Tenderness

1 Circle the word in each pair that relates to the tenderness picture on pages 10 to 11 in the EMOTIONARY. Then describe what you can see in the picture.

- goat / sheep
- wool / sugar
- sew / knit
- lamb / ram

Sample answer: A mother sheep is knitting a woolly scarf for her lamb.

2 Imagine and write.

- What was happening before the sheep started knitting?

Sample answer: Perhaps it had started to snow and the lamb was feeling cold.

- Why do you think the mother sheep started knitting?

Sample answer: She wanted to protect her lamb.
3 Tick the correct answer. Why would you say the scene on pages 10 to 11 of the EMOTIONARY is tender?

- Because the sheep is protecting the lamb.
- Because the lamb is sitting close to the sheep.
- Because the lamb is sleeping.
- Because the lamb is cosy.

4 Underline the word that means the same as the first word.

- defenceless → vulnerable
- affection → worry
- fragility → strength

5 In which of the situations below is the sheep showing compassion for the lamb? Underline the correct answer.

- The lamb feels cold. That makes the sheep happy.
- The lamb feels cold. That makes the sheep sad.
- The lamb feels cold. The sheep doesn’t care.

6 How does a tender person behave? Read and complete the sentence.

A tender person acts with kindness, attentiveness, and understanding.

A tender person is kind, attentive and understanding.

In the EMOTIONARY it says that tenderness is **closeness, affection**, and **compassion**. Write:

- The names of three people or creatures you feel close to.  
Open answer

- The names of three people or creatures you like to show affection to. 
Open answer

- The names of three people or creatures you feel compassion for. 
Open answer

- The name of a person you feel close to, like to show affection to, and feel compassion for. What is your relationship to this person? 
Open answer

Which of the creatures below stir your **tenderness**? Tick the boxes.

- [ ] a furious ogre
- [ ] an athlete in top form
- [ ] a fish with a broken fin
- [ ] a dragon that can’t breathe fire
- [ ] a newborn chick
- [ ] a stork
- [ ] a rabid dog
- [ ] a lion cub
Now answer the questions.

- Why do they stir your tenderness?
  Sample answer: Because they are defenceless.

- How would you show what you feel towards them?
  Sample answer: By protecting them and stroking them.

Read what Josh says about his sister.

My little sister’s name is Alice. I love her a lot. She’s very clever, but she finds maths difficult and she has a hard time doing sums. I feel really sad when I see her struggling. So I help her with her homework. We do it slowly, at her pace, because I know it isn’t easy for her. If she gets a sum wrong, I explain it to her patiently. When we finish, we are really tired but satisfied.

- Do you think Josh is tender with Alice? Why?
  Sample answer: Yes. Because he is caring and shows he understands her difficulties.

- How do you think Alice feels?
  Sample answer: Calm and more sure of herself.
Now we will look at Josh’s tenderness in detail. Use the correct colour to underline the moments in the text in which Josh expresses **closeness, compassion, affection, kindness, attentiveness** and **understanding**.

Describe a time when you felt **tenderness** towards somebody, and explain why you think you felt that way.

**Open answer**

Imagine a **tender** scene and draw it.

**Open answer**
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