

Name _____

True Connections Answer Key

1. He reached out kindly, included the writer, and made them feel accepted.
2. She listened without judging or trying to fix the problem.
3. Friendship is about kindness, understanding, and being there for others.
4. Examples include kindness, listening, empathy, and consistency.
5. Answers will vary but should show awareness of empathy and inclusion.

Teacher's Guide:

- Begin with a discussion about the difference between surface-level friendships and supportive, long-term ones.
- Read each excerpt aloud and pause to identify words or actions that show empathy.
- For students who need writing support, allow verbal or bullet-point responses before turning them into full sentences.
- Extension: Invite students to write their own short "Real Voices" reflection about a time they supported or were supported by a friend, promoting emotional literacy and connection.