



“You can count on me!”

Be responsible! If you have heard it once you have heard it a thousand times. Why is it important?

How many of us have said that? Do we always mean it? Do we always carry through with what we say we will do?



We are all part of a family, group or community that depends on us to do our part. Becoming responsible is part of growing up. To be a responsible person we must do more than just say we are responsible. We must be active. Responsible people take care of themselves as well as others and can always be depended on to do the right thing, even when the right thing is the hard thing to do.

Being responsible – Do’s:

- Think before you act.
- Be reliable. Always do your job.
- Fix your own mistakes.
- Clean up your messes.
- Finish your work before you play.
- Set a good example with everything you say and do.
- Be accountable. Take responsibility for the results of what you do.
- Keep trying. Stick to your duties, even when they are hard to do.
- Do your best, so you can be proud of everything you do.

Being responsible – Don’ts:

- Don’t blame anyone else for your mistakes.

- Don’t take credit for anyone else’s work.
- Don’t give less than 100% on anything you do.
- Don’t play before you finish your jobs.
- Don’t leave messes for someone else to fix.
- Don’t give up.

Word Puzzle - Find the hidden words in the puzzle. If you don’t know what they mean ask your parents, older brothers or sisters, or someone who is important to you.

Responsible Mistakes Clean-up Reliable Try Fix Active Example Think Best

B	E	A	R	E	L	I	A	B	L	E
E	T	R	Y	B	L	T	U	R	X	Y
S	Y	C	L	E	A	N	-	U	P	I
T	T	Z	B	D	G	M	D	R	E	A
Y	R	F	I	X	I	I	T	A	C	X
R	E	S	P	O	N	S	I	B	L	E
S	U	L	A	R	X	T	Y	T	O	U
A	C	T	I	V	E	A	T	H	Y	A
I	I	C	B	R	K	K	B	I	L	Y
E	L	P	M	A	X	E	T	N	A	C
L	E	A	O	T	R	S	U	K	F	G

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