 Vocabulary activity

In discussing refugees, people may talk about a sense of powerlessness or compassion. Order ten of the words below from an individual feeling pity to an individual experiencing a sense of agency. An example is on the next page. Find the definitions of the words you choose –

Compassion, brotherly love, humaneness, kindness, kind-heartedness, consideration, understanding, sympathy, tolerance, goodness, good-heartedness, gentleness, leniency, mercy, mercifulness, pity, tenderness, benevolence, charity, generosity, magnanimity

| A lot of pity | Mostly pity | Some pity | Half pity, half agency | Some agency | Mostly agency | A lot of agency |
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Example

| A lot of pity | Mostly pity | Some pity | Some agency | Mostly agency | A lot of agency |
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| Sympathy – feelings of pity and sorrow for someone else’s misfortune | Mercy – compassion or forgiveness shown towards someone whom it is within one’s power to punish or harm | Charity – the voluntary giving of help, typically in the form of money, to those in need. | Tolerance – willingness to tolerate the existence of opinions one disagrees with | Benevolence – the quality of being well meaning; kindness | Understanding – the ability to understand something, awareness |

This table can also be completed as an empathy line diagram on the following page.

Empathy cline

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