

This month's Everyday English (pages 49–50) looks at the words and phrases you need when you're involved with a **CHARITY**. In the following exercises, you can practise this area of language further.

1. Why volunteer?

medium

Complete the words in the sentences below to form the reasons why people volunteer for charity work.

- a) I want to **g _ _ i _ v _ _ v _ d**.
- b) I want to **r _ i _ e m _ n _ y** for the charity.
- c) I want to do something for a **g _ _ d c _ _ _ e**.
- d) I want to **g _ _ e** something **b _ _ k** to society.
- e) I want to **r _ i _ e a _ _ r _ n _ _ s** of the issue.
- f) I want to be part of the charity's **c _ _ p _ i _ n**.
- g) I want to help people **l _ _ s f _ _ t _ _ a _ e** than myself.



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2. What do they do?

advanced

Read the formal mission statements (*Leitbild, Grundsatz*) of the different charities. Then match them to the informal way in which members of the public describe the work of the same charities.

a) RED CROSS

To provide humanitarian support for people in states of crisis around the world.

b) THE NATIONAL TRUST

To promote and protect places of beauty and historic interest for the benefit of the nation.

c) Help for Heroes

To support any serviceman or -woman who has been either wounded in conflict or injured in training since 2001. To create facilities to help their rehabilitation.

d) SAMARITANS

To provide confidential, non-judgemental emotional support for people who are experiencing distress or despair, including emotions that could lead to suicide.

1. They run a helpline for people who are depressed or want to kill themselves.
2. They look after landscapes and old buildings, like stately homes and castles.
3. They help wounded soldiers. A lot of their work is with men who have lost arms and legs in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.
4. They help in refugee camps and war zones. Whenever there's a disaster, like an earthquake or a flood, they organize emergency help, like food and shelter.

3. Will you sponsor me?

advanced

For each of the everyday words and expressions highlighted in the following conversation, choose the right meaning from the list (1–10).

- Lisa:** Will you sponsor me, Craig? I'm doing a half-marathon.
(a) More fool me!
- Craig:** What's it in aid of?
- Lisa:** Help for Heroes. My brother's in the army, and a lot of his mates have been injured out there. So a group of us girls — you know, sisters, wives, girlfriends and **(b) whoever** — are all **(c) doing our bit** to raise funds for them.
- Craig:** **(d) Nice one!** So how much do you want?
- Lisa:** **(e) It's up to you.** You can sponsor me per mile, or you can make a **(f) one-off** donation.
- Craig:** OK, put me down for 20 quid.
- Lisa:** I guess that's not per mile!
- Craig:** I'm not **(g) made of money**, you know!
- Lisa:** No, I'm only **(h) kidding**. That's really generous of you.
- Craig:** Well, **(i) every little helps**, and it's all in a good cause — though one of those **(j) nudie** calendars might be a good fund-raiser for next year...
- Lisa:** Are you volunteering?

1. even a small donation is useful
2. I must be stupid!
3. joking
4. making an effort
5. nude, naked
6. people like that
7. rich
8. single
9. That's good!
10. You can choose.

a ⇨	f ⇨
b ⇨	g ⇨
c ⇨	h ⇨
d ⇨	i ⇨
e ⇨	j ⇨

4. A small charity

medium

Read the information from a website about a small, local charity and decide if the statements below are true (T) or false (F).

Breakaway Club: who we are

We are a social club for local people. The club offers a service to enable members to enjoy themselves and is strictly non-profit-making. Our regular meetings take place on the second Monday of the month at the Abbey Centre and offer bingo sessions, dominoes, a quiz, a raffle and refreshments. We also have regular outings in the local area. Our specially equipped minibus enables disabled, frail or isolated people to take part.

- a) **The club is probably aimed at older people.**
- b) **The club aims to provide fun and friendship.**
- c) **The club aims to make money.**
- d) **The club meets twice a month.**
- e) **The club provides something to eat and drink.**
- f) **The club meetings offer the chance to win a prize.**
- g) **The club organizes trips.**
- h) **The club has its own transport.**

a ⇨
b ⇨
c ⇨
d ⇨
e ⇨
f ⇨
g ⇨
h ⇨