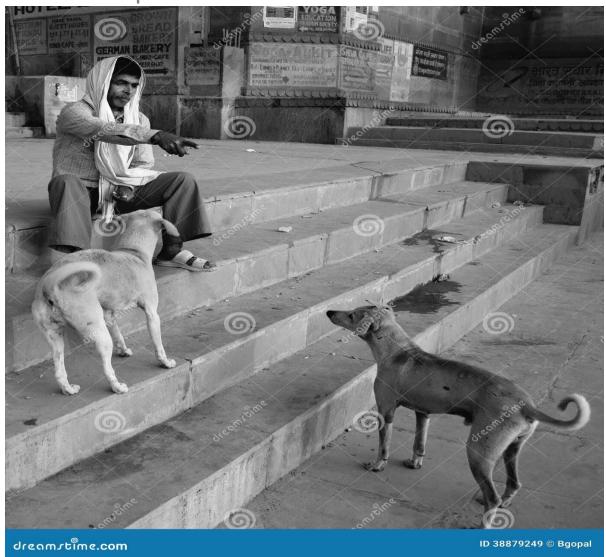
AN ACT OF KINDNESS

Warm up

Look at this picture



What is the man doing?
Is he being kind to the dogs?
Do you believe in being kind?

Here are some ways in which you can be kind.



Vocabulary

approached: came closer

weary: tired

impressed: make someone admire or respect you; to make a person understand the importance of something; leave a deep effect on somebody's mind humbly: in a way that is not proud

essential: necessary

generosity: the quality of giving more than expected

or necessary

charitable: relating to giving money or donations to

those in need

profound: deep

touched: in this context, feeling happy or grateful because of something kind that someone has done; understanding someone's difficulty

acknowledged: to accept that something is true selfless: thinking about other's needs rather than your own

earning their bread: to earn the money that they need so that they can pay for food, clothes, and other ordinary needs.

A Kind Act of Giving Water

Once upon a time, a man was travelling with his horses. He looked around him as his horses trotted

on. He was in search of water. The horses were very tired and thirsty. As they approached a small hut a little away from a village, the man hoped he would find some water for his horses. A boy of around ten or twelve years old was sitting outside the hut. He noticed the weary horses and the worried look on the man's face.

Quickly realizing the situation, the boy fetched a jug of water from his hut and waited on the road for the cart to arrive. The man stopped his cart and asked the boy what he wanted. The boy replied, "I don't want anything, I just want to give water to your horses," and he offered water to the horses with care and kindness.

Impressed by the boy's selfless act, the man wanted to give him silver coins as a reward. However, the boy humbly refused, explaining that though they were poor, his mother worked hard to provide for them both. They believed in earning their bread. His mother had taught him that helping others in need was a way of serving God.

The boy told the man that they had to draw water from a well and use it wisely. He believed that helping thirsty beings was a way of doing God's work and his duty, without expecting any payment in return.

The man was touched by the boy's kindness and generosity. He acknowledged the importance of selfless charity and was inspired to do good deeds as well.

By witnessing the boy's act of kindness, the man learned the true meaning of charity, which is helping others without expecting anything in return. He understood that even a simple act of giving water could have a profound impact on someone's life.

- A. Choose the most appropriate option.
 - 1. What was the man looking for?
 - a. He was looking for a boy.
 - b. He was looking for a village.
 - c. He was looking for water.
 - d. He was looking for a hut.

- 2. What motivated the boy to offer water to the tired horses without expecting anything in return?
 - a. He wanted silver coins as a reward.
 - b. He wanted to impress the man with his kindness.
 - c. He believed in helping others in need as a way of serving God.
- 3. He wanted the horses to pull the cart faster. Why did the boy position himself on the road?
 - a. he wanted to look at the horses.
 - b. he was afraid of missing the horses.
 - c. he wanted to ride the horses.
 - d. he wanted to give water to the horses.
- 4. Why did the boy refuse the silver coins offered by the man as a reward?
 - a. He did not like silver coins.
 - b. He wanted more money.
 - c. He believed in helping others without expecting payment.
 - d. He was afraid of the man.
- 5. What did the boy's mother teach him about helping others in need?

- a. It is unnecessary to help others.
- b. It is a way of serving God.
- c. Only help if they can repay you.
- d. Ignore those in need.

B. Answer in your own words

- 1. How did the boy explain his refusal to accept silver coins from the man?
- 2. Why did the man think the boy wanted something from him?
- 3. What lesson did the man learn from the boy's act of kindness?
- 4. What did the boy say about the importance of giving water to the horses?

C. Think and answer

- 1. Think of two different ways the man could have repaid the boy? Hint: work/education
- D. Choose the correct word to complete the sentence.
 - 1. We are (looking for/finding) water.
 - 2. This is (their/there) book.

- 4. The (affect/effect) of the rain was that the plants began to revive.
- 5. What will be the (affect/effect) of the new policy?

E.	Use words from "Vocabulary" to complete the			
	sentences.			
	1.	The story had a effect on the		
		children.		
	2.	As the holidays the excitement		
		amongst the students grew.		
	3.	I am by your organisational		
		skills.		
	4.	I beg you to forgive me.		
	5.	Prabjot's that made her donate		
		so much for the good cause.		
	6.	Theboy laid down his head to rest		
		awhile.		
	7.	Take care of the things, the rest		

will take care of itself.

8.	Many	organisations acce		ept both
	small and large	donations.		

F. Use words from 'Vocabulary' to make sentences of your own.