

Lesson 3: Vocabulary

PEOPLE

Part 1

Unscramble the characteristics of people.

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| 1. _____ doynom | 5. _____ belxefil |
| 2. _____ ilbaelre | 6. _____ teamumir |
| 3. _____ iedosnrecta | 7. _____ ivggriofn |
| 4. _____ taerum | 8. _____ eresbilmops |

Part 2

Use the words from Part 1 to complete each sentence. In class, take turns reading the sentences with a partner.

1. Whenever you have a problem, your uncle is always there for you. He is very _____.
2. Even though he is only 18 years old, he is in his third year at university. He is very _____ for his age.
3. You like to change your plans a lot, but luckily your friend is _____ and doesn't get upset.
4. When your brother does something wrong, your mother doesn't stay angry very long. She is _____.
5. Movie stars who are angry one minute but kind the next become famous because they are _____.
6. She's 20 years old, but she acts like she is 15. She's _____.
7. People know you will take care of things in your classroom. They think you are _____.
8. Your friend always thinks about other people and how they feel. She is _____.

Part 3

Use the words from Part 1 to write the opposites.

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| 1. irresponsible _____ | 4. inflexible _____ |
| 2. immature _____ | 5. inconsiderate _____ |
| 3. unforgiving _____ | 6. unreliable _____ |

In class, use the opposites with a partner.

- A: My sister is a little irresponsible. Yesterday, she didn't call to tell my mom that she would be late for dinner. My mom was worried.
- B: So your sister needs to be more _____.
- A: Yeah.

Lesson 3: Reading & Writing

PEOPLE

Part 1

Read the letters below.

Family drama

Dear Dr. Drama,

I'm getting married next month and I have a problem. My brother and I do not get along. In fact, we haven't spoken in months. He is older than I am, but he is moody and immature. He is mad at me because of something very small. I borrowed his car one night to go out with some friends. I went a little too fast and we had a little accident. I hit a tree, and there was a small dent in the front and a flat tire, but that is easy to fix. You could still see through the crack in the windshield. Anyway, I think he should be more flexible and forgiving. Now, should I invite him to the wedding?

Bummed Brother

Dear Bummed,

It sounds like you are the one who is immature. You crashed your brother's car! He has a right to be mad at you. Have you made a sincere apology? Did you offer to pay for the repairs? I think you need to be more responsible. Apologize, and invite him to the wedding.

Dr. Drama

Answer the questions.

1. Who is Bummed having a problem with? _____
2. What is happening next month? _____
3. Is his brother older or younger? _____
4. Why did Bummed have an accident? _____
5. What happened to the car? _____
6. What does Dr. Drama tell Bummed to do? _____

 **PAIR WORK** Discuss the questions.

1. Who do you agree with more, Bummed or his brother? Why?
2. What do you think of Dr. Drama's advice?

Part 2

Write a letter to Dr. Drama asking for advice. Describe a real or imaginary problem you are having or had in the past with someone in your family.

Part 3

Exchange letters with a classmate. Write a response.

Lesson 4: Vocabulary

PEOPLE

Read the conversations. What values are they talking about? Write your answer on the line. In class, talk about why you chose the values. Then practice the conversations with a partner.

1. _____

A: I don't understand this homework at all!

B: Don't worry. I'll help you.

2. _____

Mom: It's important to help your friends when they need it. And not to gossip about them.
And if someone says something bad about them, you shouldn't agree.

Son: I know, Mom. You tell me all the time!

3. _____

A: Mateo always uses Mr. and Mrs. when he is talking with people he just met.

B: And he never interrupts.

4. _____

A: Collin never tells a lie.

B: Yeah, and at a store, if someone gives him too much money, he never keeps it.

5. _____

A: Last night Mr. Sher stayed at school to help me until 8:00.

B: He's really great. He always gives students help, even when he needs to do other things.

6. _____ and _____

Radio announcer: Last night, there was a big fire on Main and First. Before the firefighters got there, some neighbors went into the house and helped the people.
We have a caller who was there.

Caller: It was amazing. The fire was everywhere. But the neighbors went in, even though it was really dangerous.

7. _____

A: Massimo doesn't give up. If he can't do something, he keeps practicing until he can.

B: I know. I saw him practicing basketball for four hours last Saturday!

8. _____

News reporter 1: And now, a fantastic story! Last night, there was a big car accident.

News reporter 2: That's right, Bob. Two cars drove by without doing anything. But then a man stopped to help, and because of him, no one died.

News reporter 1: He reminds us that it is important to help others.

9. _____ and _____

A: That team is famous because when they win, they are really kind to the other team.

B: And when they lose, they are kind, too.

Lesson 4: Reading & Writing

PEOPLE

Part 1

Read the essay below.

My Hero

Heroes come in all shapes and sizes. They can be army generals, or presidents, or police officers. A hero is someone who changes your life, maybe even saves it. My hero is a 12-year-old girl whose name I never knew.

When I was a child, I had many problems. I wore glasses and was funny-looking. I had red hair that stuck out all over my head. I also had a speech problem. I couldn't say the letter s. I was smart, but I never talked in school. The other kids teased me. They called me names. Sometimes they pushed or tripped me. I hated school and I hated myself.


One day, a couple of boys started to push me around on the playground. They threw my books on the ground and ripped my homework. Other kids stood around watching, but no one did anything. Suddenly, a girl pushed her way towards the two boys.

"Stop being bullies," she said. They laughed at her. She wasn't afraid. She picked up my books and handed them to me.

The teasing didn't stop that day, but my fear did. Her compassion and kindness gave me the courage to stand up for myself.

Check the person or people who have each quality.

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| 1. fear | <input type="checkbox"/> the writer | <input type="checkbox"/> the boys | <input type="checkbox"/> the girl |
| 2. compassion | <input type="checkbox"/> the writer | <input type="checkbox"/> the boys | <input type="checkbox"/> the girl |
| 3. respect | <input type="checkbox"/> the writer | <input type="checkbox"/> the boys | <input type="checkbox"/> the girl |
| 4. disrespect | <input type="checkbox"/> the writer | <input type="checkbox"/> the boys | <input type="checkbox"/> the girl |
| 5. immaturity | <input type="checkbox"/> the writer | <input type="checkbox"/> the boys | <input type="checkbox"/> the girl |
| 6. kindness | <input type="checkbox"/> the writer | <input type="checkbox"/> the boys | <input type="checkbox"/> the girl |

 **PAIR WORK** Discuss the questions.

1. Why was the writer teased so much?
2. How common do you think bullying is? Why does it happen?
3. Have you ever seen or experienced bullying?

Part 2

Describe your hero. Who is it? What did he or she do for you? What qualities does he/she have?

Part 3

Exchange the description with a classmate. How are your heroes similar or different?