

♥ empathy

Understanding and sharing the feelings of others.

Empathetic people act with kindness and understanding. Empathetic people demonstrate respect for the feelings of others. They help people and take care of them.

Empathy helps people understand and value the fact that we may not all look and act alike. Empathy helps people feel open to learning about differences. Empathetic people welcome new friendships and treat people with fairness. They know when and how to include others.

Empathetic children are kind to their peers and adults. Empathetic children have social intelligence that allows them to take on a variety of perspectives. Their ability to take on different perspectives and act with concern makes it possible for these children to empathize with people who are culturally different.



You can help children develop empathy by **focusing on the feelings** we all have in common. You can model **being open to differences** with your words and actions. You can **celebrate children's kindness** to each other, especially when their kindness includes **taking care of and including someone**.



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People who act with empathy can form close, loving relationships. Empathetic people are on the PATH TO SUCCESS!