

The Ripple Effect of Kindness

Learning objective: To understand how individual acts of kindness contribute to a positive community and to reflect on the impact of empathetic behaviour.

Read the passage below carefully. Use your best handwriting and full sentences to answer the questions that follow.

In the vibrant heart of the BookFlik meadow, Leo the lion noticed that Kit the fox looked quite downcast. Kit had spent all morning trying to solve a complex coding puzzle, but the screen kept flashing an error message. Instead of walking past, Leo sat beside him and offered a gentle word of encouragement. He didn't solve the puzzle, but his kindness helped Kit feel calm enough to try again. Later that day, Kit noticed Bea the bee struggling to carry a heavy load of pollen. Remembering how Leo's support had helped him, Kit offered to clear a path, making her journey much easier. Bea, feeling heartened, shared some of her golden honey with Nova the owl, who was working late on her star charts. This simple chain of events, starting with one thoughtful moment, transformed the entire meadow into a space of warmth and connection. Kindness is much like a ripple in a pond; it starts small, but the positive energy spreads far beyond the original action, touching everyone it meets.

Word bank: empathy · community · compassion · positive · ripple · inclusive · thoughtful

1. Why was Kit the fox feeling downcast at the beginning of the story? (2 marks)

2. List two acts of kindness that happened in the meadow after Leo helped Kit. (2 marks)

3. How do you think Leo's actions influenced the culture of the meadow? (2 marks)

4. Why does the author compare kindness to a 'ripple in a pond'? (2 marks)

5. Do you agree that even small acts of kindness are important? Justify your answer with an example. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture showing the 'ripple effect' of kindness in your own classroom. Include speech bubbles showing kind words being shared between friends.



Extension challenge: Greater Depth Challenge: Imagine a character who is feeling excluded from a group. Write a short paragraph explaining three specific, thoughtful actions you could take to help them feel welcome. Explain why your chosen actions would be effective in building a more inclusive community.