



SHARJAH INDIAN SCHOOL
Moral Education

Lesson 2
Mercy, Sympathy and Empathy

I. Fill in the blanks:

1. The ability to respond to such feelings in order to alleviate other people's suffering is empathy.
2. The leader of Ajman, who reunited a Syrian man with his son after six years of Separation is an example of an act of compassion.
3. The acts of compassion contribute to improving the lives of suffering individuals.

II. Name the following.

1. The ability to recognise the feelings of others and understand their suffering by taking a moment to imagine yourself in their position
Ans: Empathy.
2. A willingness and desire to support and help others who are suffering.
Ans. Sympathy

III. Answer the following.

1. What are acts of compassion? Give some examples?
Ans. The Acts by individuals, associations or countries to alleviate the suffering of others. Feeding the hungry, giving charity to the poor, visiting the sick, giving condolences in death, sheltering the homeless, providing financial and emotional care for orphans and so on.
2. Is sympathy the same as empathy?
Ans. The ability to recognise the feelings of others and understand their suffering is empathy, whereas sympathy is the willingness and desire to support and help others who are suffering; a desire to alleviate someone else's suffering.
3. Read the sentence and write sympathy/ empathy /act of compassion.

1	Ability to identify and understand another person's situation and feelings.	Empathy
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2	Feeling of sorrow and pity for someone else's misfortune.	Sympathy
3	Can understand another situation.	Empathy
4	Helps people out by giving away what you no longer want or need.	Act of compassion

IV. Activity

1. Stick some pictures that show the values of sympathy and empathy.