

An Article and a Survey

Before Reading

1. Look at the pictures below and discuss the following questions with the class. Then, go to activity 2.
 - a. What is happening in the pictures?
 - b. What theme do the pictures have in common?
 - c. What is volunteering? How can it help the environment?

Teens ⁽³⁴⁾ Volunteering

A recent survey showed that today more teens are volunteering in comparison to earlier generations. Many teens are spending more time helping out while getting experience at the same time.

There are many different ways to volunteer and a variety of jobs to do. Teenagers can decide what they want to do, how they want to do it, and where they can help out the most. What is more, these teens work for free and do not expect any reward.

In the US, a survey of over 22,000 students discovered that 30% of teens now volunteer for over 80 hours a year. It reported that 22%

of students visit sick kids in hospitals and 54% belong to an organization that requires volunteer work. Furthermore, 22% say they might continue to volunteer throughout their life. 32% of volunteers like the new experiences they have and 83% say they do not feel pressured into doing volunteer work.

Most teenagers think that volunteering is more enjoyable if you do it with friends. It is also better if you choose activities that interest you. If you love animals, you can work for an animal rescue foundation. If you like helping the elderly, you ought to volunteer at a senior citizen home. You may care about the environment. If so, you might want to help pick up trash in your area. You can help in any number of ways. Here is what teenagers said:

Source: Archivo editorial.

"I think everybody should volunteer. You make new friends and experience new situations. I met some of my best friends volunteering on weekends."

Amanda, 14



"Volunteering is interesting. It gives me the opportunity to learn new things. All my friends volunteer, and we always go together. It's a big responsibility, and I love it!"

Raul, 15



"I love volunteering. The children I work with are good fun, and they make me laugh! That's important! It gives me a good feeling."

James, 15

"I like helping others. It helps me appreciate the good things in life and behave more responsibly. I certainly don't have to do it; it's my choice! You shouldn't volunteer to do something if you don't like it."

Luisa, 15

While Reading

2. Read the text again and say if the sentences are T or F, discuss with your partner.
- a. More teenagers volunteer now than in the past.
 - b. Teens can gain experience doing volunteer work.
 - c. Volunteering is more fun if you do it alone.
 - d. You can work for an animal rescue foundation if you like animals.
 - e. Volunteers like to help people.

Teen Volunteering Questionnaire

What do you think about volunteering? Read the questions and choose the answer that best reflects your attitudes and opinions. Compare with your partner orally.

1. How many hours do you volunteer per year?
 - a. Fewer than 20 hours per year.
 - b. 20 to 39 hours per year.
 - c. More than 40 hours.
2. What is your opinion of volunteering?
 - a. I want to volunteer to get experience.
 - b. I want to try all kinds of volunteering.
 - c. I don't want to volunteer. It's a waste of time.
3. Should schools put pressure on students to volunteer?
 - a. Yes, they should.
 - b. No, they shouldn't.
4. Which type of volunteer work would you like to try?
 - a. Visit sick kids in hospitals.
 - b. Help feed the homeless.
 - c. Visit old people in a nursing home.
 - d. Do sponsored walks, runs, or bike rides.
5. What should be the main purpose of volunteer work?
 - a. To offer people new experiences.
 - b. To respond to a social need.
 - c. To make you feel good.
6. What stops you from volunteering?
 - a. You are too busy with other activities.
 - b. You need more opportunities to volunteer.
 - c. You don't want to volunteer.



After Reading

3. Answer the questionnaire on page 99 and write your answers in your notebook.

Students	1	2	3	4	5	6
Me						
Classmate 1						
Classmate 2						
Classmate 3						
Classmate 4						
Total	a. ____ b. ____ c. ____	a. ____ b. ____ c. ____	a. ____ b. ____ c. ____	a. ____ b. ____ c. ____	a. ____ b. ____ c. ____	a. ____ b. ____ c. ____

4. Interview four classmates and complete the chart in your notebook.
5. Complete the table below in your notebook. Use some of the words from pages 91-92.

Noun	Adjective	Verb	Adverb
	voluntary	volunteer	
	responsible	X	
		organize	X

Vocabulary Tip

Parts of Speech

Look carefully at the words in the text and the sentences where they appear. This will help you to decide what the word is (noun, verb, adjective, adverb, etc).

6. Complete the sentences below with words from the table, in your notebook.
- Volunteers learn how to be more ____.
 - There are many different ____ that encourage volunteering.
 - Volunteers can help ____ sponsored walks or bike rides.
7. Speaking • Class Discussion
- Would you volunteer? Why or why not?
 - Do you think that it is important for teenagers to volunteer?