

A Generous Person

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13 Kimberly, a generous person, had 36 new, unsharpened
22 Power-Glow-Girls pencils. She wanted to share them
30 equally among three friends. She gathered her friends
38 together. As they huddled around Kimberly, the girls
48 wondered if they would each receive the same number of
56 pencils. Luckily, Kimberly knew how to divide. She
66 informed the friends that they would each get the same
77 amount. Kimberly knew that if she gave one of her friends
88 more than the others, the ones who got fewer might be
97 jealous. Without using a calculator, Kimberly was able to
106 solve the division equation ‘thirty-six divided by three.’
116 Each of her friends received a dozen pencils from their
118 generous friend.

127 At home, Kimberly was just as generous with members
137 of her family. She would always share her pillows and

146 stuffed animals when her little sister Rebecca had trouble
154 sleeping. When her older brother Francisco needed help
163 with his math homework, Kimberly would stop working on
172 her assignments and help him until he understood his.

178 Kimberly's grandmother Maria recently arrived from
189 the Philippines to live with their family. If she wanted to
197 practice her English, Kimberly would stop whatever she
208 was doing and help her learn words for things around the
217 house, like 'refrigerator', and verbs for things people do,
225 like 'vacuuming'. Kimberly often served as a language
236 translator for parents and teachers at her school, even if it
245 meant leaving her friends at recess to do it.