

Put yourself in someone's shoes

Idiom of the month


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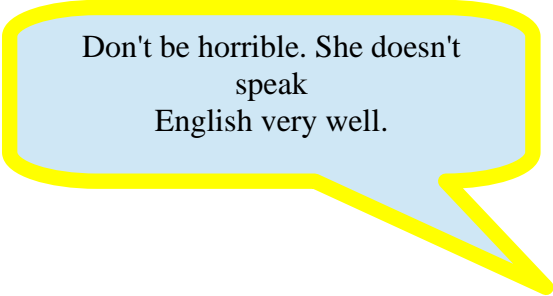
1. Circle the characteristics of an empathetic person.

- a. compassionate
- b. kind
- c. a good listener
- d. sympathetic
- e. selfish
- f. understanding

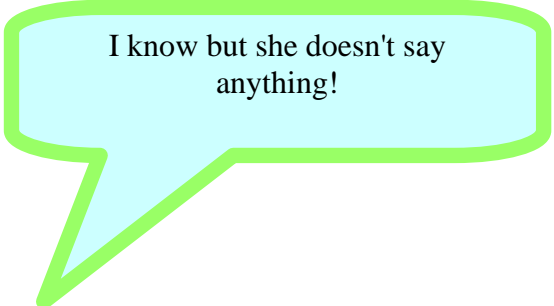
2a. Read



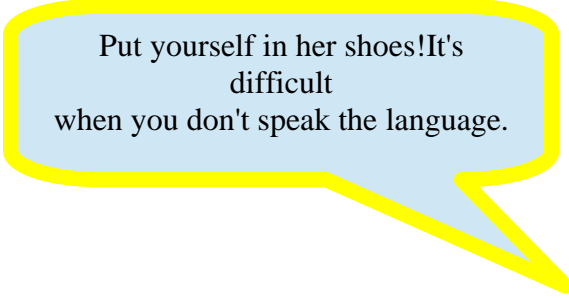
I don't want to sit next to Zara.



Don't be horrible. She doesn't speak English very well.



I know but she doesn't say anything!



Put yourself in her shoes! It's difficult when you don't speak the language.

2b. Complete with the idiom of the month.

It is important to _____ to try and understand their point of view.

Empathetic people have the ability to 'put themselves in someone's shoes'. They can imagine how another person experiences and reacts to a particular event or circumstance.

3. Put yourself in their shoes.

How does each person feel? Tick (a) or (b).

1. Sam gets a bad mark in his maths test.

He feels... (a) disappointed / (b) excited

2. Alessia hasn't got any money for a snack.

She feels... (a) embarrassed / (b) happy

3. Sunita is in hospital.

She feels... (a) happy / (b) scared

4. Lucy hasn't got any friends at school.

She feels ... (a) lonely / (b) popular

5. Fabio's dog dies.

He feels... (a) excited/ (b) sad

4. Say the right thing!

Match each phrase (a -e) to the right situation (1-5) in exercise 3.

a. Come and talk to me and my friends.

b. I'm so sorry. He was a great dog.

c. It's OK, everyone gets bad marks sometimes.

d. Here, you can share my crisps.

e. Don't worry, the doctors here are very good.

Teacher's Notes

1. Circle a,b,c, f.

2b. *It is important to put yourself in someone's shoes to try and understand their point of view.*

3. 1a; 2a; 3b; 4a; 5b

4. a4; b5; c1; d2; e3