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Different ways of expressing the same idea

1. To live in harmony, individuals must *indoctrinate* values that will enable them to develop a sense of humanity…
2. To live harmoniously, people must *instill* values that will help them develop a sense of humanity…
3. In order to live harmoniously, individuals must *instill* values that foster a sense of humanity…
4. In order to live in harmony, individuals must *instill* values that will enable them to cultivate a sense of humanity…
5. If people want to live harmoniously, they need to *inculcate* values that will enable them to develop a sense of humanity…
6. In order to live harmoniously, individuals must *learn* values that will help them develop a sense of humanity…

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**VOCABULARY**

*Read the following words, which are found in the above text. Then, try making your own sentences*.

**empower: εμψυχώνω, ισχυροποιώ – give (the feeling of) power, encouragement**

**empowering: που ενδυναμώνουν – giving power**

**contemporary: σύγχρονος - modern, up to date, contemporaneous (tempo = time)**

**core: βασικός, που βρίσκεται στην καρδιά/στον πυρήνα κπ θέματος, πράγματος – ουσία // at the core of s.th. – at the heart of s.th.**

**context: πλαίσιο / συμφραζόμενα - frame**

**inform: δικαιολογώ, δίνω βάση (σε κάτι) – give essence to**

**inform [s.b. of s.th.] / inform [s.b. that]: ενημερώνω, πληροφορώ, ειδοποιώ – notify, tell**

**milieu: (κοινωνικό) περιβάλλον, περίγυρος – μέσο / social environment**

**relate (to s.b./s.th.): σχετίζομαι (με), καταλαβαίνω, νιώθω, συμμερίζομαι – empathize with [e.g.: I can relate to one’s situation]**

**relate: (a) καταλαβαίνω - understand, appreciate** **- (*μεταφορικά*), νιώθω, ταυτίζομαι - (b) αφηγούμαι, εξιστορώ, λέω – tell – (c) σχετίζω, συσχετίζω - connect**

**inculcate [s.b. with s.th.]: εντυπώνω, ενσταλάζω, εμφυσώ - instil**

**uphold [upheld, upheld]: στηρίζω, υποστηρίζω - hold up, support**