

SYMPATHY AND EMPATHY (Advance 2)

A boy was holding a little sparrow with a broken wing. A kindly lady came along and asked, "Sonny would you like me to take this sparrow home and nurse it back to health? I promise that I will bring it back to these gardens when it's healed and let it fly free again."

The little boy thought for a moment. Then he said, "If you don't mind, I will take care of this bird myself." He paused and added, "Because, you see, I understand this bird."

The woman could not quite get what the boy meant until he stood up. Then she saw his leg was in a cast.

EXPRESSIONS:

Nurse it back to health.

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Let's talk:

1. How did the kind lady show her concern?
2. Why did the boy refuse to give his sparrow?
3. What is sympathy? How does it differ from empathy?
4. Explain the last two sentences. What could be the lady's conclusion?
5. How do you show concern for others?