:** I think a fireman, because if a house goes on fire he’s the one to stop the fire.

**Pupil D:** Yeah! I agree with Nicky now.

**Pupil A:** I think a nurse because I go to hospital a lot and the nurses help me, and they let me do stuff.

**Pupil B:** I’m going to bring it to a good chance and go with Nicky and Leon with the fireman, ‘cause he saves loads of people from burning buildings and saves pets from trees that climbed up it and can’t get down. That’s why I think the fireman should be there.

**Pupil A:** Right, then. So that’s the fourth one decided then.

**Pupil D:** Fifth one… I’ve got to go to coastguard. Coastguard because if he sees a boat sinks or people are stranded in the water, stuck and can’t swim, he would jump in and try to save them.

**Pupil C:** I think a nurse because he cleans up people’s beds and all of that and looks after people, and he always doesn’t let them down.

**Pupil A:** What do you think, Calum?

**Pupil B:** I’m just staring at the coastguard so I’m going to go with it and say the coastguard.

**Pupil C:** I would say a nurse maybe?

**Pupil D:** For six.

**Pupil C:** Uh-huh.

**Pupil A:** I would agree with Nicky because I like all the nurses that I meet in hospitals. They’re really kind.

**Pupil D:** I’d say that as well because nurses are the first ones there to help you.

**Pupil A:** What do you think, Calum?

**Pupil B:** I’ve got to agree with all of you. Put the nurse on the sixth one.

**Pupil C:** I think that one.

**Pupil B:** The surgeon?

**Pupil C:** Uh-huh. Because they help people if they’ve got, like, a broken knee, they help people and they stitch it all back up and they let you go. They just stitch you up and put a stookie on you and just let you go.

**Pupil A**: I’d say for the last one, I think we should do policewoman because there’s a lot of bad people out in the world and the police always try and get them because… There’s been a lot of bad stuff happening recently in the news.

**Pupil D:** I agree with Luke because the police officers try to catch them and put them in jail and try to make this country safe, same as the soldier, and they help you find stuff.

**Pupil A:** What do you think, Calum?

**Pupil B:** Well, I’ve got to go for policewoman ‘cause she is fantastic at catching people. So it’s a good thing to have a policewoman on the job.

**Pupil C:** I’ll go with you.

**Pupil A:** Time for the hard decision part.

**Pupil D:** I think the surgeon because he would come and fix you up whenever you wanted it.

**Pupil A:** Yeah, I would go with surgeon. What do you think, Calum?

**Pupil B:** I’m going to have to disagree on that and say the parent one because if you were born and your mum didn’t want you she would put you in an adoption thing.

**Pupil C:** I’d go with a surgeon because he just helps people. He stitches up the knee and they just go.

**Pupil D:** Because I know a lot of parents that are not nice to their kids, they’re bad and they starve them.

**Pupil A:** Yeah, there’s a lot of bad parents out in the world as well.

**Pupil D:** So I’ve got to agree with Nicky and Luke.

**Pupil A:** I saw people shouting at their daughter.

**Pupil B:** OK, we’ll put surgeon there.

**Pupil A:** So I guess for the last one is parent or guardian.

**Pupil D:** I think the parent because what I said is because the parent would be last because there’s a lot of parents who don’t take good care of their kids and shout and get drunk a lot.

**Pupil A:** Mm-hmm.

**Pupil C:** Mm-hmm.

**Pupil A:** Yep.

**Pupil C:** Did we do good today?

**Pupil A:** We had nice, clear voices.

**Pupil C:** I think we did.

**Pupil A:** And we weren’t disagreeing in a bad way, we were disagreeing in a good way.

**Pupil D:** Yeah, we were. Everybody was speaking nicely and everybody took turns and we got people into the conversation.

**Pupil A:** What could we improve on?

**Pupil C:** Be a bit louder?

**Pupil A:** No, I think we were quite loud already. Maybe not fiddling as much.

**Pupil D:** Yeah, not fiddling.

**Pupil B:** We could all hear what we were saying so I don’t think we would need to improve our highness of talking.

**Pupil A:** Loud. Or talking louder.

**Pupil B:** I think I should improve on just stop doing that awkward pause when I’m speaking.