

ESP(English speaking Practice)– ADVANCED – CHARITY



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## Discussion

### Basic questions

1 What do you mean by the word charity?

*\*Charity means...*

2 Are charities common in your country?

*\*Yes, it is. / No, it isn't.*

3 Who are the beneficiaries of those charities?

*\*The beneficiaries of those charities are...*

4 Have you ever donated to a charity fund?

*\*Yes, I have. / No, I've never...*

5 Is blood donation popular in your country?

*\*Yes, it is. / No, it isn't.*

### Extended questions

1 How can an individual help a charity?

*\*An individual can help a charity by...*

2 Do you think charities shouldn't only help people but animals as well?

*\*Yes, I think charities shouldn't only help people but animals because...*

3 Would you say that the government should support these charities?

*\*Yes, government should support these charities because...*

4 Is there any downside of helping charities?

*\*Yes, there is... / No, there isn't.*

5 In your opinion, are people more willing to help others these days?

*\*In my opinion...*

6 Do you think that wealthy people should donate more than others?

*\*Yes, I think that... / No, I don't think...*

## Vocabulary

- 1     **fund /fʌnd/**  
[noun] an amount of money saved, collected, or provided for a particular purpose  
*Ex. The hospital is trying to raise funds for cancer patients.*
- 2     **charity /'tʃærɪti/**  
[noun] an organization for helping people in need  
*Ex. UNICEF is an international charity.*
- 3     **donate /dou'neɪt/**  
[verb] to give money or goods to help a person or organization  
*Ex. An anonymous businesswoman donated one million dollars to the charity.*
- 4     **disabled /dis'eɪbld/**  
[adj] not having one or more of the physical or mental abilities that most people have.  
*Ex. There are seats for disabled people on the bus.*
- 5     **orphanage /'ɔ:fənɪdʒ/**  
[noun] a home for children whose parents are dead or unable to care for them.  
*Ex. He spent most of his childhood in an orphanage.*
- 6     **fundraising /'fʌnd'reɪzɪŋ/**  
[noun] the act of collecting or producing money for a particular purpose, especially for a charity  
*Ex. The exhibition is a fundraising event for the museum.*
- 7     **contribution /,kɒntri'bju:ʃn/**  
[noun] a sum of money that is given to a person or an organization in order to help pay for something  
*Ex. All contributions will be gratefully received.*

## Useful Expressions

- 1 **to raise fund for sth**  
the process of gathering voluntary contributions of money or other resources, by requesting donations from individuals, businesses, charitable foundations, or governmental agencies  
*Ex. Activities are being organized to raise fund for the charity.*
- 2 **to give (sth) away**  
to give something to someone without asking for payment.  
*Ex. He gave away most of his money to charity.*
- 3 **SOS: An urgent appeal for help**  
*Ex. The hospital sent out an SOS for extra blood supplies.*
- 4 **to make a contribution (to sth/towards sth)**  
giving something away; whether it's your money, your possessions, or your time.  
*Ex. I'm willing to make a contribution to charity.*

## Idioms

- 1 **give/lend sb a helping hand – to help someone**  
*Ex. The Jones family is always willing to give a helping hand.*
- 2 **Charity begins at home - when telling someone to help his/her family or friends first before helping other people**  
*Ex. You should be helping your mother in doing household chores.*  
*Charity begins at home.*
- 3 **“a drop in the bucket” - If an amount is a drop in the bucket, it's a very small portion of the amount that's needed.**  
*Ex. Our government's sending a thousand tons of food, but that's just a drop in the bucket compared to what's needed.*
- 4 **“pass the hat (around) (to someone)” - to collect donations of money from people.**  
*Ex. Jerry passed the hat around to all the other workers.*