

## SYMPATHETIC



**Don't say:** The people in my class are all very *sympathetic*.

**Say:** The people in my class are all very *nice/pleasant/easy to get on with*.

*Sympathetic* means caring and feeling sorry about someone's problems (*a sympathetic friend*)! **Sympathetic to/towards someone/something.**

## USEFUL PHRASES:

A: Oh dear – you **look like death warmed up**! Did you have a late night last night?

B: No, not really. But I couldn't sleep. I **didn't sleep a wink** and now I feel exhausted.

A: Oh, it's horrible when that happens.

C: *I've done something to my **ankle**. It's killing me!*

D: **Oh, dear, you poor thing!**

E: Don't touch my back! I wanted to get a tan quickly so I didn't put any sun cream on.

F: Oh well, **it serves you right then**, doesn't it?

H: *I've been playing computer games for a few hours and I feel as if my head's going to **explode**!*

I: Oh well, **you've only got yourself to blame**, haven't you?

J: Have you got **a cold**?

K: No, I'm alright – I always get a runny nose and red eyes at this time of the year.

J: That must be awful.



**to look / feel like death warmed up** - vypadat/cítit se velmi nemocně, unaveně

**to not sleep a wink** - ani oka nezamhouřit

**Oh, dear, you poor thing!** – Ach, ty chudačku!

**an ankle** – kotník

**it serves sb right** – má, co si zasloužil

**explode** – vybuchnout

**have only oneself to blame (for sth)** - moci si za to (sám)

**a cold** - rýma

## QUIZ

Complete the sentences with one of the following words:  
**ear; parents; listener; attitude; when I lost my job**

1. I'm sympathetic to \_\_\_\_\_ who are worried about what their children see on television.

2. We hope always to provide a friendly sympathetic \_\_\_\_\_ (= someone willing to listen to someone else's problems).

3. My friends were very sympathetic \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Jill was a very sympathetic \_\_\_\_\_.

5. His sympathetic \_\_\_\_\_ made me feel more relaxed.

Key: 1. parents, 2. ear; 3. when I lost my job; 4. listener, 5. attitude

