

M16 Exercise “Acts of solidarity”

Khadim is a boy of African origins. His family was evicted by their landlord without notice. Since Khadim’s parents didn’t have a lease, they couldn’t sue for it; on the contrary, the landlord had threatened them – if they didn’t go away immediately he would reported them to the police for squatting. Khadim and his family had to leave the house, and the landlord didn’t give them the deposit back either. Some of their family friends, also Africans, put them up until they could find a new house. The father of one of Khadim’s friends is a lawyer and offered to help them get their money back. The students’ parents had a collection to help them pay the legal costs, which they couldn’t otherwise afford.

Think about the characters’ actions and identify the reasons that supported their actions. After that, discuss if and in what sense they could be defined as acts of solidarity.

- Their African friends helped them because...
 - a. they come from the same culture.
 - b. they belong to the same social class.
 - c. they think that something similar could happen to them too.
 - d. other reasons

- The lawyer helped them because...
 - a. he is a man of the law and he can’t stand injustices.
 - b. he has African relatives.
 - c. it is important for his career as a lawyer.
 - d. other reasons

- The parents of Khadim’s classmates helped them because...
 - a. they are Catholic and believe in Christian charity.
 - b. they are good friends of Khadim’s parents.
 - c. they believe no human being should be treated like that.
 - d. other reasons



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