

Positive words worksheet for ages 10 to 12: match the meaning

The 16 words on the ages 10 to 12 list, in two parts of eight: read the meaning, find the word. To do it on screen and check the answers: wordsofpositivity.com/positive-words-for-kids#kids-match-ages-10-to-12

Name _____

Date _____

Part A

Match each meaning to its word. Each word is used once.

EXAMPLE

Able to change your plan without getting upset.

Answer: Flexible. "When it rained, we were flexible and played inside."

WORD BANK

Dependable

Diligent

Empathetic

Humble

Inquisitive

Optimistic

Resilient

Sincere

1. _____ Able to imagine how someone else feels.
2. _____ Someone others can count on, every time.
3. _____ Working carefully and steadily until the job is done.
4. _____ Able to bounce back after something goes wrong.
5. _____ Expecting good things to happen.
6. _____ Not showing off, even when you are good at something.
7. _____ Always asking questions to find out more.
8. _____ Meaning what you say.

Part B

Match each meaning to its word. Each word is used once.

WORD BANK

Compassionate

Considerate

Courageous

Enthusiastic

Independent

Persistent

Tolerant

Trustworthy

9. _____ Thinking about how other people feel before you act.
10. _____ Feeling for someone who is hurting, and wanting to help.
11. _____ Someone people can trust to tell the truth and keep a secret.
12. _____ Trying again and again until it works.
13. _____ Able to do things by yourself.
14. _____ Excited about something and showing it.
15. _____ Very brave, even when it is hard or you might lose.
16. _____ Accepting people who are different from you.

Answer key

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For teachers: Several of these words are close neighbors. When a child picks a near miss, ask what the difference is: the sentences in the answer key show each word at work.

Part A

1. Empathetic

"He was empathetic and knew his friend felt left out."

2. Dependable

"Ali is dependable: he feeds the class fish every Friday."

3. Diligent

"She was diligent and checked every answer twice."

4. Resilient

"He was resilient: he lost the race and signed up for the next one."

5. Optimistic

"I am optimistic that our team will play well."

6. Humble

"She scored three goals and stayed humble, thanking her team."

7. Inquisitive

"Our inquisitive class asked the firefighter twenty questions."

8. Sincere

"His sorry was sincere, and he fixed the tower he knocked over."

Part B

9. Considerate

"It was considerate of you to whisper while the baby slept."

10. Compassionate

"She was compassionate when the new boy missed his old school, and showed him around."

11. Trustworthy

"She is trustworthy, so the teacher gave her the classroom key."

12. Persistent

"I was persistent with my puzzle and finished it on the fifth day."

13. Independent

"I am independent and pack my own school bag."

14. Enthusiastic

"Our class was enthusiastic about the museum trip."

15. Courageous

"It was courageous to tell the teacher what really happened."

16. Tolerant

"We are tolerant of each other's ideas, even when we disagree."