



CHARITY

Discussion

Basic questions

1 What do you mean by the word charity?

**Charity means...*

2 Are charities common in your country?

**Yes, it is. / No, it isn't.*

3 Who are the beneficiaries of those charities?

**The beneficiaries of those charities are...*

4 Have you ever donated to a charity fund?

**Yes, I have. / No, I've never...*

5 Is blood donation popular in your country?

**Yes, it is. / No, it isn't.*

Extended questions

1 How can an individual help a charity?

**An individual can help a charity by...*

2 Do you think charities shouldn't only help people but animals as well?

**Yes, I think charities shouldn't only help people but animals because...*

3 Would you say that the government should support these charities?

**Yes, government should support these charities because...*

4 Is there any downside of helping charities?

**Yes, there is... / No, there isn't.*

5 In your opinion, are people more willing to help others these days?

**In my opinion...*

6 Do you think that wealthy people should donate more than others?

**Yes, I think that... / No, I don't think...*

Vocabulary

- 1 **fund /fʌnd/**
[noun] an amount of money saved, collected, or provided for a particular purpose
Ex. The hospital is trying to raise funds for cancer patients.
- 2 **charity /'tʃærɪti/**
[noun] an organization for helping people in need
Ex. UNICEF is an international charity.
- 3 **donate /dou'neɪt/**
[verb] to give money or goods to help a person or organization
Ex. An anonymous businesswoman donated one million dollars to the charity.
- 4 **disabled /dis'eɪbld/**
[adj] not having one or more of the physical or mental abilities that most people have.
Ex. There are seats for disabled people on the bus.
- 5 **orphanage /'ɔ:fənɪdʒ/**
[noun] a home for children whose parents are dead or unable to care for them.
Ex. He spent most of his childhood in an orphanage.
- 6 **fundraising /'fʌnd'reɪzɪŋ/**
[noun] the act of collecting or producing money for a particular purpose, especially for a charity
Ex. The exhibition is a fundraising event for the museum.
- 7 **contribution /,kɒntri'bju:ʃn/**
[noun] a sum of money that is given to a person or an organization in order to help pay for something
Ex. All contributions will be gratefully received.

Useful Expressions

- 1 to raise fund for sth**
the process of gathering voluntary contributions of money or other resources, by requesting donations from individuals, businesses, charitable foundations, or governmental agencies
Ex. Activities are being organized to raise fund for the charity.
- 2 to give (sth) away**
to give something to someone without asking for payment.
Ex. He gave away most of his money to charity.
- 3 SOS: An urgent appeal for help**
Ex. The hospital sent out an SOS for extra blood supplies.
- 4 to make a contribution (to sth/towards sth)**
giving something away; whether it's your money, your possessions, or your time.
Ex. I'm willing to make a contribution to charity.

Idioms

- 1 give/lend sb a helping hand – to help someone**
Ex. The Jones family is always willing to give a helping hand.
- 2 Charity begins at home - when telling someone to help his/her family or friends first before helping other people**
Ex. You should be helping your mother in doing household chores.
Charity begins at home.
- 3 “a drop in the bucket” - If an amount is a drop in the bucket, it's a very small portion of the amount that's needed.**
Ex. Our government's sending a thousand tons of food, but that's just a drop in the bucket compared to what's needed.
- 4 “pass the hat (around) (to someone)” - to collect donations of money from people.**
Ex. Jerry passed the hat around to all the other workers.