## Try a Little Kindness

### 1. Read the story

Look at the pictures on these pages. What is the story about? Now read it.



SINGAPORE <sup>1</sup>Is our world becoming a colder and less friendly place? Maybe it is, but Singapore is trying hard to change that. The country has joined the World Kindness Movement\*. <sup>2</sup>This movement started at a meeting\*\* in Tokyo in 1997. Now Japan, Korea, Australia, Canada, the USA, and several other countries belong to the group, which wants to spread kindness around the world.

<sup>3</sup>How can people like you and me make life more **pleasant** for everyone? The Singapore Kindness Movement has some **excellent** ideas. <sup>4</sup>For example, the group says, wash someone's car as a surprise. <sup>5</sup>At home, try to spend a little time every day with your parents and grandparents. And don't bother your neighbors with loud music—turn down your stereo after 10 P.M. <sup>6</sup>At school, invite a new student to share your lunch. <sup>7</sup>Don't throw litter\*\*\* in the streets—try to pick up papers and bottles! <sup>8</sup>And finally, don't forget to smile, smile, smile!

\* movement: a group of people who have the same ideas

\*\* meeting: a time when people come together to talk

\*\*\*litter: pieces of paper and other things that people leave on the ground

#### **NEW WORDS**

>> See Glossary on page 91. >>

## 2. Rate the story

How much did you like it? Mark an X.



## 3. Check your comprehension

Check () the endings that are true.

- a. Singapore
  - \_\_\_ wants to make the world a colder place.
  - \_\_\_ wants to spread kindness.
  - \_\_\_ has joined the World Kindness Movement.
  - \_\_\_ has ideas to make life more pleasant for people.
- b. The movement wants people
- \_\_\_ to bother their neighbors.
- \_\_\_ to be nice to new students.
- \_\_\_ to throw litter in the streets.
- \_\_\_ to smile more.

## 4. Check your vocabulary

Complete the sentences with the New Words.

- a. Singapore has j\_\_\_ed the World Kind\_\_\_\_ Movement and wants to make the world a l\_\_\_ cold place.
- b. The people in the movement have some ex\_\_\_\_\_ ideas.
- c. Don't bo\_\_\_\_ your nei\_\_\_\_s. Turn \_\_\_\_ your loud music!
- d. P\_\_\_ up litter on the streets.

## 5. Listen to the story \* track 14

Now listen to the story two or three times. Look at the pictures below as you listen.

















## 6. Retell the story

Cover the story and look at the pictures above. Retell the story using the New Words.

## 7. Answer the questions

#### About the story...

- a. Which countries belong to the World Kindness Movement?
- b. What does the group want to do?
- c. Which of Singapore's ideas do you like best? Why?
- d. Do you think Singapore will succeed and make the world a friendlier place? Why or why not?

#### About you...

- e. How can you spread kindness at your school?
- f. What do you do to make life pleasant for your family?
- g. What do you do that bothers your family or your neighbors?
- h. What bothers you? Why?

## 8. Learn word partnerships

Study the partnerships below. Complete the sentences so they are true for you.

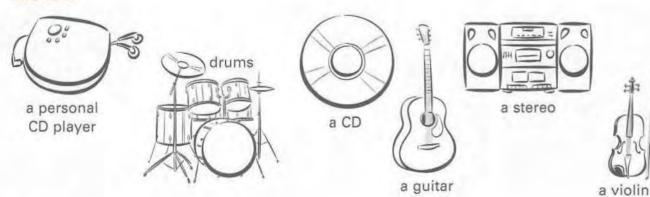
INVITE		
invite someone	to do something	Invite a new student to share your lunch! I invited John to see a movie. My friends invited us to go to the beach. They invited me to a party. I would like to invite a friend to dinner. Pei-ting often invites me to his house.

a. I	ast year, I invited	to	0 -0	NOVI LUSSE W
b. I	would like to invite		to	
c.	invited m	e		

## 9. Learn word groups

Complete the sentences so they are true for you. Use words from the picture.

#### MUSIC



- a. I have \_\_\_\_\_\_ at home.
- b. I would like to learn to play \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- c. I want to buy

## 10. Take a dictation frack 15

Use your own paper to write the dictation. Check your answers on page 86.

## 11. Complete the story

Use the words from the box to complete the story.

neighbors spread

bother pleasant kindness share

threw pick up

# ↑ An Act of Kindness ↓

NAGOYA, JAPAN After he made a lot of money in the stock market\*, a Japanese

man wanted to

(1) some with his

(2)

The unnamed man took two large bags of money to the top floor of a tall building in Nagoya. Then he took handfuls of

bills-about \$9,000-and (3)\_ them from an open window. The money rained down, and then the wind

(4) \_\_\_\_\_ it around the streets-a

(5) \_\_\_\_\_ surprise for everyone!

People ran to (6) \_\_\_\_\_ the money.

Later, the 26-year-old man went on Japanese television and said that he had

> too much money. "I don't need it," he said. "I wanted to give some back to the world."

The man's act\*\* of

(7) \_\_\_\_\_ did not (8)

the police. "He did not break any laws, \*\*\*"

said a police officer.

- stock market: the business of buying and selling shares in companies
- \*\* act: something that you do
- \*\*\* laws: rules of a country that say what people can and cannot do.



## Talk about the stories

Which act of kindness from the two stories would you like to try? Why? What are two more ways to spread kindness in your town?