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Chapter. 9

Maryam Mirzakhani :Leading the Way

OBJECTIVES

Read the given story carefully

In this chapter, we will: read about a woman who won the highest award in the field of mathematics study abstract nouns and learn gender words study the present perfect tense and more about prepositions listen to a passage and answer the questions, practise an interview, and learn how to congratulate someone learn to write a short biography.

READING

Maryam Mirzakhani, an Iranian mathematician, was the first and only woman till date to win the prestigious Fields Medal in mathematics. This award, given to mathematicians under the age of 40, is considered the mathematics equivalent of the Nobel Prize. Winning this is an extraordinary feat. Unfortunately, the

world lost the mathematician in July 2017 at the age of 40. Read on to discover the life story of Maryam Mirzakhani.

As an eight-year-old, Maryam Mirzakhani used to tell herself stories about the adventures of a remarkable girl. At bedtime, her heroine would become a mayor who would travel the world or fulfill some other grand destiny.

In 2014, Maryam, a 37-year-old mathematics professor at Stanford University, USA, became the first woman to win the Fields Medal. She was awarded for her 'work in the dynamics and geometry of Riemann surface.