

Read an article about two everyday heroes.

EVERYDAY HEROES

Who says that you're too young to make a difference in the world? Here are two intelligent, hard-working children who have managed to do some remarkable things.



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One day, when Samantha was 11 years old, she saw a homeless man who looked hungry and depressed. This made her feel miserable, so she asked her dad to buy him a sandwich. Two days later, she saw a poor old woman and wanted to buy food for her, too. However, her dad told her that they couldn't help everyone because they weren't rich. At that moment, she decided to find a way to make a difference. She put a box outside her house so that people could donate food and other items for

anyone in need. A lot of people came with food, blankets and clothes, which were then given to people living on the streets. Up to now, Samantha has supported hundreds of homeless people. And guess what! She just keeps on!

Although he's only 9, Archie is trying to make the world a better place. After a school visit to the local recycling centre two years ago, he felt frightened when he found out how much damage pollution can do to the environment. He was so worried that he decided to support the centre's work by collecting as many plastic bottles as he could and recycling them. In fact, he even made fresh lemonade and offered it to people in the streets in his neighbourhood, asking for an empty plastic bottle instead of money. At first, Archie's small "lemonade business" wasn't very popular, but he was patient and he didn't give up. After six months, Archie had collected more than 8,000 plastic bottles! Today, he continues his amazing work. He volunteers at the town's recycling centre and hopes to found his own recycling organisation in the future.



ARCHIE DAVIES, 9, USA

1 Mark the sentences with T (True), F (False) or NG (Not Given).

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1. Samantha felt really sad when she saw the homeless man.
2. So far, Samantha has helped thousands of homeless people.
3. Archie visited the recycling centre with his school when he was 7 years old.
4. Archie would offer fresh lemonade to people every day.
5. Archie's "lemonade business" attracted people's attention from the start.

2 Choose and circle a, b or c. ____ /5

1. Samantha's dad told her that they weren't rich to make her understand that _____.
 - a. he couldn't afford to buy the homeless man a sandwich
 - b. they couldn't buy food for everyone in need
 - c. he didn't have money to give to the old woman
2. What did Samantha want people to put in her box?
 - a. only food
 - b. only clothes
 - c. food and other items
3. What is NOT true about Samantha?
 - a. She cares about other people.
 - b. A lot of people supported her work.
 - c. She has now stopped helping people in need.
4. What did Archie decide to do to help the environment?
 - a. recycle as many plastic bottles as he could
 - b. organise school visits to the recycling centre
 - c. donate money to the recycling centre
5. What does Archie do today?
 - a. He works at his own recycling organisation.
 - b. He continues to support the recycling centre.
 - c. He volunteers for many different organisations.