

Pre-reading discussion:

- What is kindness? Can you give you examples of actions that embody it?
- Would you say people in the world today are more or less kind than they were 20 years ago? Justify your answer.
- When was the last time you did some act of kindness towards someone you knew? What about to someone you didn't know?
- List some things you can do that can be considered acts of kindness these days:

Post-reading questions:

- What examples of modern life given by the author as examples of things that make us lose a bit of our humanity are part of your life? Can you add any?
- What do you think the author means by “kindness sweetens the rough life”?
- Why, in your opinion, did the father mentioned by the author buy a popsicle to the homeless boy?
- Why did the father give the homeless kid a kiss?
- Of the acts of kindness mentioned by the author, which do you believe to be the biggest? Why?
- Why does the author mention Anne Frank?
- What can you do to spread kindness in the world?