

Ubuntu

- 1) Did any of the children put himself/herself first or did they put the group as a whole first? Why didn't anyone go ahead of the others?
- 2) What happened in the end?
- 3) What does Ubuntu mean in Zulu language?
- 4) Have you learnt anything new after watching the video?
- 5) Would you like to apply the spirit of Ubuntu in our community? If so, what can each of us individually and as members of a community do to apply the spirit of Ubuntu?
- 6) Did you like the story? Why? Why not?

“I am because we all are.” In other words, “I am who I am because of who we all are.” This means we are all interdependent, that is to say a person depends on others to be a person.

Also, “Do to others as you would have them do to you.”




Which values would we all need to practise in order to live our lives with the spirit of Ubuntu?

Read the list below and make your own choices.




- fairness
- dignity
- respect
- kindness
- listening to yourself and others
- unselfishness
- oneness with the others and nature
- sharing
- group solidarity
- joy
- love
- justice
- mutual caring
- compassion

Forming nouns from other words by using prefixes and/or suffixes

1) adjective + **NESS** = noun

 **kind** +  **ness** =  **kindness**

2) verb + **ING** = noun

 **care** +  **ing** =  **caring**

- Look for other examples in the previous exercise. Can you supply your own examples?
- Let's take a look at UNSELFISHNESS. How is it formed? What does it mean?



AN ANTHROPOLOGIST PROPOSED A GAME TO THE KIDS IN AN AFRICAN TRIBE. HE PUT A BASKET OF FRUIT NEAR A TREE AND TOLD THE KIDS THAT THE FIRST ONE TO FIND THE FRUITS WOULD WIN THEM ALL. WHEN HE TOLD THEM TO RUN THEY ALL TOOK EACH OTHERS HANDS AND RAN TOGETHER, THEN SAT TOGETHER, ENJOYING THEIR FRUITS. WHEN HE ASKED THEM WHY THEY RAN LIKE THAT AS ONE COULD'VE TAKEN ALL THE FRUITS FOR ONE'S SELF, THEY SAID: "UBUNTU, HOW CAN ONE OF US BE HAPPY IF ALL THE OTHER ONES ARE SAD?"

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Let's consider these phrases from the video and discuss their meaning with your partners.

- “How can one be happy if all the others are sad!”
- “I am because we all are.”

African proverb:

“If you want to go fast, go alone.
If you want to go far, go together.”