

Unit 1: What makes a good leader?

Who is a leader?

A leader is someone who guides other people. Leaders are people who make a difference to:

- Your life
- Our country
- Your community
- The world

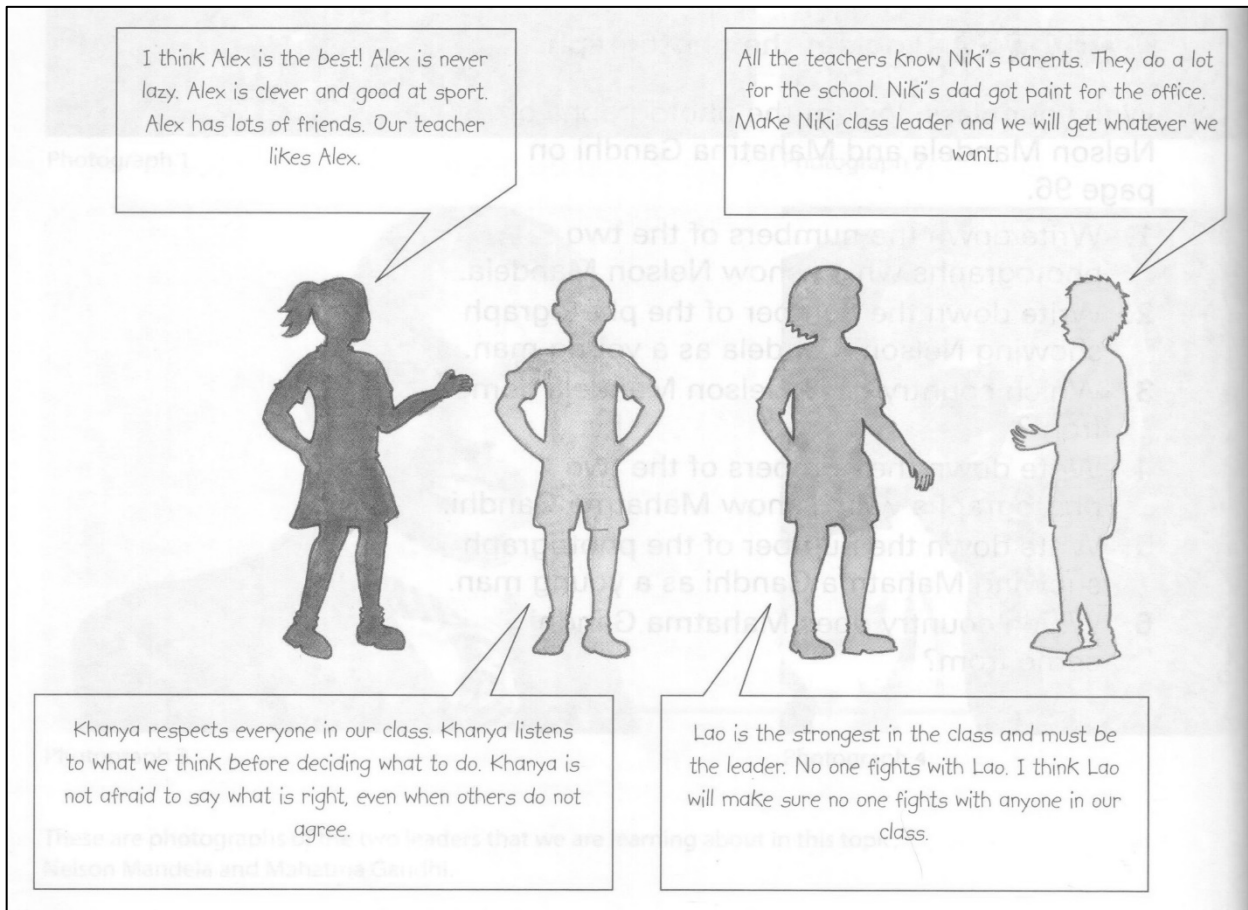
What are the qualities of a good leader?

A good leader should have the following qualities:

- **Courageous and brave:** which means that he or she can face danger without showing fear. He or she will speak up to say if something is wrong. They believe in their ideas and will not leave it because other people threaten them.
- **Listens to people:** They respect other people. They think about other people's feelings. They listen and try to understand what people want before they make a decision.
- **Self-sacrificing:** They are willing to suffer and give up their own comforts for the sake of others.
- **Works with a team:** a good leader works with other people and gets advice from other people before they make important decisions.
- **Dedicated to their beliefs:** They keep on working for what they believe is right and will defend what they believe in.
- **Willing to serve:** They are hardworking and they do things to make sure that other people are taken care of before they take care of themselves.
- **Honest and trustworthy**
- **Kind and caring:** A leader should be friendly and not bully people into following them

- **Activity 1**

A grade 4 class has to choose a class leader for the term. They have to choose between Alex, Khanya, Lao and Niki. Read about each learner and answer the questions that follow. Use the notes above to help you with your answers.



- 1.a. Who do you think will be the best leader?
- 1.b. Name two qualities that he or she has.
- 2.a. Who do you think can be a bad leader?
- 2.b. Give a reason for your answer.
3. Name and discuss a quality that you think Alex could develop to become a good leader.
- 4.a. Lao is the strongest in the class. Do you think that being the strongest (physically) in the class makes you a good leader?
- 4.b. Give a reason for your answer.