

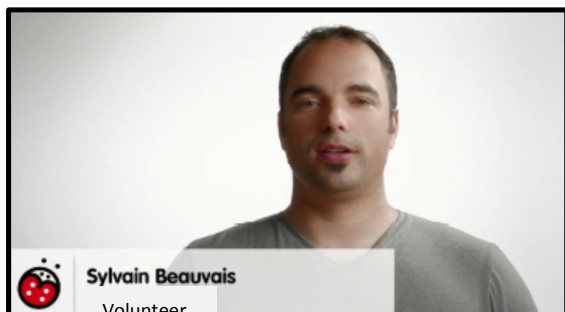
READING COMPREHENSION ACTIVITY

What does volunteering mean?

Testimonial from Simon Beauvais, a Leucan volunteer



Available on video



"My name is Simon Beauvais and I'm a volunteer for Leucan.

Leucan is an organization that helps cancer-stricken children. Whether it's at the summer camps or to provide services to families at the hospital or at home, Leucan often relies on volunteers.

Overall, we are more than 2,000 volunteers contributing about 25,000 volunteer hours to Leucan every year.

By giving a hand to children with cancer, we share our energy with them, and it's amazing to see them smile in return, despite their illness. I see it as a ball of energy we share with a child. Essentially, we extend a hand and as soon as they grab on to it, we don't let go. We're always there for them."

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE TESTIMONIAL

1. Name two of the three places where Leucan often relies on volunteers?
1. At the summer camps 2. In the hospital 3. In families' homes
2. On how many volunteers can Leucan rely? More than 2,000
3. How many hours do volunteers work ever year? About 25,000 hours
4. How does Simon see volunteering with children? What does he share with them? He shares his energy
5. When Simon shares his energy with a child, what does he get in return? A smile

ESSAY QUESTIONS

- What is a volunteer? Please base your answer on the text.
- Why do you think it's important for children to keep on smiling?

Types of volunteers

Volunteers also help the teams responsible for fundraising activities and other administrative tasks. In addition, they take part in day trips organized by Leucan to help out families and they lend a hand at the hospital and in families' homes.