



Compassion

1

Look carefully at the fox in the picture on pages 32 to 33 of the EMOTIONARY and answer the questions.

- Do you think he is comfortable? What is happening around him? Is he sheltered?

Sample answer: Yes, he looks very comfortable. The fish are swimming around him. He is sheltering under some plants.



- What would happen if he wasn't sheltered?

Sample answer: If he wasn't sheltered, he would get wet and probably wouldn't feel very happy.

- Why do you think the plants are sheltering him?

Sample answer: They probably felt sorry for him and didn't want him to get wet.

2

What is **compassion**? Tick the correct answer.

- Compassion is when we want things to go well for others.
- Compassion is when we realise that others are suffering or aren't happy.
- Compassion is when we feel sad or concerned for someone who isn't happy or has suffered some kind of misfortune.

3 Match the two halves of the sentences.

- To have compassion is to... .. awaken our compassion.
- Compassion motivates us feel pity for others' misfortune.
- Other people's misfortunes to help others.

4 With some words, we use the prefix **mis-** to show that something is bad or wrong.

fortune → luck misfortune = bad luck

Which words can you add **mis-** to? Underline them, then write the **mis-** word next to the words you underlined

- behaviour → misbehaviour
- catch → _____
- understanding → misunderstanding
- lead → mislead
- dream → _____

5 Complete the sentences with the **mis-** words you wrote in Activity 4.

- Nathan arrived at 6 o'clock instead of 7. There must have been a **misunderstanding**.
- Poppy wasn't allowed to play with the tablet because of her **misbehaviour**.
- Sarah **misled** the teacher into thinking she had worked hard for the test.

6 Put the letters in the correct order to form two words that have a similar meaning to **compassion**. Then match them with their meanings.

TEPHMAY → EMPATHY feelings of pity for someone else's misfortune

STYPHMAY → SYMPATHY the ability to understand and share another person's feelings

7 Underline the words which mean the same as **help**.

aid hug run attract

support attach pay

8 Think about three different job in which you need to feel compassion in order to do them well. Write them below.

Answers could include nurse, doctor, counsellor or therapist.

9 Let's enter the Compassion Maze. Read the text.

As soon as you enter, on the right, there is a bat with a broken wing. If you continue straight on to the end of the path, you'll find a furious dragon, breathing fire. At this point, you should turn left. After taking a few more steps, you'll come across a dragon that has lost its way, a duckling that has lost its mother, and an old man reading the newspaper. At the end of the path, turn left and you'll see a fish tank. There are two fish on the ground beside it, trying to breathe.

● Underline the names of the characters that arouse your compassion. **Open answer**

11 Imagine you are the characters in the picture on pages 32 to 33 of the EMOTIONARY. Write what they might be thinking in the thought bubbles.

Open answer



A red thought bubble containing three horizontal lines for writing.



A red thought bubble containing three horizontal lines for writing.



A red thought bubble containing four horizontal lines for writing.

