

## Hot Topics 3

### The Cruelty of Strangers

**I. Choose the best answer for each question.**

10. *Shame* is:

a. a happy feeling	c. a proud moment
b. a painful feeling of guilt	d. a funny situation

11. A *courageous* person is:

a. brave	c. weak
b. fearful	d. careless

12. A *cowardly* person is:

a. fearless	c. fearful
b. strong	d. brave

13. A *companion* is:

a. someone who gives company	c. someone who fights
b. someone who teaches	d. someone who ignores

## II. Fill in the blanks

instinct	scam	tendency
charitable organizations	offensive	redeemed
jubilant	blinking	reassure
confidence		

1. The light kept \_\_\_\_\_ all night, making it hard for me to sleep.
2. Many \_\_\_\_\_ provide food and shelter to people in need.
3. She spoke with great \_\_\_\_\_ during her presentation, which impressed the audience.
4. He has a \_\_\_\_\_ to forget his homework if he doesn't write it down.
5. When the baby cried, the mother's natural \_\_\_\_\_ was to comfort her.
6. The teacher tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the nervous students before the big exam.
7. The email looked suspicious; it was probably a \_\_\_\_\_ to steal money.
8. The team felt \_\_\_\_\_ after winning the championship game.
9. He \_\_\_\_\_ himself by apologizing sincerely and making up for his mistake.

10. In many Asian countries, not removing your shoes before entering someone's home is considered \_\_\_\_\_ because it shows a lack of respect for their traditions.

**III. Read the passage below and fill in the blanks using the following words:**

suspicious

narrative

skim

bothered

editorial

ashamed

encyclopedia

distressed

plead

cruelty

When Maria read the newspaper, she noticed an emotional (1) \_\_\_\_\_ written by the editor about animal (2) \_\_\_\_\_. It made her feel deeply (3) \_\_\_\_\_, especially because she had once ignored a stray dog in need. She tried to (4) \_\_\_\_\_ with her parents to let her adopt a puppy from the shelter. They were a bit (5) \_\_\_\_\_ at first, thinking it might be too much responsibility.

Later, Maria decided to do some research in the (6) \_\_\_\_\_ to learn more about pet care. She didn't read every page—just tried to (7) \_\_\_\_\_ through the sections that looked useful. One story she found had a touching (8) \_\_\_\_\_ about a rescued cat. However, she grew (9) \_\_\_\_\_ when she remembered how she had once mistreated her pet fish and felt guilty about it.

Maria was truly (10) \_\_\_\_\_ by the thought that many animals still suffer without anyone to help them.