

# HALF A MILLION SECRETS

We are watching a TED talk of Frank Warren. Read the following information about him.

## FRANK WARREN Secret Keeper

Frank Warren is the creator of the community art project, PostSecret.com, a Web site where people can share their secrets. He has published five books about the secrets he collected on the Web site.

Warren's project began as a small experiment in 2004. He handed out blank postcards to people on the street. Warren asked people to write something on the postcard that they'd never told anyone before and mail the postcards back to him. He didn't know what to expect.

Frank Warren's idea worth spreading is that sharing secrets can help us connect with others and know ourselves better.

Read the following statements and check the ones that you agree with

A: *I don't think it is a good idea to share secrets.*

B: *Really? Why?*

A: *Because someone could get hurt.*

- Some secrets should never be shared.
- It's easier to share a secret with someone you don't know very well.
- Sharing secrets can make people feel better.

Read and listen to these sentences.  
Guess the meaning of the words in  
bold and complete the sentences  
below with them.

- a. The competition organizer chose a winner **randomly** from thousands of entries.
- b. The suicide note was really **shocking**. We could not believe that she wanted to take her own life.
- c. He has received **countless** postcards and emails about his project. He stopped counting them after the first thousand.
- d. You can call or write **anonymously** and give your opinion. You do not have to give your name.
- e. We want to **preserve** the beautiful old homes in our community. If we do not, they will disappear.
- f. The handwriting on these two postcards is **obviously** very different. You can see this difference right away.
- g. The class project really allowed students to demonstrate their **creativity**. Some students drew pictures and others wrote poems about their neighborhood.
- h. After the fire, the **remains** of the home were just a few burned pieces of furniture.
- i. A neighbor ran into the burning house and saved the children. The community praised her **heroism**.
- j. This whole community arts project was an experiment. We did not know how it would **play out**.

1. We listened to the \_\_\_\_\_ announcement about the young singer's death.
2. The police officer received an award for \_\_\_\_\_ after she saved a boy's life.
3. Many people come to visit the artist's house, which \_\_\_\_\_ the spirit of his life and work.
4. The teacher called on students \_\_\_\_\_ to answer questions. She did not go in any order.
5. We will just have to wait and see how this plan \_\_\_\_\_. Maybe it will be successful, and maybe it will fail.
6. The teacher was pleased by the \_\_\_\_\_ of his students' artwork.
7. We \_\_\_\_\_ have to review the plans again. No one understands them at all.
8. There have been \_\_\_\_\_ attempts to solve the problem, but none of them has succeeded to far.
9. We vote for the president \_\_\_\_\_. No one will know what your vote was.
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the last night's dinner were still on the table when we woke up this morning.

Now watch the TED talk and complete the summary

Frank Warren created <sup>1</sup> postcards. On the postcards, he asked people to share a <sup>2</sup> that they had never told anyone before. He handed the postcards out to strangers in <sup>3</sup>. The idea spread virally. People began to <sup>4</sup> and make their own postcards. Soon my idea didn't seem so <sup>5</sup>.

Watch it again and choose the best word or phrase to complete each statement