

[Teacher's Notes]

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- For example, you may hear someone say, “My parents are devout Buddhists.” Another person may say, “I am not a practicing Buddhist.”
- It seems simplistic, but it works to describe believers by what they think (heart) and what they actually do (action)
- These words can be used for followers of most religious groups.
- After I check their understanding of the meanings, I give them the **Heart vs. Action** ideas as a listening/ notetaking task.

Suggested comments for columns C & D

A Adjectives to describe-	B Meaning	C Heart	D Action
a/ Hypocritical a hypocrite		0%	75 – 100%
b/ Nominal not a practicing _____		0 - 5 %	0 – 5%
c/ Committed similar to: faithful, devout, good, dedicated. Practicing		80 % A balance	80% Trying hard
d/ Strict		80 – 100%	100%
e/ Fanatical similar to: extremist, zealous, a zealot, radical		200%	200%

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What is the difference?

1. Ask someone **or** look up the meanings of the words in Column A.
2. Write the meanings in column B. Remember to choose the meaning that can describe someone’ beliefs.
3. After you do this, we will discuss columns C and D together.
4. I will explain columns C and D for a very simple way to remember the meanings.

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Be careful! “I believe there is a God.” IS DIFFERENT THAN “I believe in God”