

Word of the Month: BRAVERY

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1. **Read these sentences**

- a. John saved the dog from the fire. He is very **brave**.
- b. Sally gave Lucy her last chocolate. She is very **kind**.
- c. Philip's jokes make everyone laugh. He is very **entertaining**.
- d. Jane didn't try to stop the bullies insulting her friend. She is very **cowardly**.
- e. Noel refused to share his sweets. He is very **mean**.
- f. Grace never wants to do anything. She is very **boring**.

2. **Match the opposite adjectives**

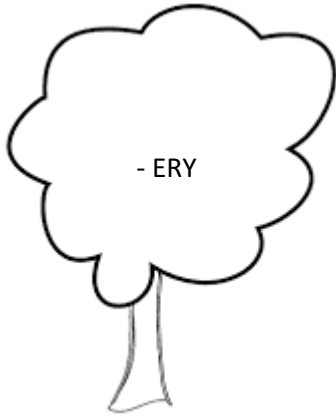
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| 1. brave | a. boring |
| 2. kind | b. cowardly |
| 3. entertaining | c. mean |

3. **Complete the sentences with one of the adjectives from exercise 2.**

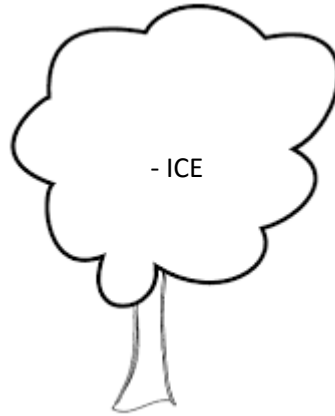
- 1. Firefighters are very _____
- 2. Terrorists are very _____
- 3. Nurses are very _____
- 4. People who don't share are very _____
- 5. Clowns are very _____
- 6. Friends who never go out are very _____

4. **Make your words grow! Make nouns from the adjectives and write them in the right tree. Use a dictionary to help you.**

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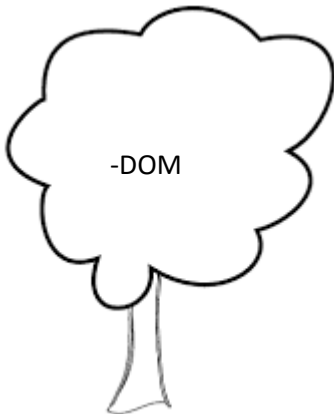
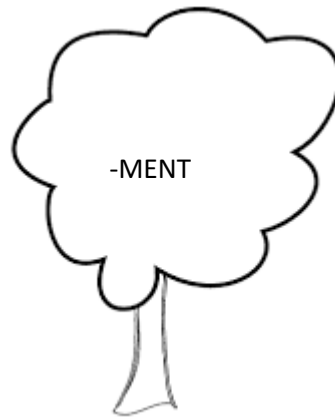
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c.



d.



e.

Teachers Notes

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1.

Ask the students to read the sentences and then work with a partner and decide if the adjectives are positive or negative.

2.

1 → b

2 → c

3 → a

3.

Elicit examples of some jobs and what characteristics people who do those jobs usually have.

For example:

Teacher = patient Doctor = intelligent Police officer = diplomatic

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4.

Talk to students about word transformations. Start with some root words on the board and elicit different forms.

For example:

To disgust (verb) disgusted (adjective, for feelings) disgusting (adjective to describe people/ objects/events) disgust (noun)

- a. brave/ bravery
- b. cowardly /cowardice
- c. kind /kindness
- d. mean/ meanness
- e. entertaining / entertainment
- f. boring / boredom