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Your Gestalt Power

An activity of "US First Lady is a teacher first"

Jill Biden, a teacher, is now also the First Lady of the United States. Read "**US First Lady is a teacher first**" (page 11, *What's Up* March 2021) to learn more about this inspiring person.

Dr Biden's position as First Lady comes with power that will enable her to do good. Such power is vested in individuals when they take on leadership roles. For instance, at your school, prefects and other student leaders are given power to carry out their responsibilities.

Each of us also has other kinds of powers that come from within us. To explore one of your brain's powers, try this exercise.

1. The passage below is based on the *What's Up* story. Read it. Notice how quickly you are able to make sense of the passage despite 38 misspelt words!
2. Strike out each misspelt word and write its correct version above it.

Mny womn hav to wear svrl hats in their daily livs. Jill Biden is one sch person. She is a wif, a mother, a techr, and the First Lady of the Unitd States. To manage these varid roles and strike an efvctiv balnc is no mean fet but she seems to be doing a grt job. She has bcm a role modl for many women, not only in the USA but wrldwid. In spite of her elvatd status as the wife of the most pwrfl man in the world, Jill Biden mntns a low prfil and xudes no airs. She quitly goes about carrying out her roles and dischrngng her duties. She is a woman with a vsin and prpse. In her mssge she said, "Togther we will bild a world where the accmplshmnts of our dughtrs will be celbrtd rather than dimnshed." In a world where women strv to be recgnisd as equls to their male contrprts. the First Lady's message offers much ncragmnt.

If you could read the incomplete words, you used the power of **Gestalt** (say "jes-talt"). A gestalt makes something complete even though parts are missing. Your amazing brain quickly filled in the blanks to create gestalts. And, that is just one of many powers that you have.