

# Talking Sport

**Week – 26**  
**Jehue Gordon**  
**A role model**

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## 1) Model

In the video we heard the phrase 'role model':

*"...now he's a role model for all the boys here."*

There are many different meanings of the word 'model'.

'Model' can mean a 3D copy of something which is usually smaller in scale.

E.g. My brother got a model aeroplane for his birthday.

'Model' can mean a person who is employed to be photographed, painted and to display clothes and products.

E.g. When I was younger I wanted to be a fashion model.

'Model' can mean a particular design or product, especially a car.

E.g. I am going to buy the new model of this car.

'Model' can refer to something or someone which is a good example, which you should copy.

E.g. Paul was a model student at his school.

## 2) Excelled/ excellent/ excellence

In the video we heard the word 'excelled' meaning to be very good at something.

*"Jehue excelled in the classroom..."*

**To excel is a verb.**

E.g. Sarah excelled in art class.

**Excellent is an adjective.**

E.g. My mother said my school results were excellent.

**Excellence is a noun.**

E.g. The school is well known for its academic excellence.

**Now complete the sentences with the verb, adjective or noun.**

1. I always \_\_\_\_\_ in English at school.
2. I think that Usain Bolt is an \_\_\_\_\_ runner.
3. My university has a very good reputation for its sporting \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The restaurant near my work serves \_\_\_\_\_ food.

## Answers

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1. I always excelled in English at school.
2. I think that Usain Bolt is an excellent runner.
3. My university has a very good reputation for its sporting excellence.
4. The restaurant near my work serves excellent food.

## Script

### Presenter

Hi I'm Natalie and welcome to Talking Sport.

Today we are hearing about a hurdler from Trinidad and Tobago and learning the phrases 'right attitude' and 'role model'.

For many athletes, school is where they first start their sport and that is true for hurdler, Jehue Gordon.

Jehue is one of best 400m hurdlers in his country, Trinidad and Tobago.

Let's hear from BBC reporter Laura Trevelyan who has been to meet Jehue and visit his school where it all started.

Listen for the phrases right attitude and role model.

### Clip

It all started in this classroom at Belmont Boys' Secondary School where Jehue learnt to hurdle under the watchful eye of his teacher, Albert King, who immediately noticed his pupil's potential. As well as his natural ability, Mr King could see that Jehue had the right attitude. Jehue excelled in the classroom as well as on the track. This school made him what he is and now he's a role model for all the boys here.

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Listen again for the phrases **right attitude** and **role model**.

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We heard the phrase **right attitude**.

Having the right attitude means you have a good way of thinking and looking at things.

Mr King could see that Jehue had the **right attitude**.

We heard that Jehue is now a **role model**.

A role model is a person who is admired for what they have done and sets a good example for others to follow.

Now he's a **role model** for all the boys here.

Well, we have learnt the phrases **right attitude** and **role model**. Now let's listen to some people in London using the phrase **role model**.

### Vox pops

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### On screen

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I'm Natalie and that's all from Talking Sport.

See you next time.