

Sympathetic - Nice

Comprehension check – choose the best answer to the questions below.

1. What did Vicki say to Ashley when she heard she had a bad cold?
a. You are poor. b. You poor thing. c. I'll get you a hot drink.
2. When Vicki said the movie was nice, Jay said 'Just nice?' Why?
a. He thought perhaps Vicki only enjoyed the movie a little. b. he thought perhaps Vicki was being sarcastic. c. He thought Vicki had missed some of the movie.
3. Did Vicki enjoy the movie?
a. Yes, a little. b. No, not much. c. Yes, a lot.
4. Why did Vicki say 'Oh Jay' in the final scene?
a. Because she has too much to do. b. Because Jay's not paying attention to her. c. Because Jay's drinking her coffee.

Situations activity – choose the best answer.

1. Ashley had a bad cold. Her colleagues said 'Oh you poor thing' and they offered to get her a hot drink and some aspirins. They were very ...(sympathetic/unsympathetic/nice).
2. When Jay met the new logistics manager she was very friendly and pleasant. He thought she was very (unsympathetic/sympathetic/nice).
3. Vicki told Jay that she was worried about her heavy workload. He paid no attention and carried on reading the paper. Vicki wanted him to be more (unsympathetic/sympathetic/nice).
4. It was Roberto's first day in his new job. His new colleagues greeted him warmly and they were very helpful. He thought they were all very (unsympathetic/sympathetic/nice).
5. Frank told the doctor that he was having trouble getting to sleep at night and asked him for some sleeping tablets. The doctor was (unsympathetic/sympathetic/nice). He told Frank to lose weight and exercise more and he refused to prescribe the tablets. Frank decided to change doctors.
6. Cecilia called her boss and explained that she couldn't come to work because her daughter was seriously ill. Her boss said, 'Oh, I'm so sorry.' He understood how upset and worried Cecilia was and they talked for a long time about her daughter's medical problems. Cecilia was glad he was so (sympathetic/unsympathetic/nice).



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1. b. You poor thing.
2. a. He thought perhaps Vicki only enjoyed the movie a little.
3. c. Yes, a lot.
4. b. Because Jay's not paying attention to her.



Situations activity – choose the best answer.

1. Ashley's colleagues were very **sympathetic**.
2. Jay thought the new logistics manager was **nice**.
3. Vicki wanted Jay to be more **sympathetic**.
4. Roberto thought his colleagues were all very **nice**.
5. Frank's doctor was **unsympathetic**.
6. Cecilia was glad her boss was so **sympathetic**.

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