

Lower Primary Module 2 - “Ampathie’s New Friend”

1. What is “empathy”?

- Empathy is the ability to understand and share the feelings, emotions, or situations of others, putting oneself in someone else’s shoes.

2. Why did Ampathie learn about empathy after twisting his ankle in the story?

- After experiencing pain and difficulty himself, Ampathie began to understand and empathise with how others might feel in similar situations. This experience helped him relate to others’ feelings and develop empathy.

3. What is the difference between empathy and sympathy?

- The difference between empathy and sympathy lies in their approach:
Empathy involves putting yourself in someone else’s shoes, understanding their emotions, thoughts, perspectives, and behaviors from their point of view, and experiencing a sense of shared feeling.
Sympathy, on the other hand, is about considering the other person’s current feelings and developing a sense of care or concern for them.

4. Can you give other examples of expressing empathy?

- When a friend fails a test, you say, “I understand how disappointed and upset you must feel.”
- When a friend’s mother is sick, you express concern by saying, “I know you’re very worried about your mom’s condition right now, and I hope she recovers soon.”
- When a classmate is bullied, you support him/her and say, “Their behavior is inappropriate, I suggest you ask a teacher for help.”



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5. When Ampathie felt very disappointed for not being able to buy tickets for his beloved U Balance concert, Caree said, “Why are you so upset about missing a concert?” Does Caree’s response show empathy? If you were Caree, how would you respond to show empathy?
- Caree’s response shows a lack of understanding and empathy towards Ampathie’s disappointment and emotions.
 - If I were Caree, I would respond:
“Ampathie, I know you were really looking forward to that concert, and not getting a ticket must be very disappointing. Are there any other ways to get a ticket? Hopefully, they’ll add more shows!”
This response demonstrates Caree’s understanding of Ampathie’s feelings and offers suggestions, showing a willingness to assist with empathy.

