



Worksheet 5. Reading: *Today's Youth*

Read this excerpt from a speech to welcome new students at a big university. Answer the questions that follow using the vocabulary in the passage.

Today's Youth

We look for people, like you, who have the things you have and that we **value** in **young** people: **brains**, **imagination**, **courage**, **sweetness** . . . [We know] that there is something about this **adventure** you begin today that . . .

Complete the sentences with the correct word from the word pool.

adventure
old
brains

sweetness
courage
value

imagination
young

1. Fred invested \$3,000 in a new company. In three years, the _____ of the company doubled to \$6,000.
2. Jane and Bob are going to sail around the world in their own sailboat. They don't like easy vacations. They like _____.
3. People say that if you have _____, you are smart.
4. Our daughter Sue has an active _____. She writes wonderful stories about animals for children.
5. You need _____ to face the difficult situations in life. Remember this saying: "Don't give up!"
6. Life is not all _____ and light. Sometimes there is sadness. Sometimes there are serious problems.
7. A famous writer said, "Youth is wasted on _____ people." I don't think that is true.



These words are from a welcome speech to the class of 2007, by Ted O'Neill, Dean of Admissions, at the University of Chicago.