

Definitions:

a strong feeling of sympathy for people or animals who are suffering and a desire to help them

compassion

Used in a sentence:

- *She was known as a hard woman with no compassion, no emotion.*
- *In an overworked doctor, feelings of compassion are soon lost.*
- *He was filled with overwhelming love and compassion for his wife.*
- *I felt no compassion towards her.*
- *I survived. Someone or something had had compassion on me.*

Etymology and historical meaning of the term **compassion**:

Via Old French from ecclesiastical Latin *compassio(n-)*, from *compati* 'suffer with'.

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Adjective: deep, great, genuine

Verb: be filled with, feel, have

Preposition: compassion for, compassion towards, with compassion

Questions:

- How does this link with the theme of the week: **'be kind'**
- Can you think of any synonyms for the word **compassion**
- Could you use words of the same family (verbs, nouns) in sentences?
- In which subjects could you use this word?

What does being kind mean to YOU?

