Handling Reactions to Facial Disfigurement: Close Reading Worksheet

Many people have visible differences, such as facial disfigurement, that may cause others to react in different ways. Sometimes, people stare or ask questions because they are curious or do not understand. This article helps us learn how to handle these reactions, both for people with facial disfigurements and for those who meet them. It teaches us the importance of being kind, using respectful words, and understanding how body language can help in social situations. Practicing what to say and how to act can make everyone feel more comfortable.

Fill in the Blank: Fill in the blank with the correct words.

1. When meeting someone with a facial disfigurement, it is important to show _____ and respect.
2. The article suggests practicing what to _____ in social situations.
3. Using positive _____ like smiling can help make others feel at ease.
4. The author wants readers to understand that everyone deserves to feel _____.
5. If someone asks about a facial difference, it is okay to give a _____ explanation.

Word Bank:
comfortable, say, kindness, simple, body language

Multiple Choice Questions: Choose the correct answer from the choices for each question.

1. What is the main purpose of the article?
   - a) To teach about sports
   - b) To help people handle reactions to facial differences
   - c) To show how to draw faces
   - d) To explain how to bake a cake
2. Which of the following is a good way to react when you meet someone with a facial disfigurement?
   - a) Stare at them
   - b) Make a mean comment
   - c) Smile and be friendly
   - d) Ignore them completely
3. The article gives examples of what to say, such as:

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- a) "I was burned when I was six."
- b) "Why do you look like that?"
- c) "You can't be my friend."
- d) "I don't want to talk to you."

4. Why is body language important, according to the article?

    - a) It can help us win games
    - b) It shows we are listening and care
    - c) It makes us taller
    - d) It helps us read books

5. What should you do if you don't know what to say in a new situation?

    - a) Stay silent forever
    - b) Practice with a friend or family member
    - c) Run away
    - d) Laugh at someone

Open-Ended Questions: Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. Why is it important to practice what you might say when meeting someone new?

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2. What is one thing you learned from the article about being a good friend to someone with a facial disfigurement?

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3. How can body language help make someone feel more comfortable?

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ANSWER KEY

Teachers: Please review all answers for appropriateness and adjust as needed for your classroom context.

Fill in the Blank:

1. kindness
2. say
3. body language
4. comfortable
5. simple

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Multiple Choice Answers:

1. b) To help people handle reactions to facial differences
2. c) Smile and be friendly
3. a) "I was burned when I was six."
4. b) It shows we are listening and care
5. b) Practice with a friend or family member

Open-Ended Sample Answers:

1. It is important to practice what you might say so you feel prepared and confident in new situations. This helps you be kind and respectful.
2. I learned that being a good friend means treating everyone with respect and understanding, no matter how they look.
3. Body language, like smiling or nodding, can help people feel welcome and show that you care about them.

End of Worksheet

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