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Read the text quickly. Where is the project based?

The kindness of strangers



You're sitting on a train in London and you notice the person next to you is crying. What would you do if you were in this situation? Would you reach into your bag and offer them a tissue and ask them if they're okay?
Would you ignore them and hope that they stop crying before the next stop? It was a situation like this that inspired a project on the London Underground called Acts of Kindness.

Artist Michael Landy regularly travelled by tube. He noticed that people seemed to disappear into their own thoughts and became disinterested in or chose to ignore what was happening around them.
One day he saw a passenger helping someone else. He became interested in what motivates people to make that split-second decision to help a complete stranger who is upset or needs help.

Landy wanted people to share their stories with him so he could illustrate them and display them in tube stations around the capital. The project is his way of drawing people's attention to the small details in our lives that make a difference: the kindness of strangers.
The main aim of his project is to celebrate kindness, generosity and compassion on the Underground.
It's a reminder too that it's often the small unseen gestures that no one notices or seems to care about that can make the biggest difference to a person.

Kindness is putting other people's feelings and needs before your own and thinking about the other person more than yourself. It's also about trust: there's a risk involved in helping a stranger so it takes a brave person to make that decision. Would you do it?

Read the text and say if the following sentences are True or False. Correct the false sentences.

1. Michael Landy works on the London Underground.
   False | True
2. Michael Landy's project is all about how people talk to each other during tube journeys.
   False | True
3. Illustrations of the stories from the project are on display in some underground stations.
   True | False
4. Landy feels that often the small things people do to help others are not noticed.
   False | True
5. There are risks involved in acts of kindness toward strangers.
   True | False

Find words in the text that mean the following:

1. a person you don't know
2. paper handkerchief
3. extremely quick
4. concern for the suffering of others

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What would you do if you were on a train and the person next to you was crying?

Complete the sentences with the words below and the prefix *dis-*.

agree | approve | belief | like | qualified

1. The athlete was _____ for cheating.
2. They stared in _____ as the train pulled out of the station without them.
3. I _____ with you on that point.
4. Her _____ of Science was very obvious to the teacher.
5. My parents _____ of my sister's new boyfriend.

Complete the notices with the words from the box.

orders | deals | receipt | insurance | delivery | refund

If you want a _____ you must keep your _____.

Special _____ this week on home and travel _____.

Free next-day _____ service for all _____ over €50.

Reorder the letters and complete the sentences.

1. That bank offers the best interest rates on all types of _____. **catnuco**
2. It's going to be difficult to pay our electricity _____ this winter. **libl**
3. Do you prefer to use a _____ on the street or inside a bank? **hasc cemihan**
4. Some people think teenagers are too young to have their own _____. **dirtec racd**
5. If I were you I'd go to that shop. All their products are _____ for one year. **regnataeud**
6. Don't buy anything there. They always _____. **vgaroherce**
7. These trainers are a real bargain. They're _____ to €15. **cedeudr**
8. Let's go in here. There are always great _____ on clothes. **asnigsv**

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Answer the questions.

1. Which shop(s) do you go to for the best savings on clothes and shoes?

2. What's the best thing you've bought that was reduced?

3. Have you ever been overcharged for something? What was it and what did you do?

4. What do you think credit cards are most useful for?

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