Choose the word that fits: a positive words worksheet

Eleven sentences with a gap and three words to choose from. In most of them two words fit, and the answer key says why. To do it on screen and check the answers: wordsofpositivity.com/positive-words-for-kids#kids-choose-the-word

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Choose the word

Read the sentence. Choose the word that fits the gap. Sometimes two words fit.

EXAMPLE

The ____ puppy ran around the yard ten times. (polite, energetic, humble)

Answer: energetic. Energetic means full of energy and ready to go, and ten laps of the yard show it. Polite is about manners and humble about not showing off; the sentence is about neither.

1. I was ____ and said I broke the cup.

○ energetic ○ honest ○ sincere

2. I am ____ when I hold the baby chicks.

○ careful ○ outgoing ○ gentle

3. I am ____ about how bees make honey.

○ polite ○ curious ○ inquisitive

4. I was ____ while Dad finished his phone call.

○ daring ○ lively ○ patient

5. I am ____ that my friend helped me find my shoe.

○ grateful ○ zippy ○ thankful

6. We made a ____ costume out of boxes.

○ loyal ○ imaginative ○ creative

7. I am ____: my homework goes in the blue folder.

○ organized ○ neat ○ joyful

8. Ali is ____: he feeds the class fish every Friday.

○ zany ○ dependable ○ responsible

9. I was ____ to ride my bike without help, and I did it.

○ persistent ○ merry ○ determined

10. I was ____ and set the table for dinner.

○ helpful ○ quirky ○ kind

11. It was ____ of you to share your snack.

○ quick ○ generous ○ kind

Answer key

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For teachers: In most questions two of the three words fit. Ask the child which one they would choose and why: a reason that matches the word's meaning is a right answer, even when it is not the word the sentence was written for.

Choose the word

1. **honest or sincere**
   Honest fits best: saying you broke the cup is telling the truth when it is hard. Sincere works too, because it means meaning what you say. Energetic means full of energy, and owning up is about the truth, not energy.
2. **gentle or careful**
   Gentle fits best: soft hands, so the chicks do not get hurt. Careful works too: taking your time so nothing goes wrong. Outgoing means happy to talk to new people, which holding a chick does not need.
3. **curious or inquisitive**
   Curious and inquisitive both mean wanting to find out more, so both are right. Inquisitive also says you keep asking questions. Polite means using good manners, and the sentence is about wanting to know.
4. **patient**
   Patient: waiting without getting cross is exactly what the child did. Daring means ready to try something a bit scary, and lively means full of energy and fun; neither is about waiting.
5. **grateful or thankful**
   Grateful and thankful both mean glad about what someone did for you, so both are right. Zippy means fast and full of energy, which says nothing about the friend's help.
6. **creative or imaginative**
   Creative and imaginative both fit: making a costume out of boxes takes new ideas. Loyal means sticking by your friends, and a costume cannot do that.
7. **organized or neat**
   Organized fits best: keeping things in order so you can find them. Neat works too: tidy, with everything in its place. Joyful means full of happiness, and the folder is about order.
8. **dependable or responsible**
   Dependable and responsible both fit: Ali does his job every week, so others can count on him. Zany means silly in a funny, surprising way, and the sentence is about doing a job every time.
9. **determined or persistent**
   Determined fits best: not giving up until you get there. Persistent works too: trying again and again until it works. Merry means happy and cheerful at a party, which says nothing about not giving up.
10. **helpful or kind**
    Helpful fits best: setting the table makes the job easier for someone. Kind works too, because helping others is kind. Quirky means a little unusual in a fun way, and setting the table is not unusual.
11. **generous or kind**
    Generous fits best: happy to share and give to others. Kind works too. Quick means fast at doing or thinking, and sharing a snack is about giving, not speed.