



***"While we do our good works let us not forget that the real solution lies in a world in which charity will have become unnecessary."***

Chinua Achebe (1930 - 2013), Nigerian novelist, poet and professor

# CHARITY

## Charity Vocabulary

**foundation** (noun) – *a private organisation that grants money to various causes such as charities, the arts, or research bodies.*

**charity shop** (noun) – *a shop owned by a charity which receives donated items such as clothes and books and sells them to raise money for their cause.*

**charity box** (noun) – *a box to collect casual donations, often left in shops or at bars for customers to donate their spare change.*

**chugger** (noun) – *a combination of 'charity' and 'mugger'; someone who approaches people in the street to request donations for a charity, sometimes aggressively.*

**charity begins at home** (saying) – *expresses the idea that the priority for anyone is family and friends before other people.*

**homeless** (adjective) – *used to describe a person without a home.*

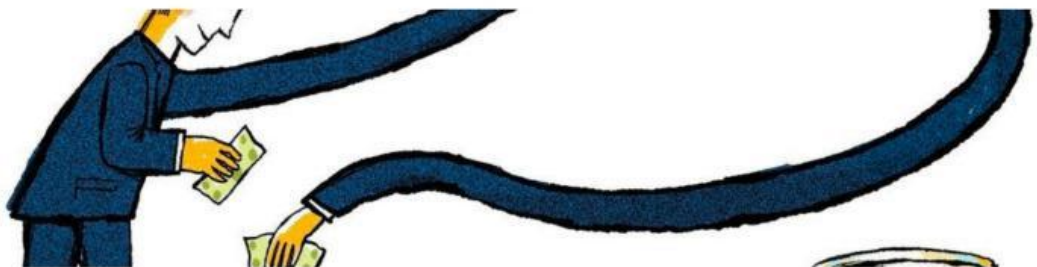
Using the vocabulary words above, complete the following sentences (remember to use the correct form of the word, e.g. verb conjugation or plural noun)

1. It is a national shame that so many soldiers become \_\_\_\_\_ after they leave the army.
2. Be careful walking down the high street; there are \_\_\_\_\_ everywhere bothering people for money.
3. It's amazing the things you can find in \_\_\_\_\_. Last week I found a vintage 1930s cocktail dress.
4. Leonardo DiCaprio set up a \_\_\_\_\_ to make contributions to organisations dedicated to combating climate change.
5. Considering the current economic situation in the country, it's only natural that people believe that \_\_\_\_\_.
6. I can't believe someone stole the \_\_\_\_\_ from the local supermarket; some people have no morals.

## The Dark Side Of Giving

### Multiple choice

1. How many teddy bears were donated after the shooting in Sandy Hook?  
*a) 55,000                                      b) 65,000                                      c) 75,000*
2. What happened to most of the items donated after the Sandy Hook shooting?  
*a) distributed                                      b) saved and memorialised                                      c) destroyed*
3. Which emotion impels people to make unwanted donations?  
*a) empathy                                      b) guilt                                      c) remorse*
4. Who are afraid of turning down unwanted donations for fear of a lack of future donations?  
*a) NGOs                                      b) corporations                                      c) governments*



### Sentence completion

5. Some companies take the opportunity presented by a natural disaster to clear their warehouses of unsold stock while appearing like responsible \_\_\_\_\_.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ sent to Haiti were useless because they weren't wired properly.
7. Clothing sent to Indonesia will be burned and sent out to \_\_\_\_\_.
8. The main thing people want after a disaster is their \_\_\_\_\_ back.

### Short answer

9. What is the first question you should ask before donating items?
10. How many pallets did a teacher from California want to send to Houston?
11. What is better to donate instead of physical items?
12. Similar to wedding gift registry, what would help businesses and NGOs organise donations?

**What idea comes to mind when you listen to the word charity?**  
**Is there any misconception about this in your country?**  
**Is charity well seen?**



#### Emphasising a point

I'd like to stress the point that...

I'd to highlight...

Can I emphasise the fact that...?

It's important to remember that...

The crucial point is...

This supports my argument that...

#### Persuading

But surely you can see that...?

Just stop and think for a moment.

Try to see things from my point of view.

I can tell you from experience that ...

If you look at the evidence ...

But you can't deny that ...