

Common internal assessment — Phase 1

Stimulus book

Essential English

General instruction

- Work in this book will not be marked.



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Stimulus 1

Context

This is a transcript of a speech delivered by a local council leader at a community meeting.

Group resilience: Coming together to restore hope

We come together today because we have suffered challenges as a community and we know that being together will help us heal.

At this time, what words are enough to help us believe in a better tomorrow? To restore our will to go on? To help us persevere when we feel like giving up and giving in?

Three words: ‘hope’ and ‘group resilience’.

It would be easy to let a blanket of despair turn us inwards. To be silent and forever stooped under the weight of these challenges.

We are not that community. We are not people who become bitter and angry.

Today, I offer these words, simply and honestly. We will keep going because we have group resilience — we draw on each other’s strengths.

More than two-thirds of people in our community have been affected, so right now, we are under pressure. It feels a little too deep, a little too dark, but our hope comes from our unity. Just like diamonds, hope and togetherness are unbreakable, rock solid.

We have hope. We have togetherness. We have carats* of determination.

Like diamonds, we’ll emerge strong and bright. Solid. Sparkling.

Surrendering to despair is an option we will not choose. We are here for each other, and we will move forward.

It is in togetherness that we draw our strength and pull each other up instead of letting our despair drag us down. In fact, research has shown that if at least 70% of people in a community draw together in challenging situations, group renewal can be profound.

In unity, we stand. Together, we replenish our strength by jointly believing that when we commit to working hard and hoping for a better tomorrow, we will successfully rebuild. It’s our responsibility. It’s our hope for a better future, a bright light illuminating our path. Just as day follows night, darkness is only temporary.

We are coming together to restore hope. We are resilient — group resilient.

*carat: the quality of a diamond, which is determined by its weight

Stimulus 2

Context

This image is located on the second page of students' school diaries.

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Stimulus 3

Context

This poster was displayed in a company's lunchroom to promote group resilience.



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