

What does it mean to be compassionate? Paying 'super extra special attention' and taking action to make a positive difference.

Sympathy

feelings of pity and sorrow for someone else's misfortune.

(from Greek *sumpatheia*, from *sumpathes*, from sun- 'with' + pathos 'feeling')



Empathy

the ability to understand and share the feelings of another.

(from Greek *empathia*, from em- 'in' + pathos- 'feeling')



Compassion

sympathetic pity, concern and taking action for the sufferings or misfortunes of others.

(from Latin *compati* meaning 'to suffer with')

