

Can You Fill in the Blanks?

obey, on, skilful, honesty, loyalty, courage, up, citizen, hospitable, mature, neglect, obedience, agreement, qualities, stand, agree

What does it mean to be a good ____ (1)? Here are some of the ____ (2) that people often say good citizens have. They are well-disposed, sociable and generous. They are intelligent, hard-working and honest. They are courageous and truthful. They show loyalty, responsibility, respect, self-discipline and self-control. They are ____ (3) and reliable. If you ask a large group of people to make a list of these qualities, they will probably all ____ (4) ____ (5) most of them.

But if you ask the same group of people to choose the three most important qualities, there will probably be little ____ (6). Some people might think that ____ (7) is the most important quality because it is the basis of trust. Others might think that ____ (8) is the most important quality because it gives you the strength to ____ (9) ____ (10) for your rights. Still, others might think that ____ (11) is the most important quality because it helps to build strong

relationships between people. The truth is that different societies value different qualities, so it is difficult to say exactly what it means to be a good citizen. In some societies, for example, people value _____(12) more than independence. So they teach their children to _____(13) their parents, teachers and other authority figures. In other societies, people value independence more than obedience, so they teach their children to question authority and to think for themselves. People in these societies often see obedience as a sign of weakness or stupidity.

In my opinion, the most important quality of a good citizen is that they should be kind and _____(14). I also think that they should be _____(15) and knowledgeable. But it's not enough just to have these qualities. A good citizen should also know when to use them. For example, a good citizen should be kind and helpful to strangers, but they shouldn't indulge their children too much. A good citizen should also be assertive and independent, but they shouldn't _____(16) their family and friends.

2 Report what the Jones family said when they came home from their holiday.

1. I had a brilliant time.



2. I loved wind-surfing!



3. I didn't like the food.



4. I'm not looking forward to going back to school.



5. I was getting bored of lying on the beach.



6. I've never had so much fun in my life.



7. I hope we'll go to the same place again next year.



8. I'm going to get my photos developed tomorrow.



- 1 Mrs Jones *said (that) she (had) had a brilliant time.*
- 2 Jimmy
- 3 Grandmother
- 4 Judy
- 5 Mr Jones
- 6 Paul
- 7 Tracy
- 8 Danny