

Build Bridges

Idiom of the month

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

Ex. sharing food

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2a. Read

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

You just need to get to know them.

They don't even talk to me, mum!

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 have been best friends since they were little and they do everything together.
- b. I want to help the environment more.
Me too! Let's start a recycling campaign at school.
Great idea! I wanted to do that! We're definitely.....
- c. My sister and I fight a lot but we always when there's a problem at home or at school.
- d. My mum and dad are, but their different characters complement each other. Mum's serious side balances out dad's craziness!
- e. All Sandy's friends They all believe in helping people in their community by volunteering at the homeless shelter.

Teacher's Notes

1. Write four things that bring people closer together. Suggested answers:
hanging out at the park/shopping centre with friends playing team sports
listening to music together cooking with friends

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

4. Complete the sentences with an idiom from exercise 3.
 - a. Jack and Mark are **as thick as thieves**. They have been best friends since they were little and they do everything together.
 - b. I want to help the environment more.
Me too! Let's start a recycling campaign at school.
Great idea! I wanted to do that! We're definitely **on the same page**.
 - c. My sister and I fight a lot but we always **stick together** when there's a problem at home or at school.
 - d. My mum and dad are **as different as night and day** but their different characters complement each other. Mum's serious side balances out dad's craziness!
 - e. All Sandy's friends **speak the same language**. They all believe in helping people in their community by volunteering at the homeless shelter.

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