

Questions

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- ☐ an animal rescue centre
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- ☐ dishonest
- ☐ false
- ☐ sincere
- ☐ excellent

3. Draw **four** lines to match and complete the phrases.

A simple gesture... ●

With so many... ●

To someone... ●

There are ways... ●

● like me or even you.

● will do the trick,

● to pay it forward or back,

● options and possibilities,

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- ☐ The poet suggests paying kindness forward or back.
- ☐ The poet suggests humans are not the only ones to be kind to.
- ☐ The poet suggests checking in with a friend.

5. Fill in the missing words.

It's an electric feeling that stretches all over,
Buzzing, beautiful and bright,
A feeling of _____ and care,
As it radiates such joy and pure _____.

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6. What does the poet suggest doing for a stranger?

The poet suggests holding a door open for a stranger.

7. What would be an appropriate, new title for this poem? Explain your answer.

Pupils' own responses, such as: I would call the poem 'How to Be Kind' as the poem is giving the reader ideas about ways to be kind to other people.

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1. Who could the poet be **checking in** with? Tick one.

- ☐ a doctor
- ☐ an old friend
- ☐ a new friend
- ☐ a family member

2. What is another word for **possibilities**? Tick one.

- ☐ certainties
- ☐ plans
- ☐ impossibilities
- ☐ chances

3. Draw **four** lines to match and complete the phrases.

At home or... ●

A smile can be... ●

An act of kindness... ●

It's an electric feeling... ●

● a huge gamechanger.

● is great and true,

● that stretches all over,

● in the classroom
at school.

4. Underline one word in the lines below that suggests kind acts can be uncomplicated.

*A simple gesture will do the trick,
It can be something great or minuscule,*

5. Fill in the missing words.

A _____ compliment is nice to hear,
Especially if feeling down and broken,
Affirmations are _____ things,
It is best not to leave them unspoken.

6. Name **two** ways the poet suggests to be kind.

- _____
- _____

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At home or...		a huge game changer.
A smile can be...		is great and true,
An act of kindness...		that stretches all over,
It's an electric feeling...		in the classroom at school.

4. Underline one word in the lines below that suggests kind acts can be uncomplicated.

A simple gesture will do the trick,
It can be something great or minuscule,

Award 1 mark for:

- **simple**

5. Fill in the missing words.

A **heartfelt** compliment is nice to hear,
Especially if feeling down and broken,
Affirmations are **wonderful** things,
It is best not to leave them unspoken.

6. Name **two** ways the poet suggests to be kind.

Accept any two of the following: a simple gesture; purchasing a gift; a handmade gift; checking in with a friend; holding the door open; leaving optimistic sticky notes; helping to clean up the environment; donating to an animal rescue centre; giving compliments; affirmations; paying kindness forward or back; a spur of the moment or planned act.

7. Which line do you think stands out the most in the poem? Explain your answer.

Pupils' own responses, such as: The line that stands out most to me is 'It can mean the whole wide world' because it highlights how being kind can mean so much to someone.

8. Predict how someone might react to hearing a heartfelt compliment.

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think at first they would be surprised as they would not be expecting it and then I think they would feel really happy because someone had thought of them in such a nice way.

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1. What is another word for **affirmation**? Tick one.

- ☐ denial
- ☐ declaration
- ☐ decision
- ☐ question

2. Underline one word in the lines below that suggests giving away something to charity.

*Helping to clean up the environment,
Donating to an animal rescue centre...*

3. Find and copy one word which means the same as 'to save'.

4. Fill in the missing words.

Checking in with an old friend,
Maybe holding the door for a _____,
An _____ sticky note here or there,
A smile can be a huge gamechanger.

5. What does the poet suggest doing rather than purchasing something?

6. Imagine that you are asked to write another stanza for this poem. What acts of kindness could you write about?

7. Predict how someone may react to one of the acts of kindness mentioned in the poem.

8. Which stanza do you think is the most important in the poem? Explain your answer.

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Award 1 mark for:

- **donating**

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rescue

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 An **optimistic** sticky note here or there,
 A smile can be a huge gamechanger.

5. What does the poet suggest doing rather than purchasing something?

The poet suggests giving something handmade.

6. Imagine that you are asked to write another stanza for this poem. What acts of kindness could you write about?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I would write a stanza about planning a day around a person's favourite things, such as watching a film with their favourite snacks.

7. Predict how someone may react to one of the acts of kindness mentioned in the poem.
Pupils' own responses, such as: I think if someone finds an optimistic sticky note it would surprise them as they wouldn't expect it and it would make them smile.
8. Which stanza do you think is the most important in the poem? Explain your answer.
Pupils' own responses, such as: I think the most important stanza is the one that repeats throughout the poem. This is because it highlights the main message of the poem about the power of kindness to the reader.