

Build Bridges

Idiom of the month

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1. Tick four things that make you feel closer to people.

sharing food

watching TV alone

hanging out at the park/shopping centre

playing team sports

listening to music together

playing video games alone

2a. Read

I really don't like the girls at my new gymnastics club. They're totally weird.

They don't even talk to me, mum!

You just need to get to know them.

Invite them over for pizza. Try to build bridges, Louise.

2b. Complete

Luke and Dean do not like each other but they must try and

They are on the same football team this year and need to work together.

When we build bridges with someone we don't like, we try to improve our relationship with them. It is important for different communities to build bridges to stop prejudice and racism.

3. Read these idioms about good relationships. Match each idiomatic phrase (a – e) to the correct definition (1 – 5).

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| a. as different as night and day | 1. to remain united even in difficult moments |
| b. as thick as thieves | 2. to share and/or understand one another's opinions, values, beliefs |
| c. be on the same page | 3. they are very close friends who are very loyal to each other |
| d. speak the same language | 4. to be thinking in the same manner as someone else |
| e. stick together | 5. to be totally different |

4. Complete the sentences with an idiom from exercise 3.

- a. Jack and Mark are They really are best friends.
- b. I want to help the environment more.
Me too!
We're Great!
- c. My sister and I fight a lot but we always when there's a problem.
- d. My mum and dad are, but their different characters complement each other.
- e. All Sandy's friends They all believe in helping people in their community.

Teacher's Notes

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- sharing food ✓ watching TV alone hanging out at the park/shopping centre ✓
playing team sports ✓ listening to music together ✓ playing video games alone

2b. Complete

*Luke and Dean do not like each other but they must try and **build bridges**. They are on the same football team this year and need to work together.*

3. Match each idiomatic phrase to the correct definition.

- as different as night and day (5)
- as thick as thieves (3)
- be on the same page (4)
- speak the same language (2)
- stick together (1)

4. Complete the sentences with an idiom from exercise 3.

- Jack and Mark are **as thick as thieves**. They really are best friends.
- I want to help the environment more.
Me too!
We're **on the same page**. Great!
- My sister and I fight a lot but we always **stick together** when there's a problem
- My mum and dad are **as different as night and day**, but their different characters complement each other.
- All Sandy's friends **speak the same language**. They all believe in helping people in their community.

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