

# Word of the Month: BRAVERY

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## 1. *Read these sentences*

- a. John ran through the burning house to save his neighbour's dog. He is a very **brave** young man.
- b. Sally gave Lucy her last chocolate even though it was her absolute favourite. She is very **kind** to all her friends.
- c. Philip makes everyone laugh with his jokes. He is very **entertaining** and gets invited to lots of parties.
- d. Jane didn't try to stop the bullies being horrible to her friend because she was afraid they might be horrible to her too. She is very **cowardly**.
- e. Noel refused to share his sweets with his little brother. He is very **mean** and no-one really likes him.
- f. Grace never wants to do anything or go anywhere. She is very **boring** and her classmates have stopped inviting her out at weekends.

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_. They don't hesitate to put themselves in dangerous situations to save others.
2. Terrorists are very \_\_\_\_\_. They kill innocent people who have no chance to escape.
3. Nurses are very \_\_\_\_\_. They often talk to patients to try and make them feel better during their stay in hospital.
4. People who don't share are very \_\_\_\_\_. They want to keep everything they have for themselves.
5. Clowns are very \_\_\_\_\_. Lots of parents hire them for their children's birthday parties.
6. Friends who never go out are very \_\_\_\_\_. They just want to stay in and play video games all the time.

**4. Can you match each of the adjectives with an opposite from the box below?  
Use a dictionary to help you.**

courageous	interesting	dull	generous	cruel	afraid
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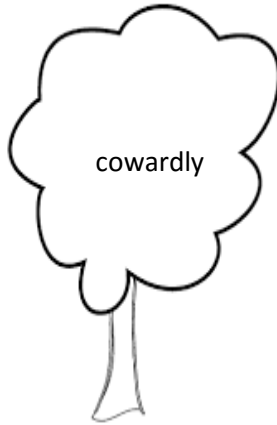
1. brave
2. cowardly
3. kind
4. mean
5. entertaining
6. boring

5. **Make your words grow! Make as many nouns as you can from the adjectives in exercise 2 and write them in the trees. Use a dictionary to help you.**

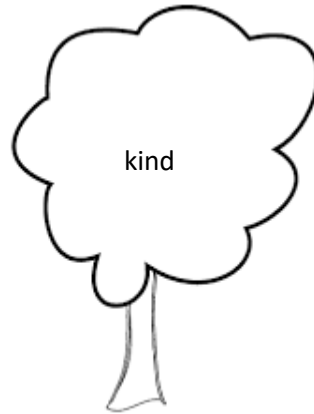
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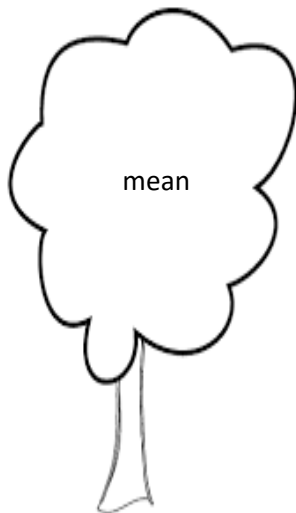
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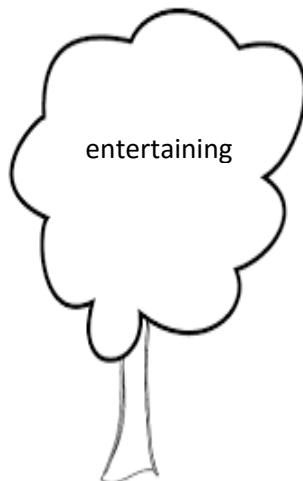
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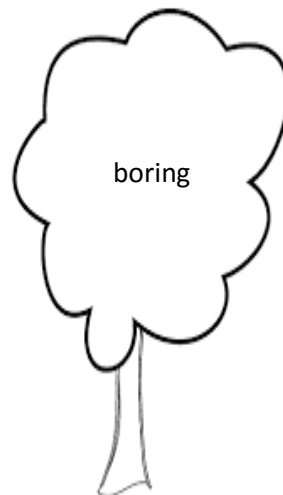
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# Teachers Notes

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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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5. Clowns are very entertaining. Lots of parents hire them for their children's birthday parties.
6. Friends who never go out are very *boring*. They just want to stay in and play video games all the time.

4.

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|-----------------|-------------|
| 1. brave        | afraid      |
| 2. cowardly     | courageous  |
| 3. kind         | cruel       |
| 4. mean         | generous    |
| 5. entertaining | dull        |
| 6. boring       | interesting |

5.

**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. To be brave / bravery
- b. To be cowardly/ a coward / cowardice
- c. To be kind / kindness
- d. To be mean / meanness
- e. To be entertaining/ an entertainer/ entertainment
- f. To be boring / a bore / boredom