

USING POSITIVIZERS: Focus on verbs

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Use each verb in the appropriate blank. Then expand the list, with verbal positivizers in contextualized messages. Use the set for group reflection.

- 01 Let's _____ every time we humiliate someone / a group / a community
- 02 Let's _____ crosscultural bridges among all nations
- 03 Let's _____ new types of economic cooperation
- 04 Let's _____ our daily dialogue at home, at school, at work, etc
- 05 Let's _____ Humankind for sustainable peace
- 06 Let's _____ all those who have nothing / too little to eat
- 07 Let's _____ the implementation of Human Rights
- 08 Let's _____ new applications of science and technology
- 09 Let's _____ the positiveness of our messages
- 10 Let's _____ forces for maintaining Law, Order and Justice
- 11 Let's _____ on supporting life-affirming-enhancing initiatives
- 12 Let's _____ in a spirit of sharing and co-responsibility
- 13 Let's _____ our vocabulary for positiveness
- 14 Let's _____ nonviolence and nonkilling as prerequisites to Peace
- 15 Let's _____ a world free of nuclear weapons
- 16 Let's _____ health care to all who need it
- 17 Let's _____ our global solidarity
- 18 Let's _____ cultural, political differences
- 19 Let's _____ all languages peacefully
- 20 Let's _____ global and intercultural understanding
- 21 Let's _____ a positive, constructive History of Humankind
- 22 Let's _____ art forms which elevate human Dignity and Peace

List of verbs:

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| a. Apologize | i. Improve | r. Enhance |
| b. Build | j. Join | s. Respect |
| c. Create | k. Keep | t. Teach |
| d. Dignify | l. Lead | u. Contribute to |
| e. Educate | m. Multiply | v. Share |
| f. Feed | n. Nurture | w. Prioritize |
| g. Guarantee | o. Commit to | |
| h. Humanize | p. Provide | |