

Sensible / Sense / Common Sense / Sensitive / Make sense of Sensitive / Sense of humor

D VOCABULARY: SENSE Find and underline words and phrases in the text that include or are derived from the word *sense* and complete the sentences (1–7). Use the definitions in parentheses to help.

- 1 I couldn't _____ what she was saying to me. (*understand*)
- 2 We can usually _____ when a family member has a problem. (*feel*)
- 3 You have to have a _____ to work in this crazy place!
(*ability to see the funny side*)
- 4 My sister is very _____ and cares about other people's feelings.
(*understanding of others' emotions*)
- 5 Try to think before you act and be a little more _____ next time.
(*reasonable, practical*)
- 6 Religion can be a very _____ topic of conversation in my country.
(*needing to be dealt with carefully*)
- 7 He's very intelligent, but he doesn't have much _____!
(*ability to use good judgment*)



FAMILY IDENTITY

Family memories are one of the things that help a family bond as a unit and create a sense of family identity. Even things that used to annoy us sometimes become favorite memories!

Kyle:

My dad always used to throw a softball for me so I could practice my batting. He would never say he was too tired, even after working all day. He was sensitive and really understood how I felt. I try to remember that now when my little boy wants me to play with him!

Sandy:

My little sister was always sneaking into my room and trying on my clothes. I used to get mad at her because she would leave my nice clothes all over the floor! Now we're the same size, and we're always borrowing each other's clothes!

B ANALYZE Read the excerpt in Exercise A again.

Form Complete the table with examples from the text.

| Form | Example |
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| a <i>would (always/never) + base form</i> | (1) _____ |
| b <i>(always/never) used to + base form</i> | (2) _____ |
| c <i>be + always + -ing form (present or past progressive)</i> | (3) _____ |
| | (4) _____ |

NOTICE!

Find and underline all the examples of *always* and *never* in the text. Which structures are they used with?

Complete the family story with one of the structures used to talk about habits. In some cases, more than one answer is possible.

My brother is six years younger than me, and when he was little, he _____ (ask) me to read him stories. He _____ always _____ (make) me read the same story about four times, and he _____ never _____ (get) bored! He _____ (carry) his favorite book around with him. I _____ (hide) it so he couldn't find me and make me read to him! And then he _____ (cry) and I _____ (feel) bad. Now I'm always _____ him if he wants me to read him a story. It's a family joke.